

40 *Witnessed* this instrument of writing was offered for Probate by one of the executors herein named and it being proven to the satisfaction of the court that Stephen Fagan & David Hardison the subscribing witnesses are dead and the hand writing of the said Stephen Fagan & David Hardison being proven in open court by the oath of Richard Fagan the said will is therefore ordered to be Recorded —
 Just H.B. Hunter Clerk

In the name of God Amen — I David Hardison of the state of North Carolina and County of Martin being of sound disposing mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner and form following —
 First of all I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my Body to the earth to be buried at the direction of my executors and calling to mind what worldly goods it hath pleased God in this life to bestow on me with His grace and blessing of as follows —

Item I will & bequeath to my Loving wife Esther Hardison one negro woman named Betty and one negro girl named Amy with my household and kitchen furniture Plantation utensils & tools of every kind all kinds of crops on hand at my Decease all Ready monies Notes & accounts all kinds of Provisions of every nature to be at her own free Disposal —

Item I bequeath unto my Beloved wife Esther Hardison during her natural life one Negro boy named Tom with my manna Plantation and all the Lands thereto Belonging Likewise my stock of every kind after paying my last debts out of the above said stock —

Item my will and desire is that the Property Left unto my wife during her natural life be at her Decease Equally Divided among my heirs at Law, & I hereby Constitute and ordain and appoint my Beloved wife Esther Hardison my whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament Discharging and Resolving all former wills testaments and Bequests by me made. Ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this sixth day of March 1813
 Signed sealed and Delivered in presence of us

R.D. Fagan
 Joseph F. Harpfor
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David Hardison & seal

Martin County } This instrument of writing Purporting to be the Last will & testament June Term 1814 of David Hardison was offered for Probate by the Executors herein named and was proven in open court by the oath of Richard Fagan one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto & on Motion ordered to be Recorded

Just H.B. Hunter Clerk

In the Name of God Amen — I Moses More of the county of Martin being sick on Body but of sound and perfect mind & memory do make & Publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I leave unto my son Joseph More the Land which he now lives on during his life and then give to his children Lawfully Begot of his Body, I also leave unto my son I purchased More the plantation of one hundred and sixty acres during his life and then gave unto his children Lawfully Begot of his Body of he ever has any and if he never has any children equally divided with the other three. I also leave unto my son Benjamin More one hundred and thirty eight acres and half of Land Bought of John Griffin last during his life and then give unto his children Lawfully Begot of his Body and if he never has any children Equally divided with the other three — Also I & my Decease and wish that one negro man named Harry one negro woman named Mary and he child to be sold at twelve months credit and the money to be collected and as much money taken by the Executors and buy one negro girl about twelve years of age the wife of my Beloved wife and at her Death to belong to my Beloved Daughter Mary More — I also leave unto my son Peter More one negro man named Abraham during his life and give them to his heirs Lawfully Begot of his Body and if he never has any children to be Equally divided with the other three. — I also give and Bequeath unto my son Joseph More one Church Bible also to my Decease and wish that Thomas Nash shall take on hand all my Debts that I have not paid and Lent & expense of it as he thinks proper to be most advantageous for my family —
 Witness my hand & seal this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord 1814 — Signed sealed Published and Delivered by the above named Moses More to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

Martin County } This instrument of writing Purporting to be the last will and testament of Moses More was June Term 1814 offered for Probate by Thomas Nash the executor therein named and was proven in open court by the oath of Noah Griffin one of the subscribing witnesses and on Motion ordered to be Recorded —
 Just H.B. Hunter Clerk

State of North Carolina Martin County

Know all men by these Presents that I James Watson of the county and State above mentioned now being in my proper senses mind and memory thanks be to God knowing that it is appointed to all mankind once to die have made this my last will and testament in manner following (viz) 1st I give & Bequeath unto my Nephew Francis Ward one negro man named Jordan and my saddle bag named Jordan, 2nd I give and Bequeath unto my Nephew William Ward one negro man named Simon, also I give and Bequeath unto Anthony Ruffin one negro man named Ramsey a certain tract of land lying in Martin County containing two hundred and fifty acres more or less to John Ward son Joseph I also leave all my Notes and accounts against sundry People to satisfy my Lawfull Debt if there should be any Balance Left to be Equally Divided among William Ward, Francis Ward, Anthony Ruffin & Joseph Ward — I further nominate and appoint Anthony Ruffin and William Ward executors to this my last will & testament in witness whereof I the said James Watson have signed my hand and seal this 6th day of June 1814 one thousand eight hundred and thirteen

Test Green Turner
 Test Lewis F. Lynch
 made

James Watson & seal
 made

Martin County } This instrument of writing Purporting to be the Last will & testament of June Term 1814 James Watson was offered for Probate by William Ward one of the executors therein named and was proven in open court by Green Turner one of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded
 Just H.B. Hunter Clerk