

William Amis's will.

In the name of God Amen
 I William Amis of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being of sound and disposing mind and memory do make, and publish this my last will and Testament as follows: First I give and bequeath to my grandsons William, Thomas and James Amis sons of John (deceased) my son the whole of my acres in Northampton County to be equally divided among them share and share alike in valuation. Secondly I give and bequeath to Nicholas, John, James, Nathaniel, Isaac and Samuel Long children of Samuel Long by his former wife Mary my daughter fifty negroes to be taken from my various farms plantations and other family negroes from my other plantations to make up the number. Thirdly. The residue of my negroes I desire to be divided between my three grandsons William, Thomas and James Amis. Fourthly. — My will and desire is that my stock of horses, cattle, hogs and sheep be sold, on an credit of four months and the proceeds of such sale together with all debts due and owing to me to be equally divided between the children of my daughter Mary Long and the children of my son John (deceased). Fifthly I give to Martha Hayes daughter of Rebecca Hayes the whole of my back stock in the Tarboro branch of the State Bank of North Carolina amounting to Ten thousand Dollars, but should she die without lawful issue of her body the same above bequest to be equally divided between the whole of my grandchildren. And I nominate and appoint William B. Lockhart trustee or Guardian to the said Martha Hayes with power to furnish such funds to Rebecca Hayes the Mother of said Martha in a comfortable and genteel manner until said Martha shall arrive to the age of five years at which time I desire that she may be taken from her mother and educated in a suitable manner and should the said Rebecca refuse to give up the said Martha then the legacy hereby given shall be forfeited to the whole of my grandchildren share and share alike. Sixthly. — I give and bequeath unto the children of my daughter Mary Long four bonds amounting to Samuel Long for ten thousand Dollars each exclusive of the share of the sales of stock and other debts due me. Seventhly. — I direct that the whole of my household and kitchen furniture and plantation and farming utensils of each and every description be sold on the same terms and be divided in the same manner as my stock and other debts as provided for in the fourth clause of this will. — Eighthly. — I give and bequeath to my son John (deceased) my Stationer's Shop and all the stock or materials which I have against him for advances made or otherwise monthly

monthly. — Should John still continue to live with me until my death and attend to the closing of my affairs I give and bequeath to him the sum of five hundred dollars. — Ninthly I nominate and appoint my friends William B. Lockhart and John H. Gordon my executors to this my last will and Testament to deliver over to the different legates or their Guardians the several legacies hereby bequeathed. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21st day of February AD 1833.
 Signed sealed acknowledged and published in presence of us
 James Stevenson Joseph H. Hall
 Hardy John William A. Sykes —

Codicil. It is my will desire and intention that my lands devised to the children of my son John (deceased) Amis be subject to the control and advantage of the said John (deceased) Amis until my said grandchildren shall respectively arrive to the age of twenty one years and that the negroes bequeathed in the third of the within will be subject in like manner to the said John (deceased) Amis until my said Grand son shall arrive to the age of twenty one years as aforesaid. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

In presence of
 Hardy John James Stevenson
 Joseph H. Hall William A. Sykes — } Wm Amis X Seal

State North Carolina
 Northampton County 18th March Court 1834. The last will and Testament together with the Codicil thereto annexed was exhibited at a former Term for probate and a caveat being entered to the probate thereof by Samuel Long and wife Mary. The issue of said caveat was now, was ordered to be made up by the Court and at this Term the following Jury to wit Goodwin Camell, Stuart Grant, Miles Davis, James Thomas, Thomas Bryant, William Sney, Hardy Hall, James Holman, James Holman, Benjamin Suter, Edwin Donker, Abraham Rogers, Simeon Bondage, John Nelson being sworn and empanelled to try the issue between the parties upon their oaths do say the paper (writing) exhibited is the last will and Testament of William Amis deceased whereupon William B. Lockhart and John H. Gordon the executors therein named were duly qualified in the law and were ordered by the Court that said will be set off and recorded.
 Test John H. Hall Clerk Feb 6