

Drury Deberry's Will

In the name of God amen I Drury Deberry of Northampton County in the State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God first calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, principally and first of all I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that give it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors hereafter named and appointing such worthy estate who with it has pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of in the form and manner following

Item I bequeath the use of all the lands and plantations lying on the eastern branch and forks next to my supposed Daughter Charlotte Holman until her son Thomas Deberry Holman comes to the age of twenty one years, and after Thomas Deberry Holman comes to the age of twenty one years, I give the said lands and plantations lying on the said eastern branch & the big Creek to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my supposed Grand son Thomas Deberry Holman all the lands and plantations whereon I now live also all that stands on the land to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and my will and desire is that Margaret Perille should have all my son Thomas deceased wearing cloths

Item I give to my supposed Grand son Thomas Deberry Holman in Negroes known by the names of Jeff Tom Fox Lewis Lawrence and one woman by the name of Minnie I say to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my supposed Daughter Charlotte Holman ten Negroes known by the names of Saml, Anna, Champion, Ambrose, Brock Ann, Betty, Lott, Larky & Decker I say to her and her heirs forever.

Item

Item I give half of my Stock of all kinds to my supposed Grand son Thomas Deberry Holman to be equally divided and kept on the plantation for his use, I say to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give half of my Stock of all kinds to my supposed Charlotte Holman to be equally divided, and also one half of all my Household goods and furniture of whatever kind I say to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give to my supposed Grand son Thomas Deberry Holman all my Tools and Minerals of whatever kind to be kept on the plantation for the plantation use, also one half of all my House hold goods and furniture of whatever kind after being equally divided between him and his Mother I say to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my Brother Solomon Deberry all my wearing cloths of all sorts to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give to my Brother Henry Deberry fifty pounds Virginia Currency to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give unto my supposed Daughter Charlotte Holman and her son Thomas Deberry Holman all the ready money I am possessed with to be equally divided between each of them & their heirs forever after paying my just debts & legacies.

Item I give to my supposed Daughter Charlotte Holman and her son Thomas Deberry Holman all the remaining part of my estate which I have not already mentioned.

I do hereby nominate and appoint Eason Holman and my Brother Henry Deberry sole and sole executors of this my last Will and Testament ratifying this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have this the 10th April 1794 signed sealed published and declared this to be my last Will & Testament In presence of us

William Maddy }
Randolph Maddy }

Drury Deberry & Seal.

Attest My Will and desire is that Francisca Hudson should have a reasonable support out of my estate during her natural life.

Witness Northampton County N. C. June Court 1794
This Will of Drury Deberry do & was proved by the Oath of William Maddy and Randolph Maddy at the same time Eason Holman qualified as Executor thereof. Ordered to be testified & Recorded