

In the name of God Amen I Elish Ham of the County
of Franklin and State of North Carolina being in
perfect mind and memory but Calling to mind
the Mortality of all Man kind and it being
appointed for all Men Once to die do Constitute
this my Last Will and Testament in the following
Manner that is after the payment of all my
Just debts

1st I Give and Bequeath unto my beloved Wife
Eliza Ham during her Natural life the
Manna Plantation where on I now live and
also the Use of all my House hold and Kitchen furni-
ture together with all my Stock of every Kind
Except what I may hereafter give away—

2nd It is my Will and desire that all my Daughters
should live on my during their lives or while
they may marry

3. I Give and devise unto my Son Mathus Ham
on tract or Parcel of land supposed to be
about 500 Acres be the same more or less. Beginning
on the Big Branch near the mouth of a small
Branch then running a straight Course to the
Corner of his fence. Then running nearly West
along his fence and the Course continued to a large
Chest path then along that path nearly to
to my back line formerly B. Pugs line then along
the Back line nearly East to a Branch Called
Chap⁹⁸ Davis Spring Branch then down the Sth

to the Beginning provided herein the leg. that my son
son shall have Ham shall pay over to my Estate
fifty Dollars and should he refuse to pay the
said fifty Dollars then the above gift to the Union
and of no affect. and when he pays fifty Dollars
as above. I give the said fifty Acres of Land to him
and his heirs forever with what I have hints
for given Ham and is now in his possession.
4th I give unto my son Reuben Ham all the property
that I have here before given him and is now in his
possession

5th I give unto my Daughter Lydia Ham One
Spotted Cow.

6th I give unto my Daughter Amy Ham One
Cow. Cold Fancy

7th It is my will and desire after the death of
my wife whatever property may be left. that
I have given to her during her life should be
equally divided Between my seven Daughters
that is Lydia Ham Amy Ham Policy Ham
Betsey Ham Betsy Griffin shape Ham &
Milly Ham Except that I have given unto
Lydia & Amy Ham each of them a Cow which
they Lydia & Amy Ham shall allow for for
the Value of Each Cow. and then Come in
for an Equie division among the rest of my
Daughters, as named above.

8th and Lastly I nominate and appoint
my son

of my beloved wife ^{& Ham} I Reuben Ham & shall have Ham
my sons - Executors to this My last my
last. Will & Testament Revoking all Others
here before made by my Given under my
hand and Seal this 16th May 1824.

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of
Eliza Ham
M. Williams, Junr,
Robert J. J. Junr,