

State of North Carolina }
 New Hamouee, County }

In the name of God. Amen.

Be it remembered that I Peter, Battson of the County aforesaid being weak, in body, but of a sound and perfect mind and memory; or you may say, thus considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, and being of sound memory, blessed be the Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner, and form following, that is to say;

First. I give my soul to God who gave it to me, and my body to the earth, to be buried in a christian like manner.

Second. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Mary Battson all my household and kitchen furniture, hogs, cattle, and plantation tools, one mare, also my notes and accounts, one negro woman named Anna; after paying my just debts, also my house and plantation on the main road to have and to hold during her life, and at her death the above named plantation to my grandson Mordecai Battson, I furthermore give unto the said Mordecai one heifer to him and his heirs.

Also I give unto my daughter Mary Battson at her mother's death, one bed and furniture, two cows and calves and forty dollars in cash to her and her heirs forever, one negro woman by the name of Anna to her and her heirs.

Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Stokely one bed and furniture, two cows and calves, forty dollars in cash to her and her heirs forever.

Also it is my request, at my wife's death, that all the remainder of the above property shall be equally divided between my three daughters, that is to say, Nancy Ward, Mary Battson & Elizabeth Stokely.

I also appoint my beloved wife Mary Battson my sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the fifteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty two.

Signed, published and declared by the above named Peter Battson to be his last will and Testament, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses to the same.

Peter X Battson
 made,

Stokely, Seabury
 C. C. Powers
 B. M. King

New Hanover County } County Court August Term 1822

The execution of the within will and testament of Peter Batson was exhibited to court and proved by Stockley Liabury subscribing witnesses and ordered to be registered
witness
Thos H Davis. Ck

I Peter Batson of Topsail Sound in the County of Hanover N. C. do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner, and form following, viz,
I lend to my wife Sarah the plantation on which I now live, with all and every part of the household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils &c, also all the negroes now belong to me, horses, cattle, hogs, and all other stock, for her use during her natural life, at her death the property to be divided as follows,
To my daughter Nancy, I give and bequeath one negro woman by the name of Judea and her increase, one feather bed, one cow and calf, to her and heirs forever,
To my daughter Polly, I do lend for her natural life a negro girl by the name of Samson, after her decease to her daughter, Martha Ann Andrews, if she has no issue, to return to my son John Batson and his heirs forever,
To my daughter Sarah, I do give and bequeath a negro girl by the name of Crey, one feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf, to her and her heirs forever,
To my son James Batson, I do give and bequeath this place where I now live, to him and his heirs forever,
To my son John Batson, I do give and bequeath the land I bought of James Howard, with the mill and all thereto belonging, also two negroes by the name of Zinaman and Dorothy, also one feather bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever,
To my grandson William Batson, I do lend a negro boy by the name of Peter, during his natural life; in case he has issue, I do give and bequeath the said Peter, to it and his heirs forever, and in case of his having no issue, to return to my son John Batson and his heirs forever,
The balance of my property not mention in this will, at my wife's decease to be sold and equally divided between my children.
I nominate, constitute and appoint my wife Sarah and friend William B Liabury, sole executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other, and former, wills