

William Hardens Will

deposited and saith, that William Hardens departed this life about five o'clock of the afternoon, and a short time before his death, being perfectly in his senses, & of a disposing Mind and Memory, Verbally bequeathed his property as followeth viz. He gave to his sister Mary Hardens the Cow & Yearling. To his Brother John Hardens he gave one Negro boy named Joe. The Hogs lent to James Barnes. Some Corn, some Working tools, & some Money - to his sister Elizabeth Hardens. He gave his grey hair - to his sister Melly Hardens. He gave one Negro Woman named Carter and one bed. And to John Lowe he gave five pounds - The rest of his Estate not given away, said William Hardens desired might be equally divided between Elizabeth Hardens widow of James Hardens decd., his sisters Mary Elizabeth Kelly, & his brother John - Sworn to before me, at John Lowes in the Jefferson County the day and time above written -

Shadrach Rutland J. C.

Hulifax County Va. May Session 1891. That this Municipal Bill was exhibited in Open Court and duly passed by the Order of Matthew Howell & John Lowe, the Attorneys, & a Motion Ordered to be Recorded. Whereupon Administration of all and singular, the goods and chattels, rights & credits of the decedent was granted to John Hardens his Brother

Test. W. W. Rutland J. C.

David Pugh's Will

In the Name of God Amen, I David Pugh of Halifax County being sick of body, but of sound mind & Memory, do constitute this my last Will & Testament and desire it may be taken by all as such, after giving my soul to God that gave it, me, & my body to the dust from whence it was taken; my will and desire is that my

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willey doth be first paid, Then, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Pugh, all my land, and all my stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, and also all my Household furniture, and Kitchen Dr. and also all my plantation and shoe making Tools, during her natural life; Then after her decease, to be equally divided between My six Children Viz, John Pugh, William Pugh, Samuel Pugh, Thomas Pugh, Peggy Pugh, & one Child which my wife is now in travel with. And last of all, I do appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Pugh, & John Pugh, Executors & Executor to this my last Will and Testament, this sixteenth Day of February, in the year of our Lord Anno. One thousand seven hundred & eighty eight

Test, Turner Mason Apt.

Mary X Mason
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Halifax County Jct.

David Pugh



August Session 1791. Then this Will was exhibited in Open Court, & duly proved by the Oath of Turner Mason, one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, and on Motion, ordered to be Recorded, Whereupon Elizabeth Pugh the Executrix named in the said Will came in open Court, & was duly qualified as an Executrix thereto.

Test W. Worrell Clk.

William Smith's Will

In the Name of God Amen, I William Smith, of Halifax County, & State of North Carolina, being weak in body, do Make & Ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form as follows. Item, all my land which I now have, and have not given away; I give unto my Son Moses Smith, & his heirs forever. Item, it is my will and desire that my daughter Elizabeth Edmundson shall take one Negro Girl & pay for her what two men concerned men shall value her to; by the Name of Lfd. and have Six Months to pay the Money in. Item, it is my will and desire that my Executor hereafter mentioned, sell my whole Estate that I have not given away to the highest bidder given for it at his Discretion, and Make an equal Division Among the following Children hereafter mentioned. My Son, Oliver &