

In the name of God Amen

I Wright Staudy of the County of Jones, and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory but in feeble health and knowing the uncertainty of life, do this 7th day of July A.D. 1856 make publish and declare this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following, (viz):

Item first I give and bequeath unto my son Frederick Staudy the lands known as my old plantation adjoining the lands of Richard F. Green & Benjamin F. Staudy also the following Slaves Mary & Lewis to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item second. I give and bequeath unto my son Wm F. Staudy my land known as the Turner place, which I purchased of my brother Benj F. Staudy also Slaves Sallie Mary, & Stephen to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item third. I leave to my daughter Sarah P. Staudy the following Slaves (viz) Morris, Jane & Rebecca during her natural life, and at her death, to her children if she should have any child or children her surviving and in case of her death leaving no child or children, it is my will and desire that the said Slaves be equally divided between all my other children.

Item fourth. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy W. Staudy the following Slaves (viz) Leah, Jim, Simon, Hannah, beamed to her her heirs and assigns forever.

Item fifth. It is my will and desire that my perishable property, also my land on the south side of Little Chongapekin Creek, adjoining the lands of W. A. Lee & David Green & also One hundred acres of land adjoining the land of Benj F. Staudy, also my Slaves William Leamy, & Ann be sold by my Executor, hereafter appointed (viz) the perishable property and Slaves on a credit of six months, and the lands on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds of said sale, after paying my just debt & funeral expenses, be equally divided between all my children.

Lastly. I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my brother Benj F. Staudy and my son John B. Staudy Executors to this my last Will and Testament declaring this and this only to be and contain my last Will.

Signed, sealed, published & declared by the Testator in presence of us, who at his request, in presence of each other subscribed our names as such

Test W. Wright
John L. Barrick

Wright Staudy (Seal)

Whereas I Wright Staudy have made my last Will and Testament in writing bearing date the seventh day of July A.D. 1856 and have thereby made sundry devise and bequests according to the existing circumstances of my estate and in which I have directed three negroes by names Bill, Ben, and Ann to be sold. I do by this writing which I hereby declare to be a Codicil to my said Will to be taken and construed as a part thereof, will and direct that the funds arising from the sale of the above named negroes shall be divided as follows, that is to say - To my son Frederic the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars, to my daughter Sarah P. the sum of Two hundred and fifty dollars, and to my son William Franklin the sum of Two hundred dollars, and to my daughter Nancy W. the sum of three hundred dollars, to have and to hold to them their heirs and assigns, absolutely and in fee simple forever. And I further will and direct that the surplus if any of the amount of the sale of the above named negroes, shall return into and make a part of the surplus of my estate, to be disposed of by my Executor as directed in my said Will and Testament, of which this Codicil is hereby declared to be a part. In testimony whereof I have set my hand and seal this 29th day of July A.D. 1856.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Wright Staudy to be a Codicil a part of his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who, at his request and in his presence & subscription our names as witnesses

Wright Staudy (Seal)

Calvin Hopper
Thos J. Whitaker

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State of North Carolina, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions October Term 1854
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A paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Wright Sturdy deceased, is exhibited for probate in Open Court by John B. Sturdy, one of the Executors therein named (the other Executor R. E. Sturdy declining in open Court to qualify as Executor thereto) and thereupon the due execution thereof by the said Wright Sturdy is proved by the oaths of and examination of R. W. King, Jesse P. Barwick and Calvin Hoonce three of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last Will and Testament of the said Wright Sturdy, and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said John B. Sturdy one of the Executors as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law, the other Executor R. E. Sturdy declining as aforesaid.

Wm. Chas. Corroch Clerk

In the name of God Amen.

I Amos J. Hoonce of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make, publish and declare, this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First That my Executor (hereinafter named) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all my funeral expenses together with my just debts hereover and to whomsoever owing out of the moneys that may first come into his hands as a part and parcel of my estate.

Item. It is my will and desire that my Executor hereinafter named at my death, shall sell on a credit of six months all my personal Estate, with the exception of my negroes, and apply the proceeds of such sale to the payment of my debts, and should there not be a sufficient sum arising from the sale of my personal estate to discharge and pay off all my debts, that my Executor shall select such negro or negroes as he may deem best and most expedient, and sell the same either for Cash or on a credit of six months and apply the proceeds of the sale of such negro or negroes or so much thereof as may be necessary to the discharge and payment of the same.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Ann J. Hoonce after the payment of my debts, all of my negro slaves and Estate of whatever kind or nature to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly, I nominate and appoint my beloved wife Ann J. Hoonce my Executor to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same, hereby revoking and declaring void other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made.

In testimony whereof I Amos J. Hoonce do hereunto set my hand and affix my Seal this 30th day of November A.D. 1853.

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Amos J. Hoonce to be his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence, and in the presence of each other do subscribe our names as Witnesses - Benj. Ashew. Chas. Corroch

A. J. Hoonce (Seal)

Jones County Court

January Term A.D. 1854.

Now was the last Will and Testament of Amos J. Hoonce deceased presented in Open Court for probate, when the same was proved in due form of law, by the oaths of Benjamin Ashew and Charles Corroch the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and filed. At the same time Ann J. Hoonce the Executor therein named came into Court and qualified as such according to law. Entered this Will's testamentary issue &c. &c.

Wm. Chas. Corroch Clerk