

John Hayes Will

In the name of God amen John Hayes of Northampton County in the State of North Carolina being very sick & weak but in perfect sense & memory, but calling to mind that all men must die I make this my last will & testament In the manner & form as followeth I recommend my soul to God that gave it & my body to be buried in a decent Christian like manner and as touching worldly Estate that it hath pleased Almighty to endow me with, in manner & form as followeth.

Item I give & bequeath my land & Plantations to my loving wife Rachel Hayes during her natural life also four Cows & three yearlings & one horse and my House hold furniture and after her death I give the whole to my Daughter Elizabeth Hayes to her heirs forever and further I nominate & appoint my loving wife & my Brother Solomon Hayes my whole & sole Executors of this my last will & Testament. In witnes whereof I set my hand this Tenth day of May 1783

Teste James Meliken. signed

Sampson Hayes.

John Hayes ^{his} ~~last~~ ^{mark}

Northampton County December 1st 1783.

This will was proved by the oath of James Meliken one of the subscribing witnesses & Solomon Hayes Qualifies as Executor of the said John Hayes as due to this same Ordered to be Certified and Recorded

Just. J. A. Thurston &c

Richard Hydes Will

In the name of God amen I Richard Hydes of Northampton County North Carolina being very sick in body & weak but of perfect sense & memory, thanks be given unto God, calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die Do make & ordain this my last will & testament

that is to say first I mainly & finally I give & recommend my soul unto the power of almighty God that gave it, and my Body I recommend to the earth to be buried ^{in decent Christian burial} at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again, by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith It hath pleased God to bless me in this life

I give & devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form

Item It is my desire that my part in two Shalloons and a tract of land in Halifax County be sold to discharge my several Debts of there may be more than satisfy the debt I desire it may return into my estate to be equally divided between my Heirs, and if there should not be enough for as much of my Stock & Household furniture as may do it at the discretion of my Executors.

Item I give to my beloved wife Ann Miller one mare named Mary & her natural life, & one negro man named Guss is during her natural life, & one feather bed of furniture during her natural life.

Item I give unto my beloved daughter Martha Hydes one negro woman named Jean one feather bed & furniture.

Item I give to my ^{well} beloved daughter Asenilla ^{Hydes} one negro girl named Cherry one feather bed & furniture.

Item It is my desire that after the death of my wife that the two negro men Lewis & Mass & the feather bed before mentioned be equally divided between my two daughters before mentioned, and I do appoint & ordain my wife Ann Miller & John A. Hurd & Benjamin Lashley ^{all} Executors of this my last will & Testament & I do hereby utterly Disallow revoke & disannul all former wills & legacies & bequests & lastly to be my last will & testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Tenth day of January in the year of our Lord 1784 signed by me & witnessed in the presence of ^{my} Richard Hydes & Asenilla Hydes, John A. Hurd, Benjamin Lashley, Ambrose Smith,

Northampton County March Court 1784
 The preceding will of Richard Hyde deceased by the
 oath of Zachary Thompson - Corvillar Hyde John
 Hauke, and Benja Sashley Qualified Executors to
 the same returned an Ovr agreeable to Law
 ordered to be certified & recorded
 Test Jeph Atherton C^l

John Gay's Will

In the name of God Amen. I John Gay of Northampton County
 in the State of Maryland being very Sick but at least in per-
 fect Sane Sense & memory. But Calling to mind that all
 flesh must die I make this my last will & testament in
 manner and form as follows first I recommend
 my soul into Gods that you it & my body to be buried in
 a decent & Christian like manner as to my worldly
 Estate which it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow
 on me with in the following manner.

Item I give bequeath to my Grandson John Raynolds 12 acres
 of land with the plantation whereon I now live and my share
 to him & his heirs forever after my wife's decease

Item I give bequeath unto my son Jeph Gay five Shillings
 and no more.

Item I give bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Raynolds
 five Shillings & no more.

Item I give bequeath to my Daughter Mary Dike five Shil-
 lings & no more.

Item I give bequeath unto my loving wife Prudence Gay
 all the remainder of my Estate in Door & two negro
 fellows Peter & Ben to be at her disposal.

Item I give ^{bequeath} unto my Grandson Solomon Gay five Shillings
 and no more.

Item I give ^{bequeath} unto my Granddaughter Prudence Gay
 Eliza Gay five Shillings each & no more, & farther men-
 ioned & appointed Jeph Atherton George Bankley

my whole sole Executors of this my last will & testament
 as witness my hand this 17th day of May 1783
 Test. Richard Bankley ^{his} ^{only}
 Eliza Bankley ^{mark}

Northampton County Court
 This will of John Gay was proved by the oath of
 order to be certified & recorded
 Test Jeph Atherton C^l

Rebecca Williams' Will

In the name of God Amen the 29th of July
 1782. I Rebecca Williams of Northampton County
 in the State of Maryland being Sick and ^{weak} ~~weak~~
 Body but ~~and~~ of Sound and perfect memory
 do make this my last will and testament in
 manner and form following —

Item 1st I give and bequeath unto my Grandson
 William Elie Williams six head of Sheep I
 likewise give and bequeath unto my Grandson
 William Elie Williams one Cow and Calf

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Andrew
 Elie Williams six head of Cattle —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter
 Polly Towels one feather Bed —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lucy Price
 one large Chest likewise six turned Chairs
 and my side Saddle —

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jane
 Lany one desk likewise one Bed quilt —

Item I give and bequeath to John & William Stagers
 one bed & furniture and Bed Sticks —

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Nathan Williams
 Children five Shillings apiece —