

In the name of God Amen

I Peter Hoyt of Lincoln County in the state of
North Carolina, being advanced in years and in a poor
state of health, but of sound mind & memory
calling to mind the uncertainty of life & the certainty
of death do make and publish this to be my last
Will & Testament in the manner & form following
First My will is that all my just debts & funeral
Expenses be paid out of my estate

And I Will and bequeath to my beloved wife Catherine
one third part of the cleared Land on which I now live
with the privilege of fire wood & timber of every description
to keep up the same, together with the Mansion
house & such other out buildings as will be necessary
for her ~~use~~ to be in that part of the Land that

I shall will to my son David, and to be entirely his
at the death of his Mother, likewise I will to my said
wife Catherine, during her life or widowhood, a negro
boy named Ned and a Girl named Nancy
both about fifteen years of age, which said negroes
& their increase at the death of my said wife if any
increase are to be sold at the discretion as to the credit of
my Executors and the money or monies arising therefrom
to be equally divided amongst all my Children or the
survivors or survivors of them share & share alike.

Whereas my said wife for her first Years support
after my death is to have two hundred bushels of Corn
thirty bushels of wheat & a Sufficiency of p. m. & beef
also two bushels of salt 30 lb of Coffee & sixty weight
of sugar, also I give & bequeath unto her my said wife
one table six chairs, the kitchen cupboard & the
furniture, one wash bottle and the brooming or sweeping
furniture, her chest two beds & furniture.

the riding Chain & harness, one plough, 1 set of Gears
two Cows & Calves, four head of sheep, one bee hive
her choice, one Loom & its necessary apparatus, a wheel
Cards, 40 weight of picked or machine cotton,
a flour chest, a Bible & hymn book, all the above
property bequeathed to My said wife to be at her
own disposal except the Land & the two negroes
3rd I will and bequeath to My son John the
Land and plantation herein after described including
his present residence, Beginning on the dividing line
between my Land & David Hunkles, at the mouth
of the two Lanes the one leading from My house
to said Hunkles & the Lane from Hunkles or rather
where the two Lanes meet & thence the Lane that leads
towards the Meeting house or where the three Lanes come
together and running thence with said David Hunkles
Lane South 42 West, to a stake on John Motz's Lane
thence South 49 East 76 poles to a hickory said Motz's
Corner, thence on the same Course to a stake on Souty
Lane thence N^o 26 East with Souty Lane to a hickory
My own Corner, thence N^o 5 West 44 poles to a post oak
sapling in side of My field, thence through the field to
the Beginning together with the side of the Land
on which his Lane Yard is on, during his residence
on the Land as the above described bounds does not
include the Lane Yard, as it is my will & intention
if John should relinquish the Farming business or
make sale of the Land, that then the Land on which
the Lane Yard stands is to belong to my son David,
this Land which I have bequeathed to John I
consider equal in Value to what I therefore gave to
My sons Jacob & Michael

4th The balance of the Land on which I now live, I will and bequeath to my son David, with the exception as heretofore of my wife's living a house in said Land. Likewise, I will bequeath to him the said David forty three acres of Land more or less, forming the Land I have willed to my son John & Abner Smith, and about fourteen or fifteen acres of new outcrop, joining my own and the Meeting House Land, together with a negro Boy named Bill about eight Years old and a horse called Charley, my Saddle & Bridle, One bar share & one shovel plough, & Gear for one horse, his choice of the ploughs & Gear, the old or little waggon & one bee hive.

5th I will & bequeath to my daughter Fanny two beds ^{steads} & furniture one bureau, the Candle stand her wheel, a negro boy named Andy about seven Years old, one vessel man called Peter, her Saddle & Bridle, one table together with some Kitchen and dressing furniture to be equal to what my married Daughters received, this portion I conceive to be something more than my four married Daughters received. But my reason for doing so is that she has remained longer with me & therefore is intitled to more.

6th I will & bequeath to my last daughter Mary & Elizabeth two hundred dollars each to be paid out of my Estate, which sum or sums of money is to be left in with my said wife Catherine to be kept by her & applied to their support or use at her discretion.

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Ith The balance of lands viz one tract lying on Little
Creek of buffalo the quantity unknown, one tract
known by the Stricker tract & a small entry or tract
joining the same, likewise the balance of my negroes
that are not disposed of in this my last Will viz
So. Phely Anne, Ocas, Alfred, Isaac, Lyness,
Hetty, & Manuel, together with my other property
of every description not bequeathed I will & direct
to be sold at publick sale by my Executors on a Credit
of not less than twelve Months, and after paying
the debts, funeral expences & Legacies herein bequeathed
together with all other proceeds by debts owing to me or
any manner whatsoever, I allow & direct to be equally
divided between My said wife Catherine and all my
Children their survivor or survivors share & share alike
In testimony & Confirmation of the foregoing will I the
said Peter Harkins write at my hand & seal this
20th day of December 1826 & in the 37th Year of our
independence, signed sealed published & declared in
the presence of  Lastly I nominate & appoint
 Daniel Hoke & John
Ramsome our whole & sole
executors of this my last Will
& testament
Vardry M. Bee Trust Peter Harkins (seal)
John H. Lutz

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Codicil to the foregoing Will

I Will and bequeath to My son David a bed
bedstead & furniture. the Iron Mill called the
Cobb Mill, & the new grind stone, which last
articles are to remain on the plantation & that My
son John & his mother have the privilege &
use of the mill & grind stone, Likewise I give to
David the little Rifle gun & shot pouch.

Further I will & bequeath to my daughters Mary
& Elizabeth each a bed bedstead & furniture
In witness whereof I have set my hand & seal the
21st day of December 1826 Peter Hoyle (seal)
Witness Vardry M. Bee Christ

John Ransom &
Daniel Hoke } Ex^{rs}