

It is further, my will and earnest desire, that my faithful and affectionate slave Mary, be manumitted and set free according to the forms of law, as soon after my decease as practicable, as a reward for her uncommon zeal and fidelity in my service. If however, it should be found impossible to have the said slave Mary, regularly manumitted, then I make it my particular, and urgent request to my Executor, to allow her all the freedom and indulgence consistent with the laws of the State, and to protect and treat the said Mary, rather as a humble friend than as a slave. I also will and direct, that a new wearing apparel be given to said Mary, and that the sum of three dollars, should so much remain after the settlement of my affairs, and the payment of all my just debts and funeral charges, be given to her lastly. I hereby constitute and appoint my friend D. James Cole, Executor to this my last Will and Testament, desiring and authorizing him to retain as his own property, as a grateful return for his continued kindness to me, whatever may remain of my estate after the payment of the above legacies, and the discharge of my debts and funeral expences. The Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of October, in the year 1827.

Signed, sealed, published and }
 declared in presence of } Isabella Fountain. (Seal)
 Jos. A. Hill }

New Hanover, County } County Court. June Term 1828.
 The execution of the above Will was proved
 in due form of law by Joseph A. Hill subscribing witness and ordered
 to be filed }
 Witness }
 Tho. H. Davis. Clk.

State of North Carolina }
 New Hanover, County }
 In the name of God Amen.
 Know ye, that I Noah Fountain of the County and State
 above written, being weak in body, but in my senses and sound
 memory, thanks be to God for the same, and considering the un-
 certainty of this mortal life, do make this my last Will and
 Testament in a manner, as follows -
 First. I give my soul to God that gave it me, and my body
 to the dust, to be buried by my friends and executors in a Chris-
 tian like manner -
 My desire and request is for as much of my property to be sold
 as will satisfy my debts, and the rest if any (except my gun)
 to go to my beloved wife Wimpfred Fountain -

I give to my brother, Tobias Fountain my land,
 I also appoint my friend William Sidbury, Executor and Manager
 of the same; the same is my wish and desire, I witness these
 words to set my hand this 3rd day of April 1828.

Test
 John Sidbury, Junr
 Tobias T Fountain
 marks

Noah T Fountain
 marks

New Hanover County } County Court, June Term 1828,
 The execution of the within will and Test-
 ament of Noah Fountain, was exhibited in open Court and proved
 by the oath of John Sidbury subscribing witness and ordered to be
 recorded; at the same time William Sidbury qualified as Executor,
 Witness
 Tho^s H Davis. Cky

In the name of God Amen. I, Stephen Hillyear,
 of the State of North Carolina and County of New Hanover,
 being of sound and perfect mind and memory, (blessed be God),
 do this twenty second day of December, in the year of our Lord and
 thousand eight hundred and thirty seven, make and publish this
 my last will and Testament setting aside all others, do give and
 bequeath my property in the following manner, viz:
 I give and bequeath to my grand son, John David Hillyear,
 the land whereon my son John Hillyear now lives, situate on the
 south side of Lewis' creek, beginning at the main road where the
 creek now crosses, and running up the various courses of said creek
 to the mouth of Cook's branch, thence up the said branch to the
 rolling road, thence on in a south course across a bay pond, to
 my old corner, and on the various courses of the line easterly
 to the said main road, thence up said road to the beginning.
 To my son Josiah C Hillyear, I give and bequeath a tract or parcel
 of land lying and being in the County above mentioned, on both sides
 of Lewis' creek, adjoining the main road on the west side of said
 road, to him and his heirs forever.
 The land whereon I now live including the mill, I give and
 bequeath to my son James Hillyear (after the death of my wife
 Susan) to him and his heirs forever. Also one horse and horse
 cart, one cow and calf, one feather bed and furniture, also all my
 shop tools.
 To my wife Susan, I also give all my household and kitchen
 furniture, plantation tools, and stock, of all kinds during her
 natural life, after her death to be equally divided between my