

In the Name of God Amen

I John O. Henderson of the County of Lincoln and
in the State of North Carolina, being weak in body
but of sound mind & memory & calling to mind the
uncertainty of life & that is appointed for all men
to die, do this 4th day of March 1833 (Make Ordains
establish my last will & testament, In the first place
I Commit my Soul to the hand of Almighty God who
gave it & my body to the earth, to be buried in a decent
& Christian like manner, at the discretion of my
Executors. And as to the worldly estate, where with
hath pleased god to bless me with in this life I
give, bequeath & dispose of it in the following manner
to wit: 1st I desire that all my just debts shall be
paid, 2nd I give & bequeath to my beloved wife
Nancy. One third part of my estate after the payment
of my just debts. 3rd It is my will that my prop-
erty be kept on the plantation where I now live for
the use of my said wife & my two sons during her natural
life or widowhood, while she may remain on said
plantation. 4th I give & bequeath the other two
thirds of my estate to my two sons, Hugh Lawson Hawkins
& Charles O. Owsen, upon their arriving each to
the age of twenty one years, but to remain in the hands
of my Executors or their Guardians until they may arrive
to that age, but should either of them die before they
may arrive to that age, their third part of my
estate remain in the hands of my Executors until the other
may arrive to the age of twenty one years & then to be
divided on the survivor, but should they both die
having no issue then & in that case it is my will that
their two thirds of my estate, shall be equally divided
between all my brothers & sister. 5th It is my will
that my Executors may sell from time to time any part
of my estate which they may deem not necessary to be
kept for the use of my family & apply the money if
necessary to the education of my two sons or their

Maintenance or to be put to interest & used as it may
be needed & it is my will that the money owing to me
what may not be necessary to pay my debts or for support
of my family & education of my children shall be kept
at interest upon good security - & that upon the
death of my wife, or removal of my wife it is my
will that my estate shall be divided into three equal
parts & one third thereof be given to my said wife
& the other two thirds to remain in the hands of my execu-
tors or other guardians of my said sons until they may arrive
to the age of 21 years as aforesaid & as much of it
as may be necessary for their maintenance & education as may
be necessary. & it is my will that my Executors
shall select three good men who upon oath shall
impartially divide my estate as aforesaid and should
my said Executors be dead or removed out of this state
then the said Commissioners shall be appointed by the
County or Superior Court upon petition of either party
concerned or their guardian & it is my will that
my Executors may from time to time here out any of
my negroes that they may judge not necessary to be
kept on said plantation & the hire thereof to be
applied to the use of my family & that I do appoint
my brothers Charles C. Henderson & Hugh C. Henderson
the Executors of this my last Will & Testament and the
Guardians of my two sons & should either of them die
or remove from this state I do hereby constitute & appoint
my brother George W. Henderson Guardian & Executor
in his place and I declare this & this alone to
be my last Will & Testament & do hereby revoke
& disannul any former will by me made in
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& seal The day & year first above written
Signed, sealed, published
& declared by John Henderson
to be his last will & Testament
in presence of us
Richard L. Erwin
Henry Haupt
Signed John C. Henderson