

November Term 1796 — Hyde & Cambley
This Last will and testament of Benjamin Withers deceased
was Exhibited into Court & proved by the oath of Ben-
Forman a subscribing Witness thereto ordered to be
Recorded

Test Ben Forman Clerk
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State of North Carolina Lazarus Forman being in sound
Hyde County I mind and memory and about to
to make my Last will and Testament and by these presents
I do make ordain and appoint and constitute this my
Last will and Testament in the name of God Amen, in
manner following (Viz). I give to my beloved wife
Elizabeth Forman one negro Woman named Rose
she is a thoroughbred and furnished & bedded one chest one
horse bridle & saddle the horse called Pind to her and her
him and resigns forever then I bequeath to my wife
during her natural life the plantation whereon I now live
and she also bequeath to her all the rest of my estate that is not
underneath mentioned as Legacies to my five children
During her life or widowhood and then to be divided between
my five children.

I give to my Daughter Archadab one negro girl named Temp
bed and furniture one cow & calf and mare
I give to my Daughter Elizabeth one negro girl named
Mussy and three year old heifer one bed and furniture
I give to my Daughter Olive one negro Boy called Andrew one
bed and furniture one ewe and Lamb.
I give and bequeath to my son Hardy fifty 1/2 acres of land
lying in the head of Jacks Creek in Jones Neck &
give to him one negro Boy named Daniel one two
year old heifer —

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I give & Bequeath to my son Eliza after the death of my wife
the plantation whereon I now live together with all other
of the land thereunto belonging and I give him the s^d Eliza
one negro boy named Israel an should any of my
children die without lawful issue of their body the property
or share by this will to be Equally divided amongst the
surviving brothers & sisters —

I give to my Daughter Olive and my son Hardy one negro
girl I leave to be Equally between them both forever
I leave one negro Woman named Edah to be hired out
for the benefit of my wife and five children so long as my
Executors may think proper. and then they may think weight
so to do she may be Equally divided between my wife and
five children —

I give to my son Hardy one piece of land in Jacks Creek
Swamp and joining Ebenezer Formans line the land I
Bought of the heirs of Thomas Forman deceased known by
the name of Race path hamock and I do hereby constitute and
appoint my wife Elizabeth Forman and my daughter
Archadab Forman executors of I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this 11th of November and in the year of
our Lord 1796.

Signed in the presence of
Eph^m Elora
Henry Cary

Lazarus Forman Seal

Nov. 11th Term 1796

This Last will and testament of Lazarus Forman deceased was
Exhibited into Court by Eph^m Elora one of the subscribing
witnesses on oath, ordered to be Recorded

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