

In the name of God amen. I Joseph Hadley of the County of Halifax and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and Memory; do make this my last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say. Imprimis, I lend to my Wife Lydia Hadley my manor plantation, with all the land belonging thereunto, containing one hundred Acres, also my seven negroes, and all the Stock of all kinds belonging to the plantation, for and during her life or widowhood, and at her death or Marriage, I give and bequeath the same, to be Equally divided, except the land, between my seven Children, Namely, Sarah, Maldrick, Henry, William Drake, Martha, Mary, Valentine & Joseph James Hadley; as to my House hold furniture, I give and bequeath to each of my seven Children above mentioned, One feather bed & furniture, to them their heirs & assigns forever. As to my lands, I give and bequeath to my son Henry Hadley, & Joseph James Hadley, all my lands lying down the Creek below my Mill; and I do empower my Executors to Equally divide the above Mentioned land between my two sons, Henry and Joseph James Hadley, and to give to my son Henry, the plantation whereon he now resides, and such a quantity of the land adjoining to it as they, my Executors shall think to be half in Value, to them their heirs and assigns. I give and bequeath to my son William Drake Hadley, my part of my Mill, being two thirds, and two acres of land thereunto belonging, and the One third of the same mill to my brother Ambrose Hadley, his heirs & assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my son William Drake Hadley at the death or Marriage of my wife, all the land lent to her, to him his heirs & assigns forever. I lend to my Wife Lydia Hadley, all the rest of my House hold furniture, for and during her life or widowhood, and all the plow hoes, Wreeding hoes, axes & grubbing hoes, belonging to the plantation, & at her Marriage or death, I give and bequeath the same to be equally divided between my seven Children above mentioned to them their heirs & assigns forever. Further my will and desire is, that of my Cash on hand, and debts due, my debts be paid, and the residue of any left, I give to my Wife Lydia Hadley to her, her heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my son William Hadley my small shot Gun to him his heirs & assigns forever. I give & bequeath to my son Henry Hadley my rifle, to him, his heirs and assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph James Hadley my other shot Gun, to him his heirs and assigns forever; and as to the residue of my property, both real & personal, my will and desire is that it be sold by my Executors, and Equally divided between my seven Children above mentioned to them their heirs & assigns forever. I do hereby constitute & appoint my friend Willis Arrington & my brother Ambrose Hadley Executors to this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty sixth day of October, 1791.

Joseph Hadley Will

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 assigns. I give and bequeath to my son William Drake Hadley, My part of my mill being two
 thirds, and two acres of land thereto belonging, and the one third of the same mill to my brother
 Ambrose Hadley, his heirs & assigns forever. I give and bequeath to my son William Drake Hadley
 at the death or Marriage of my wife, all the land lent to her, to him his heirs & assigns forever.
 I lend to my Wife Sydda Hadley, all the rest of my House hold furniture, for and during her life
 or Widowhood, and all the plow hoes, Wreeding hoes, Axes & grubbing hoes, belonging to the plantation &
 at her Marriage or death, I give and bequeath the same to be equally divided between my seven Children
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 is that it be sold by my Executors, and Equally divided between my seven Children above Mentioned to
 them, their heirs & assigns forever. I do hereby constitute & appoint my friend Willis Arrington &
 my brother Ambrose Hadley Executors to this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof, I have
 hereunto set my hand & Seal this twenty eighth day of October, in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven
 hundred and ninety three.

Signed, Sealed & acknowledged

Joseph ^{his} Hadley 
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in presence of us
 Stephen Weaver
 William Davis

Halifax County N.C.

November 1st 1793. Then this Will
 Was exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the oath of William Davis a Witness thereto,
 and on Motion ordered to be recorded. Whereupon Willis Arrington & Ambrose Hadley the Executors
 in the said Will named Came in and was duly qualified thereto.

Witness Long

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In the name of God amen