

Will of William Hecut

In the name of God Amen. I William Hecut of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina, being in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed once for all to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner and form at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the power of Almighty God and as touching such worldly estate as herewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

Item I will that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid out of my estate.

Item I lend to my loving wife Saffra the plantation and house with all reasonable privileges for the use of the same during her natural life also a child's part of all the rest of my estate to be disposed of at her will.

Item I devise to my loving son William Brown Hecut the land and plantation whereon I now live containing three hundred and twenty six acres be the same more or less also and equal part of the rest of my estate to him and his heirs forever.

Item It is my will that all my estate not already mentioned be equally divided between Sarah Hecut, Elizabeth Hecut and Moss Hecut to be divided, with out selling the same under the discretion of my executors and I hereby make my worthy friend Benjamin Hill and my wife executors and witnesses of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said William Hecut have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal this 24 day of May one thousand seven hundred and nine. Signed sealed and delivered, by the said,

William Hecut the testator as his last will and testament in presence of us who were present at the time of signing the same

William Hecut (seal)

Wm Finch
Benjamin Hill