

October Sessions 1840

Thomas Hampton will

In the name of God, Amen: I Thomas Hampton, of the County of Lincoln and State of North Carolina, being in feeble health, but of sound mind and memory, and uncertain as to the duration of my natural life, do ordain and constitute this my last Will and Testament, as follows:

First, I will that either the plantation in which I now reside, known as the Cat and a Springs, in the above County, or the plantation on which I formerly resided on the Waters of the Yadkin River, in Surry County, at the option of my beloved ~~and~~ faithful Wife Elizabeth, under the control of my Executors, hereinafter named, be sold for the payment of all debts I owe, either notes, bonds, accounts, or whatever else; and should the sale of one or the other plantation as chosen by wife as above specified not be sufficient in amount to pay all my debts of every description, I wish my Executors to sell such of my personal property, goods or Chattels as may ^{be} necessary to free my estate from all debt.

Second, After the payment of my debts as pro-
vided for above, I will and bequeath to my beloved
Wife Elizabeth all the

Carolina, being in feeble health, but of sound mind and memory, and uncertain as to the duration of my natural life, do ordain ~~thus~~ constitute this my last Will and Testament, as follows:

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Second, After the payment of my debts as provided for above, I will and bequeath to my beloved Wife, Elizabeth all the remainder of my property, of every description, real and personal, to have and to hold the same in her own right, in as full and ample a manner as I now hold the same, subject to no claims or demands of any person or persons whatever,

So that at her death she may make such disposition
of all the ~~her~~ ^{her} ~~her~~ ^{her} goods, I leave her by this Will, as she
may see proper and fit in our discretion.

I therefore constitute and appoint, by this article, my
sons Henry S. Hampton and Jos. W. Hampton my
Executors to carry into effect the above will,

Signed and sealed in presence of

S. Love Junr

D. A. Love

J. Hampton (Seal)