

In the Name of God Amen I Hugh Hardy
of Halifax County in the Province of North Carolina
being near of forty but of perfect mind & memory, do
make this my last Will and Testament in manner
following, In witness I give unto my dearly beloved
Wife Bethia Hardy the use of any one piece of Land
or plantation belonging to me which she shall
make choice of in a convenient time after my decease for &
during her Natural life, together with the use of what Houses &
improvements there may be thereon, Item I Will that so much of
my other lands plantations may be necessary to be sold to
raise money for the payment of my debts,
be Vested in my Executors hereinafter named the survivor or
survivors of them of that purpose, & that they or the survivors
of them as aforesaid, make sale of as much of the said
Land as they shall find it prudent to satisfy these debts and
all the Debt & Residue of my Estate of what kind soever,
I give & bequeath to my said Wife Bethia Hardy
one third part thereof & the other two third parts to
be equally divided amongst all my Children
and whereas my Brother Samuel Hardy joined with me
in taking up a tract of Land lying between Barrett Creek &
Beaver dam Swamp in said County containing near seven
hundred acres be first sold & the money arising from the sale
thereof, to be paid one half to my said Brother Samuel Hardy
& ^{the} other half towards discharging my debts & funeral expenses
Lastly I hereby nominate constitute & appoint my beloved wife
Bethia Hardy Executrix jointly with my loving Brother
Samuel Hardy & also my worthy & well beloved friend Cap^t
John Bradford & Benjamin Seaton Executors of this my last
Will & Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & seal this 28 Day of November 1761 Hugh Hardy
Signed Sealed Published & Delivered in presence of David
Barnes John Linton Mary Rouse & others

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raise money for the payment of my debts,
be Vested in my Executors hereinafter named the survivors or
survivor of them of that purpose, & that they or the survivors
of them as aforesaid, make sale of as much of the said
Land as they shall find Expedient to satisfy these debts and
All the Rest & Residue of my Estate of what kind soever,
I Give & bequeath to my said Wife Bethia Hardy
one third part thereof & the other two third parts to
be Equally divided amongst all my Children
And where as my Brother Samuel Hardy joined with me
in taking up a tract of Land lying between Mount Crab &
Beaver dam Swamp in said County containing near seven
Hundred Acres be first sold & the Money arising from the sale
thereof, to be paid one half to my said Brother Samuel Hardy
& ^{the} other half towards discharging my debts & funeral Expenses
Lastly I hereby nominate constitute & appoint my beloved wife
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John Bradford & Benjamin Seaton Executors of this my last
Will & Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & seal this 28 Day of November 1761 Hugh Hardy Esq
Signed Seald Published & Delivered in presence of David
Rogers John Sinton Moses Bull John Hardy
Halifax Se. January 3. Court 1763 When the aforesaid Will
was Exhibited in open Court in oath by the Executors & duly
sworn by the oaths David Rogers & John Sinton two of the
Subscribing witnesses thereto who on their Oaths did say the said
Moses Bull & John Sinton the other two subscribing witnesses
therein named sign the said Will as witnesses, Whereupon
Samuel Hardy one of the Testors in the said Will made came in
to Court & was duly qualified by taking the Oath by law directed
and Motion ordered the said Will to be Registered Test J. Moulton Esq