

In the name of God amen, I Joseph Hatch of the County of Jones
being in ill health but of sound mind and memory do make this my last
and Testament.

It is my wish that the goods in hand at my store at Trent Bridge, my Two
Lots and improvements at Trent Bridge and all my personal estate, except
Negroes be sold by my executors on such credit as they, think best, and the
proceeds with the debts due me or so much of them as may be necessary, be appli-
ed to the discharge of my debts - all the residue of the said proceeds and debts
remaining after the payment of my debts, I give to my son Richard B. Hatch -

I lend to my son Richard B. Hatch the plantation whereon I now live on
the south side of Trent River on Simmons Branch and all my lands adjoining
the same, and my share in a piece of Land purchased by me and others of Ben-
jamin Hatch on the South side of Trent River for a Landing, and all the Lands
I hold adjoining Josiah Howard's land that he purchased of Frederick Fox, and
all the Lands I purchased of Allen Grimes by deed bearing date 14th day of
February, 1814 containing Three hundred & Forty six Acres, all which Lands
I lend to my said son during his life, and at his decease I give the same to the
eldest son of my said son to him and his Heirs forever - and if my said son shall
die leaving no son him surviving, then I give the said Lands to the other Chil-
dren of my said son, to be equally divided among them, to them their Heirs
and assigns forever.

I give my Woman Ella and man Joe to my son Richard in the expec-
tation that he will comply with my request that he allot to them ten acres of
my Grimes Land & permit them during their lives to occupy, and tend the same
for their own sole and exclusive benefit any increase of chs after the date of this
I give to my said son.

I give to my Grandson Joseph H. Lamotte my Grand Daughter Anna Grant and
to my Grandson Joseph H. Watson Six Hundred Dollars each to be paid them
five years hence after my death by my son Richard and I charge the property
labeled to my said son with the payment of the said Legacies

to my son Richard the following Negroes viz

a black boy John, Cambridge, his wife, Sarah, Daniel the elder & Daniel the
younger, and a negro woman after the date of his Will.

I give to my Children Lucy L. Lamotte, Ann B. Hatch, and Fanny Grant
 all the negroes and other property which by deed I have heretofore given them
 whether said deeds are sufficient in law to cover them or not also I hereby desire that
 my Executors furnish my said three daughters each with a proper and creditable
 suit of mourning.

I appoint my son Richard B. Hatch & my loving cousin Edmund Hatch
 Executors of this my last Will and Testament - In witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and seal this 24th day of May 1819. -

Signed sealed published
 and declared by the testator as
 his last Will & Testament in
 our presence, who at his request
 & in the presence of each other
 have signed the same

Josh Hatch Seal

Test E. S. Franks State of North Carolina

Luke Huggins ^{his mark} Jones County, Court August Term 1819.

There was the foregoing, last will and Testament of Joseph Hatch Esqr. deceased
 produced and duly proved in open Court by the oath of Luke Huggins one of the
 Subscribing Witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. At the same time Richard
 P. Hatch one of the Executors therein named qualified as such Ordered that
 Letters Testamentary issue accordingly

A true copy from the original file in the office of the Notary Public

Attest: Robt Torrey 1819

In the name of God. Amen.

I William M. Becton of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being
 of sound mind and memory before God, though weak in body and strength,
 do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament disannulling all other
 Wills in manner and form following.

First I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me to be
 buried in a decent Christian like manner,

Item. I give and bequeath unto my brother Frederick J. Becton, One Tract of Land
 containing Three Hundred and twenty Acres lying in Jones County adjoining the Lands of
 John Heath and John Herring by Will. I also give unto Frederick J. Becton, Four
 Hundred and Thirty six acres lying in Lenoir County adjoining the Lands of John B.
 and John Heath and Leonard Coffin. I also give my Brother Frederick J. Becton