

In the name of God Amen

I Henry Rhodes of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being of sound ~~and~~ perfect mind & memory do this the 27th day of July A.D. 1849 make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say.

First. I leave unto my beloved wife Zilpha all my cleared lands lying on the South side of the publick Road leading from Fayetteville to New Bern with the exception of the small lots on the Wilmington Road near the Onslow line, with the privilege of clearing a piece on the South side of Little Cypress Creek that is under fence & of clearing the lands within the ditches, cut by Jonas Bond for me with the privilege of getting fire wood, rail timber and other necessary timbers for keeping the buildings & plantations in order the same off the whole of my lands to have and to hold during her natural life.

Second. I give to my wife all my Household and Kitchen furniture, family wagon & harness, hogheads and barrels necessary for salting her years provisions, one Spade one Shovel & Manure fork all her choice, four ploughs three set of gear four weeding hoes, three grub hoes, three axes, one Cart body and pair of wheels & gear all her choice, one Saw, one drawing knife two Chisels one Hatchet one Hammer and four Augers her choice, Salt trays all the Bars, Dairy & furniture, Garden Ball the poultry, Two Mules Dick and Orickets, or her choice of two Mules or Horses, Six Cows & Calves, fifteen head of Sheep, six Sows and Pigs all her choice. And a plentiful support of every thing that is necessary for herself and family and Stock of all kinds for twelve months.

Third. I give to my beloved wife one Negro girl named Elvey to her, then & there forever. Please to her six others during her natural life time, namely Lott, Danick, Alfred, Mahaley, Matilda & Kelly my wish is for my wife to keep the younger children of Mahaley and the children of Matilda untill they are large enough to live out or take away from their mothers. Also I desire my wife to be furnished out of my Estate money necessary to have the Farm & Smoke house repaired a sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars.

Fourth. I have heretofore given to my daughter Mary & Hatch lands that I value at two thousand dollars and other property to the amount of one hundred & twenty dollars and one Note of hand on Richard Hatch of Five Hundred dollars. And have also given to my son Henry & Co. Lands that I value at Twenty eight hundred and twelve dollars and other property to the amount of Two hundred & ninety five dollars. I have heretofore given to my son John one Bay Horse, named Green one saddle & Bridle all worth Twenty Dollars.

Fifth. My will and desire is that after all my just debts are paid that my daughter

Mary & Hetch, John M. F. Edward H. Anthony E. Ray an J. and Hannah R shall all be made equal to the amount I have hitherto given my son Henry E. And after that the balance of my property to be equally divided among the whole of my children.

Death. I wish my Executors to keep my Hogs and Cattle untill they take the sum of my fields & potatoe patches, or untill the Hogs are fat.

Last. I hereby make and ordains my son Henry E Rhodes & my son in law Richard S Hetch Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witnes Whereof I the said Henry Rhodes have to this Will and Testament set my hand & seal the day & year above written

Hen. Rhodes *Test*

Signed Sealed, published & declared by the said Henry Rhodes the testator as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing & sealing thereof

Calvin Horner

John Barnes

State of North Carolina
Jones County

Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term A.D. 1849

There was the last Will and Testament of Henry Rhodes exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of Law by the oath of Calvin Horner one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded: At the same time Henry E Rhodes and Richard S Hetch the Executors therein named qualified as such. Ordered that letters Testamentary issue to them

Chas. Grock Clerk

A true Copy of this Original as filed in this
October Term A.D. 1849 Chas. Grock Ck.