

Will of James Houlder

In the name of God Amen. the ninth day October 1790
I James Houlder of Johnston County, and State of North Carolina being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind, and memory, thanks be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind, the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed, for all men once they die do make and order this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hand of 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 and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

- First I give to Elizabeth Houlder my dearly beloved, wife my plantation whereon I now live by her to be possessed during her life time or widowhood also my negro woman Fanny with Peter and Linah negro children to my said, wife during her life or widowhood, also five cows also five sows and pigs, also one feather bed and furniture also one riding horse called Boulding also the next colt either of my mares brings to my ^{and} wife during her life time or widowhood.
- Item I give to my well beloved, son Johnathan Houlder one negro woman named Sally also one negro boy named, Jim each freely by him to be possessed and his heirs forever also two hundred and fifty acres of land, including my plantation on Buffalo Swamp in Johnston County to him and his heirs and assigns forever.
- Item I reserve the use of all my woodland adjoining my home plantation with the but land to be had to us of said home plantation for my said wife during her life time or widowhood.
- Item I further give and bequeath to my aforesaid, son Johnathan Houlder six cows with their calves, with five breeding sows and one young mare known by name of Lucy three years old next spring also one smooth gelding each to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my beloved son Josiah Houlder two young negroes a boy and girl, named Will and the girl named Sarah also my home plantation with the residue of my land at the decease of my wife Elizabeth all freely to be by him possessed, to his use and his heirs and assigns forever. I also desire that he my live on the said plantation and labor with my said wife ther life time unmolested. Also I give my said son Josiah Houlder one young mare known by Peggy I also give five head of cattle also the sum of twenty five pounds to be levied and raised out of my corn, pork and it.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Prudence Houlder two small negroes, named Jenny and the other named Violet two cows and calves also thirty pounds in money to be raised out of my corn and pork freely to her by her possessed by her heirs & assigns forever.

Item I give to my beloved son James Houlder one negro woman named Clara if he returns to this County also one stud horse named Childers also seventy pounds in money to be payed out of my corn and pork also one last spring colt.

Item I give to my beloved, son John Houlder the sum of fifty pounds if he returns to this County again in person to be levied and raised, out of my estate.

Item I give to my beloved friend Thomas Pender Jr son of Thomas Pender Sr the sum of five pounds in money to be levied out of my estate.

Item I give to my beloved friend Thomas Pender Jr son of Thomas Pender Sr the sum of five pounds to be levied out of my estate and freely by him to be possessed.

Item I give to my beloved son Johnathan Houlder one feather bed and furniture now in my house at Buffalo with all the household furniture at said Buffalo.

Item I give to my son Josiah Houlder one feather bed, and furniture with all the household furniture belonging to my dwelling house and kitchen of every sort & fully by him to be possessed. I likewise constitute

and appoint Samuel Smith and Zachariah Oneal my executors of this my last will and testament. Who I desire may receive the different sums of money due to me also out of the same to pay my debts also to sell all my corn, pork and beef that is over support for my family one year and do hereby utterly disallow disavow and revoke all and every other former testament will or legacy and bequest and executors by me in anywise before named willed or requested, ratified 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 ninth day of October 1790.

Signed sealed declared and pronounced by the said James Houlders as his last will and testament in presence of us the witnesses

J. Holliman
Thomas Puder
Jos. Broughton

James Houlders

Will of William Fish

In the name of God Amen. I William Fish of Johnston County in the State of North Carolina make this my last will and testament as follows to wit, I bequeath to my beloved wife the Manner plantation where I now live during her life or widowhood. I also bequeath to her a negro wench named Phillis during her life or widowhood, and at her death or marriage the said negro wench to be sold and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between all my daughters. I also give my wife four cows and calves also one gang of hogs called the Grate Branch hogs, two feather beds and furniture, one bay horse known by the name Jack as well as all my household and kitchen furniture.

I give to my son John all of my land lying on Middle Creek in the County and State aforesaid, excepting two hundred acres joining Richards, Whittington and son Wright-Lanes it being the land I have sold to John Bauckham also one black mare as well as my bridle and saddle. I desire that a negro fellow named Hercules be sold and the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between my two daughters to wit Sally Collins and Abby. I also desire that all the remainder part of my property consisting of cattle, hogs and one mare also with the debts due be made use to discharge my debts.

I give to my son James one negro boy named, Ben and in case any thing be left therefrom after paying my debts overplus to be equally divided between Solomon Ebals, Son Wright my son John and Rexas Collins.

I give to Rexas Collins one cow and calf and lastly I do nominate, constitute and appoint my wife Sarah Eliza Leach and Edward Stevens my executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking and making void other wills by me heretofore made, in witness whereof I here unto set my hand and affixed my seal this eleventh day of March 1791 Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the testator to be and contain his last will and testament in presence of us who is present in the presence of each other have subscribed our name as witnesses

William Fish (seal)

Ephraim Williams
Elizabeth Williams
Elizabeth Smith