

John Herbert's Will

In the Name of God Amen, I John Herbert of Halesjoy County & State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and memory knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, I commend my Soul to God who gave it and my body to the grave. I make and constitute this my last Will and Testament. I Give to my beloved Wife Milly Herbert one third part of my land including the lot and houses wherein I now live during her natural life of widowhood and then to be given to my son John Herbert and also I Give to my Wife Milly Herbert my Negro Woman by the name of Mervy during her natural life of widowhood and then to be sold and equally divided between my sons Jesse, John, and Abner Herbert. I also lend my Wife Milly Herbert two Cows of about two years of age & one bed and furniture during her natural life of widowhood & then to be sold & equally divided between Jesse, John & Abner Herbert. I also give and bequeath the balance of my lands to be equally divided between my two sons Jesse & Abner Herbert. I also lend my Wife Milly one Mahogany Table, one Oak & one painted Dresser during her natural life of widowhood and then to be equally divided between my sons Jesse, John & Abner Herbert and it is my will and desire that my Wife Milly have a reasonable support allowed out of my estate for one year & then all my perishable Estate to be sold and equally divided between my sons Jesse, John & Abner Herbert after paying all my last debts except the beds I give and bequeath to my grand Children lawfully begotten of the body of Jerry Blackman one to be given to the name of Rachel to them & their issue till he comes of age.

Equally divided between my wife & my wife's sister & her sister
Wife Emily the Maternal Table. One half & unpainted Boffat, during her married
life or widowhood and then to be equally divided between my Son John & the
widow and it is my will and desire that my wife Emily have a reasonable
support allowed out of my estate for one year & then all my personal Estate
to be sold and equally divided between my Son John & the widow after
after paying all my Just debts except the beds I give and bequeath to my
grand Children lawfully begotten of the body of Perry Blackman, one
to my Son by the name of Rachel to them & their lawfull heirs forever. Still
it is my desire that Perry Blackman should have the benefit of a single
Girl as long as she lives. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Herbert
one single Woman by the name of Miriam and her increase forever. I also give
and bequeath to my daughter Joanna Postman one single the name of
Abigail and her heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my daughter
Elizabeth one single Girl by the name of Miss Peter and her heirs forever
I also give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy one bed & furniture
Peter and her heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to my daughter
Joanna Postman one Bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever
I also give to my daughter Elizabeth Herbert one Bed & furniture

Wife and her heirs forever, I also give and bequeath to Jesse Blackton
 Ten Shillings out of the monies arising from the property sold. I hereby
 appoint Saml. Grant an Voluntary Bailiff whole and sole Executor of this my last
 Will and Testament. This the 9th of October 1821. Signed Sealed and delivered
 in presence of Robert Pitts and Alfred. John Herbert

Walter Grant. Then the Will was exhibited in open Court and duly proved
 Novm. 1821 by the Oath of Robt Pitts & Alfred Walter Grant who say
 that the Testator at the time of signing the same was of
 perfect mind and disposing memory - and he solemnly ordered the Hon^{ble}
 Attorney Voluntary Bailiff - One of the Executors therein named came in and was
 duly qualified thereto. - Witness Richard Cypres

In the name of God amen - I Jesse Rhymes of the County of Wakeford
 and State of N. Carolina do make Ordain & declare this my last will and
 Testament. It is my desire that all my just debts should be paid from 1. I
 give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Elizabeth Rhymes all my household & Kitchen
 furniture (and my Carriage & horses when they shall be so) - And to my said
 wife Elizabeth during her natural Life the land plantation whereon I now live -
 And 2. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah & Margaret Rhymes the sum

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