

The last will and Testament of William Holstead deceased
Exhibited and proved at February term 1816

I William Holstead of the county of Currituck and State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of a sound disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following:

Item. I give unto my beloved wife Minnie Holstead all of my property during her widowhood except one mare; my wish and desire is for my executor to sell her, and pay all my just debts, and after my wife marriage or death, for my executor to sell all of my property for six month credit, and the money appropriated to the use of raising my children.

Signed, sealed in the presence of,

(Signed) William Holstead Seal

Willis Bray
Jesse Saunderson Seal
In nomine and appoint Willis Bray to this
my last will and Testament

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State of North Carolina Being sick in body, but thank the Lord of sound Currituck County. I memory calling to mind the shortness of life I therefore make this my last Will and Testament this the 18th day of February one thousand eight hundred and sixteen. I give my lands wherein I now live to Jesse Saunderson son of Caleb Saunderson, to him and his heirs forever. Likewise give to Almon Saunderson son of Caleb Saunderson one negro boy named Africa. Likewise give Edmund Saunderson son of Caleb Saunderson one negro boy by the name of Burgoyne. I also give Patsy Saunderson daughter of Caleb Saunderson one negro girl by the name of Priscilla. I also give Caleb Saunderson one negro man named Nero, to him and his heirs forever. I also leave the use of my negro man Will to Sally. And during her life, then to her heirs lawfully begotten forever. Likewise leave my stock at home to be sold, and the money applied for schooling Thomas Holloway and his brother, twins had by Bershaby Holloway, give fifty acres of bank land to Sally Saunderson or Sally Dalby, and fifty dollars to school him, and all the stock on the banks, except the choice of two steers to Caleb Saunderson. Also give to Caleb Saunderson one hundred dollars in State notes. Also give to Jesse Saunderson one hundred and fifty dollars to let out on interest, till he comes of age, to him and his heirs forever. — Also give Edmund Saunderson one hundred dollars to let out on interest, to him and his heirs forever. Also give Almond Saunderson one hundred dollars to be let out on interest to him and his heirs forever. Also give Patsy Saunderson one hundred and fifty, to be let out on interest, to her and her heirs forever. I give to Patsy Saunderson two hundred dollars in promissory notes, to be let out on interest to her and her heirs forever.

And after paying my just debts, all the remainder of estate, to except fifty silver dollars, I give to Polly Lamb wife of John Lamb which she has in care two hundred and seventy nine, the balance and remainder of my estate I give to Caleb Saunderson, and his heirs forever. In witness whereof I set my hand and seal the day and date above mentioned.

Witness Thomas Hutchinson Jurat

Charles Perkins

(Signed) Thomas Saunderson Seal

Appoint Thomas Dwyer my Executor

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In the name of God. Amen

Willis Bray of the county of Currituck and State of North Carolina, being very sick and weak of body, but of sound mind and memory, do make declare and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner following. Viz. My soul I resign into the hands of God who gave it, my body to the earth, to be buried in a christian manner, and as to such worldly effects as it hath pleased the Almighty to bestow me, I dispose of in the following manner. I stand unto my well beloved wife Susan the whole of my property both real and personal, so long as she remains my widow, and at her death or intermarriage, its my will and desire, that the whole of my estate both real and personal be sold for a credit of two years, the purchaser or purchasers giving bond and security, except four acres of land to which I set apart for the use of old Reuben, lying at the mouth of the branch at the Lanch so this branch shall be the northermost boundary, the sound the eastern line, and to take in the house where my mother lived, and that he is to have the use of the four acres of land, during his natural life only, and that he shall not have the possession thereof until the death or marriage of my wife; and that Reuben is to have timber sufficient for fencing, fire wood and necessary repairs. I also give negro man Reuben his freedom from the death or marriage of my wife. Its my will and desire that the money arising from the sale of my estate which is to take place at the death or marriage of wife, be equally divided between all my children. Its my intent that my wife and children all live together until her death or marriage, and that she will make no charge against them, that she also give my children such education and schooling as is reasonably within her power. Its also my will and desire that of my old negro man Reuben should not be able to maintain himself, on the four acres acres of land, that my executor give him such aid and assistance out of my estate as will prevent him from suffering. And I also nominate and appoint my brother Thomas Bray my sole and sole executor to this my last will and Testament, to see it performed according to its true intent and meaning. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Willis Bray Seal
in the presence of. David Jones Swaff
Hob. Tatton
John Garrett
William Bear sen.