

Will of Absalon Cerby (Contd)

In the name of God Amen I Absalon Cerby of the State of North Carolina, and Johnston County being of sound mind, and memory blessed be God so this 1st day of January in the year of our Lord 1790 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

First Item I lend to my beloved wife Molley Cerby the whole of my estate real and personal during her natural life

Item I give to my beloved friend Thomas Cerby one cow

Item I give to my beloved friend James Cerby one cow

Item I give to my beloved friend Patty Ward one feather bed and furniture. I lend to said Patty Ward one half of said estate as long as she lives single without marrying.

Item I give to my beloved brother Jesse Cerby five shillings specie.

Item I give to my beloved sister Nancy Nelson five shillings specie.

Item I give to my beloved friend Daniel Ward son of Patty Ward the whole of my estate real and personal that is to say the whole of my lands and tenements to him and his heirs forever and the whole of my goods and chattles that is to say the whole of my household and kitchen furniture all my working tools of all sort and the whole of my stock horses, cattle, hogs and sheep to him and his heirs forever and I hereby make and ordain my friend Arthur Daughtry and Daniel Ward my executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal the day and year above written. Signed sealed published delivered by the said Absalon Cerby to be witnessed as his last will and testament Absalon Cerby (Contd)

J. C. Pender

Arthur Daughtry

B. C. Pender

Will of Isaac Hinton

In the name of God Amen, I Isaac Hinton of Johnston County being of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God. Therefore do this fourth day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety five make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

I give and bequeath to my son Willa Hinton seven hundred and fifty acres of land including the plantation whereon I now live with one negro man slave named Charles, one negro girl slave named Fannar and one negro boy slave named Burnell to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Liddy Hinton one negro woman slave named Pink and one negro boy slave named Pompe one bedstead, feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Susy Hinton one negro woman slave named Hasty and one negro boy slave named Silas one bedstead one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Easter Hinton one negro girl slave named Sally and one negro boy slave named Ben and one bedstead feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son James Hinton three hundred acres of land on the South side of Neuse river including the plantation thereon with four negro slaves by the name Rogers, Selah, Felix and Lamson to him and his heirs forever.

I lend to my wife Elizabeth Hinton the land, plantation and buildings whereon I now live during her natural life & after her death to my son Willa Hinton also I lend to my wife Elizabeth Hinton two negro slaves named Pompe and Cate and my will is that after her death of my wife Elizabeth Hinton the two negroes Pompe and Cate and their issue to be equally divided between my children.

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I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Hinton one sorrel mare and sorrel horse one bedstead, feather bed and furniture I also give to my wife all the stock of cattle hogs, sheep and geese and all the household furniture that is not legasyed but my will is that if any children decease under age or without heirs lawfully begotten of these bodys that their estate be equally divided between the rest of my children my will is that one negro man slave named Wat and one bay horse and one black horse and colt should be sold by the direction of my executors and the money arising from such sale after paying my just debts and funeral expenses the remainder of money arising from such sale should be equally divided amongst my children and I do hereby constitute and appoint John Hinton and Robert Gully my executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Isaac Hinton hath hereunto set my hand and seal and the day and year above written, signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us

Isaac Hinton (seal)

Joe Kimberly
Jesse Hinton
John ^{mark} Hinton

Will of William Avera,

In the name of God Amen I William Avera of Johnston County and state of North Carolina being weak in body of but of perfect sound mind and memory for which I am thankful to Almighty God do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit.

First- I give and bequeath unto my son Aserton Avera all my lands and improvements on the North side of Swift Creek except three hundred acres lying on the head of Ready branch to him and his heirs forever also one negro man named Joe one still cap and worn one horse called Wallace one saddle and bridle five cows and calves all the hogs called his own, one rifle gun, one third part of all my crop of corn fodder oats wheat flax and cotton which is on the north side of Swift Creek one feather bed and furniture bedstead and cord, one crosscut saw half of all my carpenters

and shoemakers tools one club at one plow hoe and cutter half of all my cedar casks one steel trap fifteen gallons of brandy and all the plank and scantlings on the north side of Swift Creek one third part of all my potatoes one scythe and cradle one hand saw one cooper adyz one fourth part of my flaxseed on the north side of said creek one weeding hoe one side of leather one chest one case half dozen bottles to him and his heirs forever.

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I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Avera all my land and improvements on the south side of Swift Creek to him and his heirs forever also two negroes named Kett and Toby five cows and calves four head horses named Tally, Plock and Poll and her colt one saddle and bridle all my hogs known by name of the millpond hogs nine head of fattening hogs all my crop of corn, fodder, flax and potatoes that is on the south side Swift Creek and one stack of oats on the north side of said creek and all the flaxseed on the south side said creek one feather bed and furniture bedstead and cord one hundred pounds in cash one whip saw one timber chain one side of leather one steel trap one rifle gun and all the household furniture now in possession fifteen gallons of brandy One boar half of all my cedar casks half of all my carpenters and shoemakers tools one shovel one club at one plow hoe and cutter one weeding hoe one case and half dozen bottles one beaver hat and all my salt to him and his heirs forever.

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I give and bequeath to my daughter Phenebar Morris one negro child named Millie to her and her heirs forever.

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I give and bequeath to my daughter Lowanny Smith one negro boy named Asar to her and to her heirs forever.

5th

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Avera three negroes named Hannah, Abby and Minty one more called Point and her colt one side saddle and bridle one feather bed and furniture bedstead and cord one linen wheel three young heifers ten pounds in money one trunk to her and her heirs forever.

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I give and bequeath to my daughter Cynthia Avera three negroes named Penny, Charles and Amey one young mule one