

Will of John Brady

In the name of God Amen I John Brady of Johnston County in the State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind, and memory blessed be God do this sixteenth of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say

First I lend unto my beloved wife Elisha Brady alias Holton one negro woman slave named Jenny one feather bed and furniture one mare named Dill and her colt one womans saddle and bridle two cows and calves and the plantation I now live on with land adjoining to her during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided between my two children Black and Heilly Brady alias Holton except the negro woman Jenny and the land and plantation

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved son Black Brady alias Holton one negro slave woman Jenny the land and plantation I now live on with all my lands adjoining saveing the one plantation and negro woman for my wife Elisha Brady alias Holton during her natural life as before mentioned, one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Heilly Brady alias Holton one negro girl named Unity one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Grace Cheever one silver dollar my will and desire is that the remainder of my estate that is not willed away or sent after all charge and expenses is paid to be equally divided between my son Blake Brady alias Holton and daughter Heilly Brady alias Holton when my son Blake arrives at the age of twenty one years and I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend Henry Blunt and my son Blake Brady alias Holton executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said John Brady have this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written. signed sealed published and declared by the said John Brady the testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing

and sealing thereof

Sam Smith
Ezekiel Stallings
Ethelred Bridgers
William Pool

John Brady (seal)

Will of Arthur Davis

In the name of God Amen I Arthur Davis of Johnston County in the State of North Carolina, being sick and weak in body but in perfect minds and memory blessed be God, do this twenty fifth of July one thousand seven hundred and ninety four and in the nineth year of American Independance make and publish this my last will and testament that is to say first

I ~~give~~ ~~lend~~ ~~bequeath~~ to my beloved wife Elizabeth Davis all my land, and plantations and one negro girl named Beck and also one mare colt & filly also all my household and kitchen furniture and all my plantation working tools during her natural life and no longer. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Davis three cows and calves also two barren cows and also all my stock of hogs for years support of my family In case she intermarries with any other person or James Hall her former husband, should claim her again as wife then the above lands and plantations and the above mentioned negro Beck and mare and also all my household and kitchen furniture and all my plantation tool to be taken in possession of by my executors or my daughter Betsey's guardians and kept by them as the other of my daughter's legacies.

I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Betsey Davis all my lands and my negro girl colled Beck and plantations to be hers and her heirs forever.

It is my ^{will} desire that the remaining part of my stock of cattle that I have not heretofore given away to be sold and all my just debts and charges be paid out of the money and the remainder I give to my daughter Betsey Davis and her heirs forever. It is also my will and desire that at the death or marriage of my widow or claim of James Hall to my widow as wife to him then the above mentioned negro Beck, mare household furniture and plantation working tools to be sold and the money arising therefor I give to my daughter Betsey