

Will of John Hatcher.

In the name of God Amen. I John Hatcher of the State of North Carolina and County of Johnston the third day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following (viz) I give and bequeath to my beloved wife one feather bedstead and furniture one pot one spider four sheep her lifetime then to my son Benjamin Hatcher also one horse one cow and yearling her lifetime then to be divided between my two daughters (to wit) Sally & Joanna ten head of hogs the same as the horse and cow & one sow and piggs Also I give and bequeath to my son James Hatcher one dollar.

Also I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Hatcher one gun

Also I give and bequeath to my son William Hatcher one feather bed and one heifer and one gun two sows and, one work oxen.

Also I give and bequeath to my two said daughters a tract of land seventy two acres known as the Jones land to be divided between them one feather bed to each of them Also the residue of my cattle and sheep to be divided between both also my household and kitchen furniture that is not disposed of before to them.

Also I nominate and constitute and appoint my sons Benj & William Hatcher executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills by me made at any time heretofore made in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the day and date above named

Witness

Robert Hatcher
Pety Hatcher

John Hatcher Seal

Will of William Eldridge Jr

I William Eldridge of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say

First- That my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relative and friends and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item 1 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Abigail Eldridge one hundred and forty eight and half acres of land whereon I now live so as to include my mansion house all out houses and other improvements also two head of horses and increase all my cattle sheep and all my hogs and one negro boy by the name of Botkin all my farming utensils one cart all my household and kitchen furniture all of which I except my lifetime and my wife Abigail lifetime in the above named property

Item 2 I give and devise to my son John Eldridge one still my lifetime & my wife Abigail lifetime excepted in the above named still

Item 3 My will and desire after my decease and my wife Abigail lifetime on the above named land I want it equally divided between my ^{daughters} Polly Eldridge, Sarah Eldridge, Bethany Eldridge and Susannah Eldridge to be theirs & at their disposal forever.

Item 4 My will and desire is after the above named exceptions that the ballance and residue of my property be sold and equally divided between my daughters Liza Rose, Elizabeth Houston, Betsy Lee, Polly Eldridge, Sarah Eldridge, Bethany Eldridge & Susannah Eldridge, but the above named Polly, Sarah, Bethany and Susannah Eldridge to account for the valuation of the land that I have ^{given} them at two hundred dollars and also my son John Eldridge to have the above named still at the expiration of my wife Abigail lifetime

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty son John Eldridge my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and