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Hertford County March 14th 1857

I John Rasberry being in a low State of health but in my right and perfect mind do make this my last Will and testament in the name of God. Amen.
First I leave one tract of land to be sold lying near Stony Creek Road supposed to be one hundred and thirty or thirty five acres called my old place with more added to it. the best line will be Direct in the following manner as I shall now name beginning at a pine in Wally Clarks line in the head of a small branch nearly against the old plantation a straight running Straight to a white oak or post oak in Williams & Pearsons line on a small ridge by a light wood thence on the best side of the Dilmyhly field, bounded but far from an old path on the South side of their line, to be sold as to the best advantage.
2. I leave from the line first mentioned to the white oak Swamp to my two Sisters Manning Rasberry and Lucy Rasberry their life time to use for their benefit and after their to their Children if any if not I then give and bequeath the said tract of land that Henry Turner Hollemon the son of Martha Hollemon that now lives with me if he is living if he is not living I give it to Some heir in Children in his room Elizabeth Susan and James David Hyman
I also leave all of my land on the South side of the White oak Swamp to be sold expecting Insurance & Rent owed me. & five acres bequeath to John Henry Turner Hollemon, the last three one piece near and bounding one bed and Furniture so long as he stays with my two Sisters and at the age of thirty one the land to belong to the he said John

Thomas Heckman the Son of Martha Heckman that now lives with me if he is living if he is not living I give it to Jane Rev. & Elizabeth his Dau Elizabeth Susan and James Davis Lynn

I also give all of my Land on the South Side of the White Oak Swamp to be sold agreeing Lawrence A. Rew and others & give and bequeath to John Henry Thomas Heckman, ~~the last mod~~ one fourth part and land him one bed and furniture & bedding as he stays with my two Sisters until at the age of twenty one the bed is to belong to the the said John Henry Thomas Heckman.

And I hereby make and ordain my mutty friend Lawrence A. Rew my executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said John Heckman have to this my last will and testament have set my hand and seal this day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed published and declared
by the said John Heckman the testator as
his last will and testament in the
presence of us who were present at
the time of signing Sealing thereof

Elisha Parker
Thomas A Bradley

John Heckman Seal

North Carolina }
Rockford County }

Court of Pleas and Quarter Session
February Term 1860

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Rasberry is exhibited in open Court for probate at this term and the due execution of the same proved by the oaths of Lewis Faulkner and Nathaniel Simpson thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing is the last will and testament of said the said Rasberry which is ordered and filed and thereupon Andrew the executor therein named is duly qualified as Executor thereto by taking the oath prescribed by law.

Test W. T. Hancock