

Benjamin Foreman's will

In the Name of God Amen. I Benjamin Foreman of Halifax County & State of North Carolina possessing sound mind & memory do make & constitute this my last Will & Testament in manner following that is to say First I lend unto my wife Amelia during her natural life. Seven Negroes, namely, Holland, Joe, Farmer, Hasty, Isaac, Jim, Sook & Hanny, three beds & furniture also a Part of my Island Land lying on Scotland Creek, all that Part that lies above the gut that leads from Pines Pond to the river, also that Part of my Land I now live on lying on the north side of the road, beginning at Anthony's Mill run where the road crosses, then along the said road towards the Chapel run to the first Path that leads to the millinery house, then along said Path to my back Line. I also lend to my wife during her widowhood & no longer all the remaining Part of my Land, I now live on lying on Kentucky Item. I give unto my wife one bed & furniture, one blue chest Two horses of her own choosing, five Cows & Calves & five sows & Pigs. Item. I give unto my daughter Polly seven Negroes, wif. Jacob, Ann, Hanny, Peter, Holland, Joe, Farmer & Heger, one bed & furniture. Item. I give unto my daughter Polly, Five Negroes wif. Isaac, Lucy & Sook, Joe & Jim one bed & furniture. Item. I give unto my daughter Amelia Polount Two Negroes to wit. Sam, Daniel, Jack, Hasty & Hanny one bed & furniture & my Will. Item. It is my will that the remaining Part of my household & kitchen furniture, should remain with my wife during her natural life and at her death to be equally divided between all my Children. Item. I give & bequeath unto my Two daughters Polly & Dolly my lands lying in Scotland Creek to be equally divided between them. Item. I give & bequeath unto my daughter Amelia Polount my Lands where I now live lying on Kentucky. Item. It is my will that my wife should have as much Provisions as will support her & my family out of my Estate for one year & as much Corn as will

enable her to make a Crop. Item It is my Will & desire That all the remaining Part
of my estate should be sold to discharge my debts should the money arising from
such sale be insufficient. It is my Will that my land in Scotland neck be rented out &
The Profits arising from such rent to be applied to that Purpose. I hereby Constitute
& appoint my friends Ebenezer Slade, Stephen W. Carnes & Blount Dwyer Executors to
This my last Will & Testament, nullifying all & every other Will heretofore made by
me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & fixed my Seal This 14th of
February 1809.

Benjamin Foreman 

Signed, sealed & acknowledged
in presence of William Boykin
William Bryant Docten.

Halifax County
February 15th 1809. Then This Will was exhibited in open Court & duly proved
by the oath of William Bryant one of the subscribing witnesses Thereto Form. 012
Witness. H. P. Burgess 664

In the Name of God Amen. I Edward Hudson of the State of
North Carolina & Halifax County being sick & weak but of sound mind & memory and
calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing it is appointed for man once to die
do make and ordain this as my last Will & Testament. My wishes. My Will and
desire is, that all my Just debts be paid. Item. I give to my son John Hudson ^{of Halifax}
Negroes To wit, old George, his wife & young George to him & his heirs for ever. Item.
I give to my daughter Polly Jordan seven negroes To wit, David, Isham, Sam, Edy
Mama, Rose & her child to her & her heirs for ever. Item. All my Property up the County
consisting of Lands, Negroes, Monies &c. to be equally divided between my son John Hudson
son & my daughter Polly Jordan to them and their heirs for ever. Item. I give To
my daughter Polly Jordan To wit, David, Isham, Sam, Edy, Mama, Rose & her child to her & her heirs for ever. Item.