

I may have at my death, for all my just debts to be paid as my Executors may think best. Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Bourden two negro girls, named Esther and Milley, two hundred dollars, one horse worth eighty dollars, four cows and calves, one bed and furniture, one chest, one table, six chairs, and one bureau, to her, her heirs and assigns forever - all of which she has received. Item. I give to my son Hollowell Hodges the lands, which I purchased of Sam Hill, estimated at seven hundred and ninety seven acres, be the same more or less, one negro boy named Allen, one mare bridle and saddle, one bed and furniture, three cows and calves, and one bureau, to him, his heirs and assigns forever - all of which he has in possession. Item. I give to my son Wilson Hodges two hundred acres of land which I purchased from Cedar Sikes, called the ward land, two negro men Joe and Lewis, one bed and furniture, one desk, my just mill and crushing mill, and one hundred dollars in money of which he has only the desk, bed and furniture in possession. Item. I give to my son William Hodges all the lands, and the plantation whereon I now live, with all the improvements thereto belonging, also two hundred thirty seven and a half acres of land which I purchased from Stephen B. Fanning, and three negro slaves, to wit, Rachel, Black-Jack and Sam, two hundred dollars in money one horse bridle and saddle, one bed and furniture, one sideboard and one still, to him, his heirs and assigns forever. Item I give to my daughter Elizabeth Hodges the following negroes, to wit, Abba and all her children or nearest, Leamy and Daniel, one bed and furniture, one horse worth one hundred dollars, one trunk, and one bureau, to her heirs and assigns forever. Item. I give to my daughter Susan Hodges the following negroes, to wit, Jack, Ireland, Lucy, Harry, I shom and Carry, one horse bridle and saddle, one bed and furniture, a half dozen window chairs, one trunk, and one bureau, to her, her heirs and assigns forever. Item, I give to my daughter Fanny Hodges six negroes to wit, Philo, Peter,

Dinah, Rose, Violet and Liza, one horse bridle and saddle, one bed and furniture, a half dozen window chairs, one trunk and one bureau, to her, her heirs and assigns forever. Item, all the property that I may have a just right to at my death, that is not mentioned in this will to be sold and the money equally divided between my five daughters, to wit, Nancy, Bourden, Mary Herring, Elizabeth Hodges, Susan Hodges and Fanny Hodges. Lastly, I appoint my sons Wilson Hodges and William Hodges, Executors to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three. Signed, Sealed, acknowledged and declared in the presence of, David D. Bunting, James Rhodes, William Rhodes.

Benjamin F. Hodges

Duplin County } July Term 1824.

There was the last will of Benj. Hodges proved in open Court in due form of law by the oath of David Bunting and James Rhodes, two of the subscribing witnesses and the same being Wilson Hodges one of the executors named in the Will came into Court and Qualified as such. Ordered that letters issue.

Just. Jas. Cornwall Ck.

In the name of God Amen. I, Isaac Hunter of the State of North Carolina and County of Duplin being in a declining state of health, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto Almighty God for the same, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, (revoking all other) In the manner and form following (that is to say). After my decease I commend my Soul unto the hands of my Almighty God who gave it trusting in the merits of my redemption, that it will wing its way to the mansion of rest. - And my body I request my beloved Executors to bury in a decent and Christian manner. Item it is my will and desire

that out of the proceeds of the Sale of such of my
 perishable property as in the discretion of my Executors
 may be necessary to pay all my just debts that the
 same be paid. Item 2^d It is my Will and Desire that
 my dear beloved Wife, Patience Hunter. do Live and
 enjoy the whole of my Lands, together with all and
 singular the residue of my property (to do with as she
 shall see most proper to enable her to raise and
 support my dear Children) during her natural life
 or widowhood. Item 3^d To my Beloved Son Robert John
 Hunter, I give the whole of my Land, with all its
 improvements and advantage, not to be taken into
 possession by him until the death or intermarriage of
 his said Mother - And in the event of her marriage,
 I request that my said land may be Rented out annually
 until my said Son Robert John Hunter shall arrive
 at the age of Twenty one years, and out of the monies
 thence arising it is my Desire that all my Children
 be properly educated - to the proper fulfilment and due
 Execution of this Item, I most solemnly request the
 attention of my Executors. - Item 4th I give and
 bequeath to my youngest Daughter Priscilla Ann Hunter
 our certain Negro Girl named Witney, aged six months, to
 her and her heirs forever. Item 5th All and every species
 of my Property that may remain and that is not hereinbefore
 disposed of, I give and bequeath to my two Beloved Daughters
 Mary Eliza Hunter, and Priscilla Ann Hunter, to be equally
 divided among them and enjoyed by them and their heirs
 forever. I hereby constitute and appoint my trusty and
 beloved friend, Andrew Hurst, sole Executor to this my
 last will and Testament - requiring upon him the due
 Execution thereof, according to the most Common occupation
 and meaning of the words used therein. In Testimony
 whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my
 seal. Publishing and Declaring the same to be my last
 Will and Testament in presence of my friends the sub-
 scribing Witnesses. - the Twelfth day October, Anno Dom.
 Eighteen hundred and Twenty-two. The word property in

the fifteenth line (from the beginning) was interlined before
 the signing hereof. Witnesses. Rt. Williams, William Mc-
 nady, Tho. H. Bickell.

Isaac Hunter (Seal)

Octo Term 1822.

Duplin County)

Then was the within Will brought into Court
 and proved in due form of law by the oath of
 Robert Williams and Thos. H. Bickell two of the
 subscribing Witnesses and at the same time, Andrew
 Hurst who is named Executor in Will Qualified
 Accordingly.

Just Jas. Percall Clk.

This being my last will and Testament made in
 the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and
 Twenty six; I will and bequeath to my Beloved wife
 Franky B. Hurst my mare named Col Robin and
 suckling Colt. also her choice of one Cow and calf
 and hifer; also a white sow and pigs and eight
 shoats and my home hold and kitchen furniture;
 and to my son James B. Hurst five dollars; and to
 my son Samuel B. Hurst if he applies five dollars; and
 to my son John B. Hurst my two year old sorrell mare;
 and to my grand son William B. Hurst a son of Joseph
 B. Hurst Fifty dollars; also the Balance of my property
 to be sold and pay my just debts and the residue
 to be divided between William B. Hurst Jr. and Joseph
 B. Hurst. Witness my hand and seal July 24th day. Just
 Lucy A. Harrell. Thos. Barfield.

W^m B. Hurst (Seal)

State of N^c Carolina } October Term 1826.

Duplin County } Then was the within will
 proved in open Court by the oath of Thos. Barfield and
 W^m B. Hurst having refused to Qualify as Executor
 to sd Will Joseph B. Hurst is appointed adm^r with
 the will annexed to sd Estate. Ordered that letters
 issue.

Just Jas. Percall Clk.