

John Hays's Will

In the name of God amen I John Hays of the County of Northampton being in a feeble state of health but of a sound and disposing mind and memory thanks be my God for his goodness to me considering my days are but few, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following

First I leave the use of my plantation to my wife Sarah Hays during her natural life.

Secondly I leave unto Harris Allen and his wife Sarah Allen (my daughter) the use of my plantation during their lives, after the decease of my wife.

Thirdly I give and devise unto my Grandson Jacob Allen my plantation therein the whole of my land, after the death of his parents to him and his heirs forever.

Fourthly I give unto Horiah Hays one feather bed & furniture.

Fifthly I give unto my daughter Sarah Allen my Desk, a walnut table and three large pewter dishes.

Sixthly I give unto Elijah Hays a Cow and Calf.

Seventhly I give unto John Hays a Cow and Calf and a Calf.

Eighthly I give unto my Grand daughter Sarah Hays a feather bed and furniture.

Ninthly I give and bequeath unto my wife Sarah Hays all the remaining part of my estate excepting my Will and as much as will pay my Debt, to her and her heirs forever.

Lastly I do constitute and ordain my Son in law Harris Allen Executor of this my last Will and Testament.

Signed sealed and pronounced.

In the presence of us.

Samuel Cole

Samuel Parker

John Hays Senr

John Hays Senr

Northampton County

March Court 1795

This Will of John Hays do

was proved by the Oath of Samuel Parker &

Witness thereof, whereupon Administration with the will annexed was

granted to Sarah Hays, Ordered to be Certified and Recorded

Witness

E. Hayses 66

Thomas Soret's Will

Northampton County State of North Carolina

I Thomas Soret of the aforesaid County and State, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and that all are once to die do this twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety four make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say. I give and bequeath unto Joseph Patterson the son of Benjamin Patterson and his wife Esther my Land and plantation whereas I now live lying being and situate in the aforesaid County in the fork of the Long branch and the great Roanoke containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less to him and his heirs forever, and my Horse saddle and Bridle, my Carpenters and Joiners tools and all my plantation tools with my kitchen furniture my cloth, excepting some things which I shall mention that is to say I give and bequeath unto Benjamin Patterson one broad ax, one narrow ax, one Sledge of hand saw, fifty one broad carpenters Shovel. I give and bequeath unto Patience Patterson the wife of Benjamin Patterson two pair of Cotton Cards and my linen. And I hereby ordain my worthy friend Benjamin Patterson Executor of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I the said Thomas Soret have to this my last Will and Testament set my Hand and seal the day and year above written.

Thomas Soret & Seal

Signed Sealed & Delivered

In presence of us

Witness John Hays Senr

Patience Patterson

Margaret Patterson

Northampton County S.C.
March Court 1795

This Will of Thomas Soret do was proved by the affirmation of John Hays Senr & Margaret Patterson, Son of the subscribing Witness thereof, at the same time

Benjamin Patterson qualified as Comptroller

Ordered to be Certified and Recorded. Witness E. Hayses 66