

Will of Esther Hinton

In the name of God Amen I Esther Hinton of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina considering the uncertainty of life do make publick and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit

Item 1 I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza Jane Grace the following negroes to wit Allen and Caroline.

Item 2 I give, and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Rand and heirs the following negroes to wit Grovel, Kate, David, Cherry, Minny, Lacey, Ben and Sallie.

Item 3 It is my wish and desire that all the money in my power in and due me at my death be equally divided between my daughter Eliza Jane Grace & Elizabeth Rand.

Item 4 It is also my wish that my household and kitchen furniture be equally divided between my daughter Elizabeth Rand and my grand daughter, Harshelia N. Banks.

Item 5 All my stock crop together with my farming implements carts barouch and provisions on hand and all other articles not mentioned in the foregoing I desire to be sold and the proceeds therefrom be given to my grand daughter Harshelia N. Banks wife of Thomas L. Banks.

Lastly I appoint and constitute my son-in-law Harrison Rand my executor to this my last will and testament. Revoked all former wills and testaments. Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us this 1st of July 1854.

Witnesses
James B. Stallings
Elizabeth Stallings

Johnston County Court

November Term 1854

Then was the foregoing paper writing duly proven in open court by the oaths and examinations of James B. & Elizabeth Stallings the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and filed.

J. H. Kennedy clk

Will of Stephen Hoix

In the name of God Amen I Stephen Hoix of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory blessed be God do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

Item 1 I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Sally Hoix all my land whereon I now live her lifetime or widowhood also all my farming utensils tools all of my beds bedsteads and furniture also all of my hogs together with my household and kitchen furniture also all of my stock of cattle except two cows and one heifer yearling and all the ballance of my property not here named. I give unto my wife Sally during her lifetime or widowhood and at the death or marriage of my wife Sally I give and bequeath unto my two beloved sons Cornelius & Dopin all my lands & premises and if my beloved wife Sallie should marry or die before my two sons Cornelius and Dopin should arrive to the age of twenty one years old then and in that case all of my personal property to be sold by my executor and the proceeds thereof equally divided between my two sons Cornelius and Dopin to be paid them by their guardian at the age of twenty one years.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Martha two cows and one heifer forever.

Item I give unto my son Isaac Hoix his freedom now about seventeen years old until he arrives at the age of twenty one years old.

Item My will further is that my wife Sally shall pay all of my just debts at my death.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Lutherford Richardson my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same hereby revoking all other wills and testament by me made heretofore in witness whereof I the said Stephen Hoix do hereunto set my hand and seal this the eighth of July 1853. Signed & sealed in the presence of

Stephen Hoix Seal

Joe Hase

B. Woodard

Johnston County Court Feb Term 1855 Then was the foregoing will duly proven in open court by the oaths of B. Woodard Joe Hase and ordered to be recorded & filed J. H. Kennedy clk