

In the name of God Amen. I, Caleb Nichols of the State of North Carolina and County of New Hanover, being weak and sick in body, though of sound disposing mind and memory, praise be to the beneficent disposer of all events, do make this my last will and Testament —

I will and request that my body be decently buried at the will and discretion of my executors. Then that my just debts and funeral charges should be paid and satisfied, as soon as they may have it in their power to do so. Then I will and devise, the rest and residue of my estate, both real, personal and mixed in manner and form following —

I will and devise to my dearly beloved wife Unity Nichols, the whole of my estate real, personal and mixed, during the course of her natural life, independent of such legacies as I here particularly — That is to say. I will and devise to my deceased sister Mary Ward, children, named Ann and James Ward, fifty Spanish Milled dollars each, which sum if it is my request, should be deposited in the care of my beloved brother John Nichols, till such time as they arrive at the age of twenty one —

I likewise will and devise to my beloved brother John Nichols, child named Elizabeth Marshall Nichols, two cows and calves, the choice to be left to himself, that is the pick of my herd. I likewise my said brother John Nichols, that my child Elizabeth, and the child my beloved wife is now pregnant with, should be educated and brought up, from the advantages and emoluments resulting and accruing from my estate. And in case of her death, independent of the legacies I have already bequeathed, the rest, residue and remainder, to devolve and be the absolute property of my said beloved children, or any of them who may happen to survive or out live the other, their heirs, executors and administrators forever —

It is likewise my will and devise that my remaining perishable property should be sold except one horse such as my dearly beloved wife shall make choice of, and to that, it is my will and devise ^{that my horse in town} should be hired out at the discretion of my Executors. And it is likewise my will and devise, that my mill on my plantation at the Sound should be repaired and hired out, likewise also, that all my negroes except one ^{which} my beloved wife shall make choice of shall be hired out lastly. I nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife Unity Nichols, together with my beloved brother John Nichols as Executors and Executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other will and wills by me heretofore made and acknowledging, ratifying and confirming this, and this only to be my last will and Testament — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety seven —

Signed, sealed and delivered
in presence of
"the words" that my house
in town being first inteslined
Abner Barnichall
David Green
Benjamin Blaney
John Nichols

Caleb ^{his} Nichols ^{manly}

State of North Carolina } Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
New Hanover County } Term Term 1803
John Nichols came into Court & qualified
as an Executor to the within will of Caleb Nichols, being one of the
Executors therein named

Witness

Authy B Toomer, Clerk

Proved Sept, Term 1797 - Mitty Nichols qualified at same term

In the name of God Amen. I John Nichols being
possessed of perfect strong and disposing mind and memory, but
being weak of body, do make, constitute and approve this my last
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will and Testament, in manner following, to wit -
Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Mary Jane, my
negro man Adam -
I give to my beloved daughter, Eliza my negro man Andrew -
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Nichols four cows and
calves, to be selected by herself as she may think proper -
I give and bequeath all the residue of my stock of cattle to my two
daughters Mary Jane and Eliza, to be kept and used by my wife,
for them the said Mary Jane and Eliza, and it is my request that
none of them be sold except absolutely necessary -
It is my request that all my stock of hogs be used for the support
of my family at large and at the discretion of my wife -
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife all my household and
kitchen furniture, except one bed and furniture, which I give
and bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth Marshall Nichols -
Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Mary Jane
a piece or parcel of land on Mill Creek, near Mr David Jones,
of which I have only an entry and I request that the purchase
money may be immediately paid, in order that a sufficient
right may become vested in my said daughter, Mary Jane -
I further request, that the crop of every description which is
now on my daughter, Elizabeth Marshall Nichols plantation