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The last will and Testament of Thomas Best dec^d. Exhibited
and proved at May term 1818

In the name of God, Amen. The 18th day,
June 1818. I, Thomas Best of Hinnicket Bunkys
County of Currituck; being in perfect mind and memory, but very sick of
body, calling to mind the mortality of my body, but it is appointed, as all men
are to die, and I do hereby set my last will and Testament in writing,
knowing and first of all, give and recommend my soul into the hand of
Almighty God, that give it and my body I commend unto the earth to be
buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors, nothing
doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same. First of
all my desire is that all my lawful debts to be paid, and as touching of
all my estate, I give as in manner and form following. Give beloved to
wife Anna one bed and furniture. And to give and bequeath unto my beloved
wife Anna Best two sheep and one hime, and two flag cotton chairs, one
and some earthen ware, one table, one soap, and the remains of half dozen
spoons, five knives and forks, one bed, one pot and tea kettle, one water pail,
the remains of my property I have to be sold and the money to be equally
divided between my son Ezekiel Best and my daughter Polly Best, after
paying my Just debts. I do hereby appoint my beloved wife Anna Best to be
my sole and lawful Executor, I do hereby acknowledge this to be my
last will and Testament, and do make void and disannul all others,
whosoever shall oppose it: As witness my hand and seal.

Attest P. Taylor Just.
Ezekiel Best
mark.

Thomas Best
mark

Recorded and Examined the day of

The last will and Testament of William Hummings
deceased. Exhibited and proved at Aug. term 1818

In the name of God, Amen: I William Hummings of Currituck
county in the state of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound
disposing mind and memory, do make this my last will and Testament
in the manner and form following. I give and recommend my soul
to Almighty God who first gave it me, and as touching such worldly
estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me with in life, I give
and devise and dispose of in the following manner and form.

Item I lend to my dear and loving wife, during her widowhood the use of
all my cultivated lands, with the buildings thereon, her raising and keeping
clear of expense my four youngest children until they come to lawful age.
Item. I give to my two sons Zachariah Hummings and Elijah Hummings
all of that tract of land and plantation bought of Thomas Simmons laying
on North river, to be divided equally between them, to them and their heirs forever.

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Item. I give to my two daughters Peggy Hummings and Betsey Hummings, I give
my land and plantation on the west side of the main road commonly called the
Olson plantation to be equally divided between them, my daughter Betsey Jones
to have the north end of said land, to them and their heirs forever.
Item. I give to my daughter Sally Hummings the part of my plantation whereon I
now live, that formerly belonged to James Walls agreeable to the lines that said
Walls held it by, and jointly Thomas Whitehall's land, to her and to her heirs forever,
containing about fifty seven acres more or less.
Item. I give to my daughter Abby Hummings that part of my plantation whereon
I now live, which I bought of Thomas White and wife, agreeable to the lines they
formerly held it by, containing fifty seven acres more or less, to her and her
heirs forever. Item. I give to my son Kiddick Hummings that part of my land
and plantation bought of Stephen L. Sawyer, agreeable to the lines that the field
it by, as will appear by deed from said Sawyer, containing about fifty seven
acres more or less, to him and his heirs forever.
Item. I give to my son William Hummings that part of my land and plantation
which I bought of Thomas Gray and wife agreeable to the lines they held it by,
as will appear by deed from said Gray and wife, containing fifty seven acres
more or less, to him and to his heirs forever. It is my will and desire, that if
either of my two sons Kiddick Hummings or William Hummings should die
before they have an heir lawfully begotten of his body, that his part of said land
should go to the surviving one. It is further my will and desire that if
either of my two daughters should die before they should have an heir lawfully
begotten of her body, that her part of the land I have given land should go to
the surviving one. I mean my two daughters Sally Hummings and Abby
Hummings. Item. I lend the use of all my perishable property, money and notes
and accounts excepted to my wife during her widowhood, and if she should
marry a disson from this will, I give all the said perishable property to all
my children and wife, to be equally divided, to them and their heirs forever.
Item. I give to my two sons Zachariah and Elijah Hummings one hundred and fifty
dollars out of my notes to be equally divided between them, to them and their
heirs forever. Item. I give to my wife my negro woman Chiny to her and
her heirs forever. Item. I give to my two sons Kiddick and William
Hummings and my daughter Sally Hummings all the remainder of my property
and estate of any kind whatsoever, which I have not already given away,
after paying my Just debts, to be equally divided between them, excepting
during my wife's widowhood she should be under the necessity to repair this
house I now live in, or build another small dwelling house, not to exceed
twenty feet in length, and sixteen feet in breadth with a shed; then and in
that case she should have as much of the above estate or money as should
repair or build the said house, the house if built shall be put on my daughter
Sally Hummings' land. Lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my
friend Thomas Sanderson, to be my whole sole Executor of this my last will
and Testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all former wills or wills
heretofore by me made, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my
last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this 10th day of January 1818
Signed, sealed, published and delivered
by the Testator to be his last will and signed, Wm. Hummings

T. Whitehall Just. Recorded and Examined the day of
Calib Sanderson