

be equally divided between ~~my~~ three youngest children Hester
 Mary, Augusta and Clarissa,
 I hereby appoint my loving wife Hester my executor and my
 worthy friend Nicholas Nixon and my son John Executors to
 this my last Will and Testament, In witness whereof I the testator
 have set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of September
 in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixteen
 signed, sealed, published and
 delivered by the above James Howard
 in the presence of us, at his
 request, and in his presence have
 subscribed our names as witnesses
 hereof

Barth Batson
 Thomas Howard

James Howard (Seal)

New Hanover County } County Court. February Term 1817.
 This will was exhibited in open Court
 and proved by Barth Batson one of the subscribing witnesses and
 ordered to be recorded
 Witness
 Tho. H. Davis. Clk.

State of North Carolina }
 New Hanover County }

I, John Henry, of the County
 and State aforesaid being weak, of body, but of sound and
 perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this as and
 for my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following
 that is to say
 In witness, it is my desire that the lands I now possess, be leased
 out till my two children are of age, but the lease of the same
 be for such a term of years as my executors may think proper
 and upon the expiration of a lease, the same to be renewed from
 time to time, till my children are of age
 I do of the stocks of all kinds, household and kitchen furniture, it
 is my request that my wife have one third part and the remaining
 things to be sold, and the money arising from said sales to be
 equally divided between my two children (with the interest it may
 accumulate) when they arrive at twenty-one years of age
 All my just debts to be paid before a division is made, and
 the payment of my debts, the money I may die possessed of to be

applied, to purchase a negro or more as the price may be
 4th. The negroes I now possess to be hired out, or my wife to keep
 them, at her option. Now my intention is that one third of all my
 property real and personal arising from sales or hire, to belong to
 my wife, and the remainder to my two children on their coming
 of age, share and share alike,
 5th. And I hereby constitute my brother Robert Henry and John
 Murphy Executors to the my last Will in the witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of March Anno
 Domini 1818.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged
 by the Testator, before us

W. Thompson
 John Perkins
 John Walker
 Robert Henry

John S. Henry (Seal)
 Clerk

State of North Carolina }
 New Hanover County } County Court, May Term 1818
 The execution of the within last Will and
 Testament of John Henry was exhibited in open Court and proved
 by the oaths of John Walker, and Robert Henry the subscribing wit-
 nesses thereto, and ordered to be filed and recorded,
 Witness
 Tho^s H. Davis. Clk.

In the sacred name of God Amen. I Thomas
 Hill of the County of New Hanover (at present of Chatham County)
 both of the State of North Carolina, do make and declare this my
 last Will and Testament.
 In the first place. It is my will and desire, that all my just debts should
 be paid as soon after my death as practicable.
 Secondly. I give, devise and bequeath to my most excellent wife Sarah
 Hill, in addition to that part of my estate which she may be ant-
 itled to by law, all my stores or provisions for housekeeping, both at
 Wyonaham and Hailborn, my carriage and riding chair, and that
 these should be purchased for her as soon as may be, a substantial
 pair of well broke horses. It is furthermore my wish, that my wife
 all my furniture both at Wyonaham and Hailborn during her
 widowhood or until my children marry or settle off, in that case I
 wish each of them to receive an equal proportion. It is my will and
 wish to be understood, that my estate be kept together and managed
 in the same way, that it has been done heretofore, until my sons and