

Will of Benjamin Hatcher

In the name of God Amen, I Benjamin Hatcher of the County of Johnston & State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do this day the twelfth of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner as follows.

- First- I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter- Lezvia Hatcher one note against Godfrey Stancil for seventy five dollars and interest when due also two beds & two bedsteads & furniture also one horse & its gear also one pot also one mare also one half of the kitchen furniture also my geese and sheep also I give and bequeath unto Lezvia twenty head of hogs.
- Second I give and bequeath unto my daughter- Bettie Gassner two notes against Robert Hatcher one for fifty dollars and one for twenty five dollars and the interest these notes demands.
- Third I give and bequeath unto my beloved son- Martin Hatcher one bed, bedstead and furniture one cross saw and all my tools and the ballance of my hogs & one pot and the other half of my kitchen furniture one pair of stables.
- Fourth I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter- Sarah Brown one note for twenty five dollars and interest against Robert Hatcher.
- Fifthly I leave the ballance of my estate to be sold and the money to be equally divided between all of my lawful heirs.
- Now will and devise is that my two sons Austin & Benjamin Hatcher be my executors to this my last will and testament and I do hereby publish this to be my last will and testament this the 20th day of August 1840.
- L. Richardson
Bedham Brown.
- Benjamin H. Hatcher (Seal)
Hunk

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Session
Johnston County } November Term 1843

Then was the above will duly proven in open court by the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded
Thomas Bagley Clk

Will of William Henry Gay

North Carolina
Johnston County

I William Henry Gay of the County and State aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint this my last will and testament to wit-
I will that- my just debts be paid.
In order to enable my wife to educate the children I will that all my property of every description my notes accounts judgements and money be placed under her entire control and be used by her as her own property hereby investing her with full power and authority to hire sell or sell any part thereof for the said purpose of education.
If my wife should think proper to marry it is then my will that all the property be equally divided between her and all the surviving children.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of July 1842

William Henry Gay (Seal)

If my wife should not marry I will as the children come to the age of twenty one years she should choose three friends who shall allot to each as they come of age his or her equal share of the property.
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 18th day of July 1842

Wm Henry Gay (Seal)

February Term 1844.

Then was the above will of William H. Gay and admitted to probate and ordered to be recorded
Thomas Bagley Clk