

Henry Deberry's Will

In the name of God Amen - I Henry Deberry of the County of Northampton being weak in body but of sound disposing mind and memory do this day make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, first I bequeath to my beloved wife Fanny Deberry during her natural life the following Negroes, Man Sam, Malacha, Boy Dave, Minnie Lydia and Rachel, my Carriage and Harness, two Chaises of two Mules or Horses, one hundred & fifty Barrels of Corn, three thousand pounds of Pork, thirty Shouts, eight cows and pigs, a double lot of farming utensils such as are on the plantation, four Chaises with four Bushels of Red Peas, one Acre & a half of Ground of White and four Bushels of Red Peas, one Acre & a half of Ground of Green Peas, one Acre of Ground, thirty Bushels of Wheat, including all my little furniture, I also leave unto my beloved wife Fanny Deberry the following Land bounded as follows beginning on the Road at Solomon Deberry's new ground, thence a straight line to a branch back of an old field, thence to the mouth of the bottom quarter branch, thence to Red oak on the West side of the mile pond near the mile dam on the Road thence up the mile pond to the upper point of Feller's old field, thence to the upper point of the new ground thence a straight line to the head of the long branch, thence to a corner piece in the head of the bottom quarter branch near the Road in W. Parker's line, thence with that line to the Road thence the Road to the first station - containing three or four hundred Acres to the same road or place. My further Will and desire is that my two houses named shall in all cases in renting or leasing my great Mills reserve to my wife Fanny the privilege of having all her great ground free of toll.

Item - I give and bequeath unto my two youngest sons five hundred dollars each in addition to an equal proportion of my estate with my three oldest Children to them and their heirs for ever -

Item - I give and bequeath unto my Daughters Virginia and Corbelle four hundred dollars each in addition to an equal proportion of my estate with my three oldest Children to them and their heirs for ever -

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Item - I give and bequeath unto my two sons John and James three hundred dollars each in addition to an equal proportion of my estate with my three oldest Children to them and their heirs for ever -

Item after the payment of all my just debts should there not be a sufficiency to pay the legacies above specified then my Will and desire is for the same lacking to be raised from the rent of my Lands and here Negroes, and then an equal division both Land and Negroes to take place between my three oldest and my youngest Children to them and their heirs for ever -

Item - I leave unto my beloved wife also in addition two other Chaises Mules or Horses, one looking-glass, all my Chaises & Tables, one yoke Oxen, fifteen thousand pounds, blade ground -

Lastly - I do by these presents constitute nominate and appoint my friend Henry W. Joy and my son James H. Deberry Males & sole Executors, to this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made and declaring this to be my last Will and Testament -

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22 October Eighteen hundred & forty four & signed sealed & acknowledged in presence of

Wm. R. Howell
Thomas B. Bynum

Henry Deberry (Seal)

Northampton County December 1844 - The foregoing paper writing was exhibited in open Court at the last Will & Testament of Henry Deberry dec. and was proved, read and found of Law by the oath of William R. Howell and Thomas Bynum the two subscribing Witnesses, and on Motion was ordered to be Certified & Recorded, Whereupon Henry W. Joy one of the Executors Thomas Bynum came into open Court and was qualified in the Law directed -

Test Robt. W. Hughes