

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 pigs. 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
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John Hatcher Seal

Will of William Eldridge Sr

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 relatives 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 hog and one negro boy by the name of Bobbin 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 devise 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 devise is after the above named exceptions that the balance and residue of my property be sold and equally divided between my daughters Lizzy Rose, Elizabeth Hudson, Kitty Lee, Polly Eldridge, Sarah Eldridge, Bethany Eldridge & Susannah Eldridge, but the above named Polly, Sarah, Bethany and Susannah Eldridge to account for the value 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 lawful son John Eldridge 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 revoking and declaring utterly void all other wills & testaments by me heretofore made

In witness whereof I the said William Eldridge do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 7th of November 1856. Signed sealed and declared by William Eldridge to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto

David Blackman
Isaac Eldridge

William Eldridge

Johnston County Court August Term 1857.
Then was the due execution of this paper writing proven in open court by the oath and examination of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and filed & John Eldridge the executor therein duly qualified as such
J. H. Kennedy clk

Will of Josiah Hinman

I Josiah Hinman 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 following that is to say,

First- That my executors herein after named shall pay all my just debts howsoever and to whosoever owing out of the monies that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate

Item 1 I give and devise to my youngest son Hardy all the tract of land whereon I now live including my mansion house all out houses and other improvements to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever with the exception of three acres of land in the south West corner of the above tract in front of my son Henrys house north commencing at the corner running east the full extent of three acres in length and one in width.

Item 2 I give to my son Henry the above named three acres of land in front of his house to have and to hold to him and his heirs in fee simple forever.

Item 3 I give to my grand son William Hinman one bed,stead and furniture

Item 4 My will is that my executors shall sell the ballance of my property at the highest bidder consisting of eight negro namely Echem Jr, Samex, Amanda, Exum Jr, Jane, Judy, Peter and Anderson household and kitchen furniture stock and all else that my executors will find and collect all monies due my estate that is subject to be collected.

Item 5 Out of the money proceeding from the above named property I give to my grand son William Hinman 50 dollars in money to have and to hold forever.

Item 6 I give to my grandson John Wm Hinman twenty dollars in money to have and to hold forever.

Item 7 I give to my three daughters Sally wife of Jesse Watson Nancy wife of Joel Barnes and Perry wife of W. H. Pearce each fifty dollars in money to have and to hold forever.

All the above named monies are to be paid by my executors arising from the sale of the above named property

Item 8 All the ballance of money remaining in the hand of my executor if any my will is to be equally divided between all my children namely Sally Watson, William H.