

Dempsey Tuttle's Will

In the name of God Amen, I Dempsey Tuttle of Northampton County and State of North Carolina, being this some well in health. Thanks be to God for it, therefore calling to mind the mutability of my body, and knowing it is appointed for all flesh once to die, as for all the worldly goods I hath pleased God to bless me with I give in following manner and form.

Item, I send the third part of my land and plantation whereon I now live unto my wife Lydia Tuttle ensuring of her natural life, also the use of my house, also two cows and calves, also ten head of hogs, also one half of my stock of Pigs, also one feather bed, also one third part of all my household furniture, also the one third part of my plantation beds to her ensuring of her natural life.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my supposed Daughter Susanna Tuttle all my land and plantation whereon I now live to her & her heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath unto Sally Tuttle as she lives with me ten pounds specie & one bee hive to her & her heirs forever.

Item, my will and desire is that all my property that is not mentioned before shall be sold to raise that ten pound legacy and all the remainder of my part of my Estate I give unto my supposed Daughter Susanna Tuttle to her and her heirs forever.

Item, my will and desire is that all my just debts shall be paid. And I do nominate & appoint my executor Elliott Tuttle my sole & sole executor of this my last Will & Testament disannulling all other Wills heretofore made by me as witness my hand & seal this 10 day of December 1810

signed sealed & acknowledged in the presence of us

Horea Tuttle
his
mark

Northampton County not
March Court 1811

This last Will and Testament of Dempsey Tuttle was proved by the oaths of Horea Tuttle and Noah Tuttle, witnesses to the same and ordered to be recorded. at the same time Elliott Tuttle the executor therein named refused to qualify, and daddy Tuttle the Widow appointed from the provision therein made for her & claimed Dower at law - whereupon Administration with the Will not granted Sept. 11th 1811. Ordered to be recorded -

Test. C. Haynes S.C.

Elizabeth Smith's Nuncupative Will.

In the name of God Amen, I Elizabeth Smith being weak in body but of a good and sound memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as follows to wit, my will and desire is that like co-heiresses have an equal portion of all my estate with the rest of my children she and her heirs forever, and I appoint & nominate for my executor John Coaker, George Coaker & Daniel Coaker. January 27th 1811.

Test. R. Capel. Northampton County not March Court 1811.

This nuncupative Will of Elizabeth Smith was attested by the oaths of Ransom Capel and George Coaker & ordered to be recorded, whereupon John Coaker the executor therein named qualified.

Test. C. Haynes S.C.

William Hix's Will.

In the name of God Amen, I William Hix of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina, being in perfect sound mind & memory. Thanks be to God for the same, this twentieth day of October eighteen hundred & ten do make this my last Will and Testament in form and manner as follows to wit:

Item, I give to my son William Hix the land and plantation that I now live on, being the land I bought of Simeon Taylor, to him and his heirs forever.

Item, It is my will and desire that my son William Hix should keep my five children namely Wallis, Calver, Ann Thosdan, Manning & Bigger Hixes until each of them arrives to lawful age free from charge or bondage, and pay to my said five children as above named on their coming to lawful age twenty dollars each, and also pay all my just debts.

Item, I send to my son William the use of all my personal Estate for the purpose of supporting my five children, that we cause to live with him as above specified until my youngest son Bigger comes to the age of twenty one years, and at which time it is my Will & desire that all my personal Estate then in the hands of my son William Hix should be equally divided between all of my said five children as aforesaid or as many of them as are then surviving which I give to them their heirs and assigns forever; I hereby nominate & appoint my son William Hix sole & sole executor to this my last Will.