

Will of John Leonard

In the name of God Amen I John Leonard of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being disposed to make a proper disposition of my estate at my decease this 16th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight being of sound and disposing mind at the time of executing these presents do make this as my last will and testament (to wit) I give and bequeath unto my brother Caleb L. Leonard now residing in the state of Tennessee one hundred dollars to be expended for his education

2nd

I herewith give to Williard Hopkins of Johnston County N.C. one hundred dollars

3rd

I give and bequeath unto my aunt Polly Rice fifty dollars

4th

I herewith give and bequeath unto my uncle Redden Richardson all the remaining part or portion of any property and money that is or may become due after paying the respective share of above mentioned heirs on the following note (to wit) one note of two hundred and ninety dollars against Nicholas Rice one note of two hundred and fifty dollars against my uncle Redden Richardson and one note of seventy dollars against Dancy Bunn and one note of forty dollars against A. P. Taylor which note I wish my uncle Redden Richardson to collect whenever he thinks proper with interest on the same

Signed & sealed in presence of
Edward R. Power
J. R. Hinton

Johnston County Court

February 1849

Then was the above will duly proven in open court and ordered to be recorded

Thomas Bagley clk

Will of Mosja Hardy

In the name of God Amen

I Mosja Hardie of the County of Johnston and State of North Carolina being in 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 mentioned) provide for my body a decent burial and pay all funeral expences together with my just debts howsoever and whomever owing out of the monies that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Item

As I have given my beloved wife and her lawful begotten heirs a certain tract of land by deed of gift for her and their better accommodation and in room and stead of her third of my real estate I further give and bequeath the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to be especially applied to the building upon the said land a comfortable dwelling house for their accommodation

Item

I leave my two negro women (viz) Winnifred and Sarah to be sold after my debts are paid to be put to interest until my son Samuel Hardy who is a minor shall be of the full age of twenty one years which will be in October one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine at which time the amount together with all my other interest herein after named shall be equally divided among all my children.

Item

I leave my four negro boys (viz) Hardy, Prince, Jacob and Richard to be hired out until my son Samuel as above named in the preceding item shall or would arrive at the age of twenty one years that is in October 1859 when they and the proceeds arising from the hire shall be equally divided among all my children as last named.

Item

All the rest and residue of my property of whatever name or nature after one years support to my wife and family my will wish and desire is that it be sold and the proceeds put to interest

untill my son Samuel arrives at the age of twenty one years of age in Oct- 1857 when all and single all divisions principals and interest shall be equally divided among all my children.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty friend Robert W. Stevens my lawful executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby making and declaring utterly void all other will and testament by me heretofore made In witness whereof I the said Major Hardy do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 7th day of April one thousand eight hundred and forty nine

Major Hardy (Seal)

Signed sealed published
and declared in presence of
A Coats
John H. Kennedy.

Johnston County Court-

May Term 1849

Then was the foregoing will returned in open court and ordered to be recorded.

Will of Bytham Bazar

In the name of God Amen, I Bytham Bazar being afflicted by disease but of sound and disposing mind and memory and knowledge that it is appointed for all men to die and that it is well to be prepared for that event in the things of this life as in our spiritual concerns for a life to come do make this my last will and testament first recommending my soul to Almighty God who gave it as a faithful Creator and as to the worldly estate it has pleased him to bless me withall I do hereby dispose of it in the following manner that is to say

1st I give unto my dearly beloved wife Julia C. Bazar thirty of our negroes of fair proportionate value of our family of negroes to her and to her heirs forever also our house girl Silvia without her children for and during her life time then to ^{the children of} my sister Nancy S. Smith and their heirs. Also give unto my wife one thousand dollars in money and all the household furniture and my barouch and horses and the usual years support for her family and I also give her the enjoyment and use of one third part of my plantation whercon I now live for and during her life time

Item 2nd I do give unto the stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Smithfield fifty dollars a year for ten years to aid in paying the preacher in charge thereof their allowance and other expences.

And lastly I give and bequeath unto the children of my sister Nancy S. Smith by her present husband all my property of every description which has not already been disposed of above to my sister Nancy retaining for her own benefit during her life time such part or portions thereof as may be necessary and all to be managed for the best interest of the children In witness of all I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 19th of April 1849

B. Bazar (Seal)

Witness
J. McLeod
Thomas Lockhart.

Johnston County Court May Term 1849

Then was the execution of this will duly proven in open court by the oath of the Lockhart and ordered to be recorded