

John Hayes "Will"

In the Name of God Amen - I John Hayes of Johnston County and State of North Carolina being of perfect mind and sound memory blessed to God for it do this Twenty Ninth day of December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and eighty One make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say

First I give and bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as touching my worldly Goods with which it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me in this life I give and dispose of in manner and form following to-wit-

I give and bequeath to my son Charles Hayes my Plantation whereon I now live one mare saddle and bridle one bed and furniture

I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy one tract of land lying on Mill Creek to be equally divided between said Nancy and my daughter Susanna also one grey mare bridle and saddle gone by the name of Nancy one feather bed and furniture one beaver hat one small trunk

I give to my daughter Susanna one grey mare bridle and saddle called Bell the bridle and saddle to be bought by the executor also one small trunk and one feather bed and furniture likewise each of my daughters is to have fifty pounds in hard money either in gold or silver to be taken out of my estate before it be divided

I give and bequeath to my daughters their shares if they marry before my son Charles comes of age and if they do not marry they must have their share when Charles is of age equally divided by the executors and one negro fellow by the name of Toby is to be sold and the rest of my negroes to remain on my Plantation and to be equally divided equally between my children. My desire is my Plantation remain so as it lies and with the trees there to belonging at the discretion of my Executors and likewise all my Negro and Cattle of the Executors see fit. My son Charles is to have seven years schooling and my daughters to have education sufficient at the discretion of my Executors and I do hereby nominate Andrew Bass and Edmond Stevens with Nathan Williams Barneby Stevens and William Stevens my Executors of this my last will and Testament revoking all other wills and Testaments in witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed, Sealed, Delivered and
Published and delivered in the presence

of us Joseph Jernigan
her
Philip Jernigan
Philip Jernigan
Philip Jernigan

Executors qualified

John Hayes (Seal)

John Simmons "Will"

North Carolina Johnston County: In the name of God Amen I bring weak and low in health but in perfect sense and memory and this I make my last will and Testament after I depart this life I give my soul to Almighty God &c also I leave my body to be decently buried by the directions of my Executors And my worldly goods I give as hereafter mentioned I give unto son Willis Simmons Eighty Acres of land lying on the south side of Walnut Creek and bounded as follows. Beginning at the Creek lowlands line cross it and running along the line to the corner

I give unto my son William Simmons One hundred acres of land more or less lying above a branch called Simmonses Branch running as the branch runs and from the mouth of the branch across the creek a south course.

I give unto my son Solomon Simmons my Plantation whereon I now live and all my land upon Walnut Creek unmentioned or ungiven only I reserve the use of the land which I give to my son Solomon

To my wife until my son Solomon do arrive to the age of eighteen years and also it is my will and desire that my wife shall keep my children until they do arrive to eighteen years of age and then I do set them all at liberty to act for themselves further. It is my will and desire that my executor shall sell all my land lying upon richland Creek to discharge my just debts further it is my will and desire that after my just debts be paid I give the residue of my estate unto my wife during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided among all my children and I leave my wife whole and sole executor In this my last will and Testament as Witness my hand this the seventeenth day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand and Seventy Signed & sealed in the presence of us

James Minton
Adam Simmons

John Simmons (Seal)

Johnston May Court 1770

Thus was the within will in open Court proven by the oath of James Minton and Adam Simmons the subscribing witnesses thereto and admitted to record

John Rand Clerk

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