

Item I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth Hinton one sorrel mare and sorrel horse one bedstead, feather bed and furniture I also give to my wife all the stock of cattle hogs, sheep and geese and all the household furniture that is not bequeathed out my will is that if any children decrease under age or without heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies that their estate be equally divided between the rest of my children my will is that one negro man slave named Nat and one bay horse and one black horse and colt should be sold by the discretion of my executors and the money arising from such sale after paying my just debts and funeral expenses the remainder of money arising from such sale should be equally divided amongst my children and I do hereby constitute and appoint John Hinton and Robert Gully, Esq. executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I the said Isaac Hinton hath hereunto set my hand and seal and the day and year above written, signed sealed, and delivered in the presence of us

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Isaac Hinton
John Hinton

Isaac Hinton (seal)

Will of William Avera

In the name of God Amen I William Avera of Johnston County and state of North Carolina, being weak in body of but of perfect sound mind, and memory for which I am thankful to Almighty God do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

First- I give and bequeath unto my son Arenton Avera, all my lands and improvements on the North side of Swift Creek except three hundred acres lying on the head of Beady branch to him and his heirs forever also one negro man named Joe one still cap and warm one horse called Wallace one saddle and bridle five cows and calves all the hogs called his own one rifle gun, one third part of all my crop of corn fodder oats wheat flax and cotton which is on the north side of Swift Creek one feather bed and furniture bedstead and cord, one crosscut saw half of all my carpenters

and shoemakers tools one club ax one plow hoe and cutter half of all my cider casks one steel trap fifteen gallons of brandy and all the plank and scantlings on the north side of Swift Creek one third part of all my potatoes one cradle and cradle one hand saw one cooper's adz one fourth part of my flaxseed on the north side of said creek one wedding hoe one side of leather one chest one case half dozen bottles to him and his heirs forever.

2nd

I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Avera all my lands and improvements on the south side of Swift Creek to him and his heirs forever also two negroes named Matt and Toby five cows and calves four head horses named, Talton, Plock and Doll and her colt one saddle and bridle all my hogs known by name of the millpond hogs nine head of fattening hogs all my crop of corn fodder, flax and potatoes that is on the south side Swift Creek and one stack of oats on the north side of said creek and all the flaxseed on the south side said creek one feather bed and furniture bedstead and cord, one hundred pounds in cash one whipsaw one timber chain one side of leather one steel trap one rifle gun and all the household furniture now in possession fifteen gallons of brandy One boom half of all my cider casks half of all my carpenter and shoemakers tools one shovel one club ax one plow hoe and cutter one wedding hoe one case and half dozen bottles one beaver hat and all my salt to him and his heirs forever.

3rd

I give and bequeath to my daughter Phereban Morris one negro child named Milly to her and her heirs forever.

4th

I give and bequeath to my daughter Louzamy Smith one negro boy named Aza to her and to her heirs forever.

5th

I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Avera three negroes named Hannah, Abby and Minny one mare called Point and her colt one side saddle and bridle one feather bed and furniture bedstead and cord, one timber wheel three young hiffers ten pounds in money one trunk to her and her heirs forever.

6th

I give and bequeath to my daughter Cynthia Avera three negroes named Penny, Charles and Amey one young mare

Pots coll one feather bed and furniture bedstead, and car
and twenty pounds in cash to her and her heirs forever.

7 I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Rachel Avera,
during her natural life a widowhood two negroes named Phill
and Flora six cows and calves four beef cattle two horses
Packett and Doll one side saddle and bridle a parcel of hogs
called the Joe hogs forty head of fatening hogs for her meat
two feather beds and furniture bedstead and card spinning wheel
one wollen wheel one loom and gear all my shuttles and cards
half doz my best chairs one chest two tables 1 pair ~~smooth~~
irons one cart and wheels one stone pitcher one glass decanter
all my bowfet and cubbard furniture all my geese and other
fowls one barrel of brandy one barrel of cider one keg of wine
one hand mill two sides of butter one pair stillards one
gone stone one stack of oats and two thirds of all my corn
fodder flax peas potatoes wheel beans and flaxseed It is
my desire that my wife should have the labor of a negro
woman Penny till my daughter Cynthia should arrive
to twenty one years of age or many or till death of
my wife after either of these happens Penny to belong to
my daughter Cynthia, to her and her heirs forever.

8. It is my will and desire that immediately after the
death of ~~my~~ or marriage of my wife which ever first
happens that all the property which is given to my wife
except two negroes Phill and Flora to be sold at public
sale for twelve months credit and the money coming there
from to be equally divided between my daughters
Phenobe Morris, Lewham Smith, Sarah Avera and Cynthia
Avera and my granddaughter Elizabeth Durham and the
said negro man named Phill shall belong to my son
Aventon Avera and their negro woman Flora and her
increase shall belong to my son Samuel Avera, to
them and their heirs forever.

9 It is my will and desire that my son Samuel
Avera should have one fourth part of all the fruit in the
natural state which shall happen to grow in the apple
trees on the lands given to Aventon Avera for the term
of four years and no longer and is my desire that
my wife have such apart of my plantation tools as

will be necessary for her hands to work with and such
apart of my household and kitchen furniture as my executor
may think necessary for her to live comfortably on.

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It is my will and desire that immediately after my
death that my executors sell at public sale for twelve
months credit all the remainder part of my estate both
real and personal including the three hundred acres of
land on the head of the Perady branch and two lots one
in Smithfield, and one in Newborough which is not already
willed or given away by this will and the money arising
from such sale to be applied to the payments of my
just debts and legacies given in cash and should there
be any ballance remaining the same to be equally divided
between all my children to wit; Phenobe Morris, Lewham Smith
Aventon Avera, Samuel Avera, Sarah Avera and Cynthia
Avera. I do hereby nominate and appoint my trusty
friends Nathos Morris, Rudham Smith and Aventon
Avera executors of this my last will and testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this 3rd day of December in the year of our Lord
seventeen hundred and ninety-five. Signed, sealed published
and delivered by testator to be his last will and testament
in presence of

Wm Avera (seal)

Ethelth Smith
John Smith
Arthur Avera