

require it at the time the eldest may arrive at the age of twenty one years and for this my will is that my said sons shall be bound to debts and orderly mechanics or tradesmen at the discretion of my Executors as soon as they may find it convenient. Next, my will is that the negro man slave with in shall be sold by my Executors or whomsoever they may appoint at 12 months Credit and the monies arising from such sale to be applied towards the purchase of two young female slaves for the use of my two daughters Mary and Annmy Hunter or the survivors of them and I also will and request my Executors to use their endeavors to procure a place in some Christian family so that they may remain together for some time. And in order that all my just debts may be paid and funeral expenses settled my will is that all my horses, Cattle, sheep, Hogs, Household furniture and plantation tools be sold at six months Credit in manner aforesaid and the monies arising from such sale together with the debts due me to be paid and applied by my Ex^{rs} as aforesaid. And Next I will and request that my other three slave Cezar, Jack, and his wife Lucy be hired out annually and the monies arising from such hire together with the rents of my lands and improvements shall be equally divided between the whole of my children at the time my eldest son shall be of Lawfull age, at which time in order that equal justice may be done it is my will that the slave then Living shall be valued and equally divided between the whole of my children or the survivors of them. And if the monies appropriated for the payment of my just debts should be insufficient my will is that the Ball shall be paid out of the first monies that may arise from the hire of the slaves or rents of Lands. And Lastly I constitute and appoint W^m Hunter, Alexander Dickson and Edward Pearce Executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking and disavowing all former or other wills. In testimony

whereof I have herunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 5th day of January 1791. Signed Sealed, published, read and declared to be the last Will and Testament of Nicholas Hunter in presence of - James Gillispie, Holden Mague, Edward Dickson. Nicholas Hunter Sub

State of N^C Carolina } January Term 1791.
Duplicity } Thus was the within Will proved in open Court by the oath of James Gillispie and Holden Mague two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, in due form of Law, and at the same time William Hunter, Alexander Dickson and Edward Pearce all the Executors named in the said will came before the Court and Qualified according to law. Ordered that letters issue accordingly.
J^{es}. W^m Dickson C. C.

In the name of God Amen. I John Hargrove of the State of North Carolina and the county of Duplin being weak in body though of perfect mind and memory thanks be given to god for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the form following viz:- I am Mare four head of young cattle, and ten head of hogs, I wish to be sold and the money to be equally divided among my children, Egth, Samuel, and Henry Hargrove. To my ^{eldest} wife Margaret I give our feather bed. I lend to my ^{2^d} wife Margaret my plantation whereon I now live for her to hold and enjoy during her widowhood and after her marriage or death to be equally divided between my two sons Lemuel and Henry Hargrove. I likewise lend to my 3^d wife my negro child Daniel and Lucy and all of my other movable property that I have not disposed of in this will above. - after the marriage or death of my wife Margaret then my desire is that my son Lemuel keep Daniel and my son Henry, Sarah and her increase. And to my daughter Elizabeth I give Lucy to take possession of her at her

marriage and in case she should not marry, my desire is that she receive her when my sons receive their negro that is after the death or marriage of their mother Margaret - I desire either of my children die before they arrive at the age of twenty one then the property of the deceased one or more to be equally divided amongst the remainder child or children - The money due me I wish to be collected and made use of to support my wife and children, as she my S^d wife may think proper. I constitute and appoint my brother Aaron Hargrove Executor and my wife Margaret Executor to this my last will and testament, In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 12th day of Sept 1811. In presence of S. Graham. W^m Mallard

State of N^c Carolina.) October Term 1811.
 Duplin County) There was the within will proved in Court by the oath of William Mallard one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, and Aaron Hargrove and Margaret Hargrove the Executors named in the said will having qualified as such according to law. Ordered that letters issue accordingly.

Test W^m Dickson. C.C.

In the name of God amen I Whitmel Hooks of the State of N^c Carolina in Duplin County being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this 31st day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety five Make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say. First I give and Bequeath to my well beloved Father Thos Hooks my Black man. I also give to my beloved Brother and Sister to wit: William Hooks Thomas Hooks, Hillary Hooks, & Children Charles Hooks, David Hooks, Leona Hooks, Polly Hooks, Fanny Watkins and Susanna Hooks all my stock of horses and hogs,

To wit: one three year old mare named, Pol, and one two year old do named Bounce. Nine head of year old hogs and one sow to be equally divided amongst my Brothers and Sister as above mentioned and Hillary Hooks children and I hereby make and Ordain my Brother Charles Hooks. Executor of this my last will and Testament In witness whereof I the S^d Whitmel Hooks have to this my last will and Testament. Set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed, Sealed, Published and Ordained by the S^d Thos Hooks the Testator as his last will and Testament in presence of us. Test F. H. Basfield Thos Hooks, Susanna Basfield.

Whitmel ^{his} Hooks. ^{mark} (Seal)

In the Name of God Amen. I Aaron Hodgson of the County of Duplin being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God; do this fifth day of December. In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six: make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say. I give and Bequeath to my loving wife Ann Hodgson my Negro fellow Frank to be hired annly for her support during her widowhood after her decease or marriage to be sold and the money to be divided equally between my true sons to wit Aaron Hodgson and Lewis Hodgson and I also give to my wife my riding mare and gray horse two Cows and all and singular of my household furniture just as it stands. I also desire that my wife pay to my daughter Catron Wills fifteen pounds out of the property left to her. And I give and Bequeath to my son Joseph Hodgson one shilling Sterling and I also give to my son John Hodgson one Shilling Sterling and I also give to the heirs of my daughter Phoebe McCann one Shilling Sterling and also I give to my daughter Ester Powell one Shilling Sterling. And I hereby make and Ordain my loving wife Ann Hodgson Executor to this my last will and testament In witness whereof