

April Term 1789

The within last Will was proved in due form of law by Thomas Robeson, George Duff, and William Duff, Thos. Macclaine. Clk

In the name of God Amen. I, Benjamin Herring of the County of New Hanover, being sick, and weak of body, but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows. First. I give my soul to God that gave it me, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent and christian manner, at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned with a certain hope of a joyful resurrection at the last day: And as touching my worldly estate, I give, devise and dispose of in form and manner following.

I give and bequeath to my son Bright Herring all my lands and tenements after, reserving the life of Mary my well beloved wife. I give and bequeath to Mary my well beloved wife, the following, negroes, viz, Prince, Jean, Jacob and Rose; and after my wife's decease for Jean with her increase and Jacob to be left to my son Bright; and Rose to my daughter Dorcas; Williams and Prince to my daughter Ann Taylor.

I also give and bequeath to my grand daughter Lucy Taylor one negro girl named Lett with her increase.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Wiggins, one negro boy named Jack.

I also give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Hutchins one negro woman named Kate.

I also give one negro boy named Abram to my son Bright Herring.

I also give and bequeath to Mary my wife all my household furniture, together with my stock and farming utensils. And after my wife's decease to be equally divided among my children. I give also my money after my just debts are paid by my Executors to Mary my wife.

I also nominate, constitute and appoint Bright Herring and William Miles Hutchins my sole Executors.

Interlined before signed August 28th 1789

signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of us

Bushrod Miller
Bright Herring

B. Herring. Seal

October Term 1789

The within last will and Testament of the late Benjⁿ Herring was proved in due form of law by Bushrod Mullay

Thos: McClaine. Clk

In the name of God Amen. I, John Horze of the County of New Hanover, in the State of North Carolina. Gent^lman do make this my last will and Testament in manner, and form following, that is to say,

First. I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping and believing a remission of my sins by the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ; and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the direction of my Executors hereafter named; and my worldly estate I give and devise as follows

First. I give and bequeath unto John Horze Blanks, son of William Blanks my negroes, by name Judy, Randolph, and Hugh, to him and his heirs forever

Item. I give unto Susanna Horze, and Elizabeth Horze, my stock, of cattle, and a Romelous Mare, to be equally divided between them by my executors

Lastly. I do nominate and appoint William Blanks and Henry Watts Executors to this my last will revoking all other wills that have been heretofore made

And if John H. Blanks should die without issue I give the said negroes to his brother Ingram Blanks, to him and his heirs and assigns forever

Signed, sealed, published and acknowledged to be my last will and Testament, in the presence of

dated this third day of October, in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine

Test

William Austin }
John Ezell }

John Horze (Seal)

January Term 1791

The within last will and Testament was proved in due form of law by the oath of John Ezell a subscribing witness thereto

Thos McClaine. Clk