

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Humphreys of Bucksboro Guilford  
County North Carolina knowing the certainty of Death & being desirous to  
leave my worldly affairs in the best possible Condition for my beloved Chi-  
ldren do on this the 18th day of February A.D. 1840 make, publish & declare  
this Instruments to be my last will and Testament hereby revoking all others  
heretofore made and declaring this and this only to be my last will & Testament  
1st I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it to me and  
my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Dear  
Children & I wish to be buried at the Grave Yard at Buffaloe among  
my Friends

2ndly I give my cotton Factory with all the machinery thereto attached  
or belonging at the time of my death together with all the land and  
Buildings of Every description attached to & adjoining to said Factory  
including the Tract on which my old cotton Gin House now converted  
into a Lumber House & where my Stables stand - also all the negro  
slaves that may belong to me at my Death - also all my Stock of cars  
Horses Wagon & other utensils (excepting the family carriage) also the Tract of  
~~land~~ 100 acres adjoining various others bought of Washington Holmes also  
the Tract of 35 acres purchased of Andrew Barber adjoining All Churchland &

~~land~~ 100 acres adjoining Crown & others & others  
the tract of 33 acres purchased of Andrew Barber adjoining J. M. Macdonald &  
others to my then children, Nancy Vale, William & Humphrey & Sarah  
Sister Humphrey forever, that to be kept together and managed  
as Joint Stock for the support of all three until my daughter  
Sarah Sister shall arrive of full age of 21 years or marry and then  
upon the happening of either event the whole of said property and the  
same I bequeath may I shall to equally divided between them to each one  
share part thereof, as I do not desire that my negroes who are in families  
shall be separated I direct that upon the final division the Husband  
and three sons and three children & the mother & three children  
(where I do not own three Husbands) shall be valued as families  
3<sup>d</sup> I further give and bequeath to my said three children the stock  
on hand at my death belonging to the said factory consisting of Wood  
Cotton yarn and cotton cloth paper tubes &c. &c. to be kept  
together and divided as the property mentioned in the aforesaid bequest  
Clause & that my children may know the said of stock they receive  
me with I direct an inventory of the same to be taken by my Executors  
and further it may not be unwise to let my children know that

the Factory, Land, & Buildings. Expenses of my negroes is much under  
good management. One Hundred Thousand Dollars - the said stock  
after the Factory is taken it is to be used to carry on the operations of  
the factory and as it may become necessary for money to be advanced at  
times to carry on the operations of the factory I authorize the Guardians  
of the said stock to advance their proportionable parts of cash for  
that purpose, provided they shall deem it prudent to do so and should the  
stock in the factory prove unable to pay necessary urgent debts  
proportionable to the said stock in a good division, then so much of  
the said stock as shall be deemed necessary for the profitable  
operation shall be made dividend. Since my said children and of the  
property of the Guardians of the said stock I leave to the discretion of the  
said stock the Guardians of the said stock.

My to my said children I will bequeath to my said children, to be  
in their hands and I have not under my said children. I leave  
the said children to be paid my said stock of the cotton factory, to be  
paid until the time shall arrive for a dividend as mentioned in  
the said clause subject however to the control & consent of the  
Guardians of the said stock and for the use of the said

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Quarterly or Yearly Reports of the Board and for the time in said  
message might have had various other important matters annually  
brought in management to be sent out of the light arising from said  
proceedings.

My dear Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the estate of the late John A. Smith, deceased. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours, &c.

by I direct my executor to locate Messrs. & Co. account of William  
Mullins in the above, the debt of said deceased of Nathan Young  
the debt of said deceased to me of William Wade of 50 or 50

acres lying in Washington County, Md. on Severn River and including Silver Shoals and  
all my other real Estate not herein mentioned, to be sold to him in such lots  
or parcels when & upon such credit and terms as he shall deem most to the be-  
nefit of my estate.

Y<sup>th</sup>, I give and bequeath all the money belonging to me or due and all money arising  
the sale of any of my property herein directed to be sold to my three children  
Mary, Rebecca, Sarah Seliter.

Y<sup>th</sup>, I give to my said three Children all the other House Hold & Kitchen furniture  
to be equally divided, or if it be thought best a part in the whole thing to be sold,  
& the money divided I direct my executor or executors to be sold & the money divid-  
ed & my son Charles to be kept for the use of the Factory.

Y<sup>th</sup>, I have heretofore given to my daughter Mary a family of negroes for which  
negroes of she keeps them. I direct that she shall account for one thousand  
Dollars in the purchase of the Factory property - I also give her my family

Carrriage, I also give Sarah Seliter money to buy a fine gold watch

10<sup>th</sup> & End Lastly, I hereby renounce and appoint my son in Law Thomas K. State  
the executor to this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking all others.

Signed, Sealed, published, and declared.

By me Testator to be his Last Will and Testament

Dollars in the currency of the State of New York - I also give and sell my said  
Carrriage, I also give said Seligman money to buy a fine gold watch  
10<sup>cts</sup> and lastly, I hereby renounce and appoint my son in Law Thomas R. Hale  
the executor to this my Last Will and Testament hereby making all others  
Signed, Sealed, published, and declared.

Witness my hand to the Last Will and Testament  
to the presence of us who included the names of the  
present and to the presence of each other.

H. Thompson Esq.

Jonathan Parker  
John A. Selman

State of New Carolina

Quincy County, May 18<sup>th</sup> 1847

The execution of the foregoing will was duly proven in open  
court by the oath of the said Jonathan Parker by John A. Selman  
the subscribing witnesses thereof, and to be recorded.

Wherein Thomas R. Hale the executor therein named and appointed  
came into open <sup>court</sup> and on motion was duly qualified as such

Teste  
John H. Logan C.C.