

Will of James Holt Jr

In the name of God Amen I James Holt Jr of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being in a sound State of health and of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for his blessings and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do this day make ordain establish and confirm my last will and testament hereby revoking disannulling and First making void all other wills heretofore by me made and establishing and confirming this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following (to wit)

Item 1st My will and desire is that as soon after my decease as may be my negro man Afford and his wife Billy and all my other property of every description not otherwise disposed of together with the money I may have on hand at the time of my decease or which may be due to me after paying my just debts be equally divided amongst my grand children namely Jesse Holt Willie Holt James Holt Jr Sally Holt Joseph Holt Henry Holt and Sophie Holt now Sophia Hollowell wife of Thomas T. Hollowell Nancy Holt Elbert Holt Hanson Holt Laura Holt and Daniel Holt to be fully and freely enjoyed by them and their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my son Eldred Holt and my grandsons Jesse Holt executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 6th day of March 1843. Signed sealed in the presence of us.

J. Phillips
John Edwards
Zachariah Edwards

James Holt (Seal)
mark

We the undersigned having been called by James Holt Jr this day read the above written will bearing date 6th day of March 1843 in his hearing and have heard him declare that the same is still his last will and testament and that he now republishes and confirm it as such and at his request we have become witnesses to the same this the 18th day of May 1843

J. Whitley
John Edwards
John Edwards } May Term 1844. Then was the above last will and testament of James Holt Jr returned into open court in order to be recorded
Thomas Bagley C. C.

Will of Gilly Harson

In the name of God Amen I Gilly Harson of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being weak in body but in sound mind and perfect memory considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God for the same I do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I give and bequeath unto my beloved Elviah Woody the daughter of Samuel Woody and Culy his wife all my estate both real and personal all my cattle hogs household & kitchen furniture one feather bed and furniture all my wearing apparel and all that I possess so far as contains every thing that I possess. I do hereby appoint my worthy friend Samuel Woody sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other will made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 25th day of December in the year of our Lord 1843. Signed sealed published and declared by the above named testator in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names in the presence of the testator

Witness
Austin Bailey
Culy (Seal)
mark

Gilly Harson (Seal)
mark

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Session
Johnston County } August Term 1844.
Then was the will duly proven in open court by the oath of Austin Bailey and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas Bagley C. C.