

Will of Alexander Hobbs

In the name of God Amen, I Alexander Hobbs Sr of Johnston County and State of North Carolina planter being in a low state of health of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God for that - and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once 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 unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it - and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in following manner and form.

Item First I lend after my just debts being paid to Sarah Hobbs my dearly beloved wife the land and plantation I am now possessed with as so much as she may have occasion for and all my stock of every kind household furniture plantation tools and every thing I possessed which is not other ways disposed of hereafter to be by her enjoyed during her natural life and after her death should there be any remainder to be sold by my executors and disposed of as is hereunder.

Item I give and bequeath after my wives death unto my well beloved son William Hobbs five shillings.

Item I give and bequeath after my wives decease unto my well beloved son Alexander Hobbs five shillings.

Item I give and bequeath after my wives decease unto my well beloved son Henry Hobbs five shillings

Item I give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Elizabeth Hobbs one feather bed and furniture my room and all harness

Item I give and bequeath after my wives decease unto my well beloved son Johnathan Hobbs five shillings.

Item I give and bequeath after my wives decease unto my well beloved daughter Sally Wilson five shillings

Item I give and bequeath after my wives decease unto my well beloved son Francis Hobbs the land and plantation all but what I have already dedded away with all appertinences there unto belonging that I have & had from John Norris for

Item I give and bequeath after my wives decease unto my well beloved son Briton Hobbs the land and plantation whereon I now live with all appertinences there unto belonging and after my wives decease if there is any thing remaining to be sold by executors and the money one third to be equally divided between Alexander Hobbs Henry Hobbs and Johnathan Hobbs the other two third to be divided amongst Elizabeth Hobbs Sally Wilson Francis Hobbs and Briton Hobbs and I do hereby constitute and appoint Alexander Hobbs Jr and David Bell executors to this my last will and testament ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three signed sealed published pronounced and declared by the said Alexander Hobbs to be his last will and testament and in presence of each have hereunto subscribed our names

John Eason
J. Sanders
Wm. W. Bryan

Alexander Hobbs (Seal)

Johnston County February term 1804

Then was the above will exhibited in open court for probate which was duly proven and ordered to be recorded

R. Sanders Clk.