

December Term 1803

In the name of God Amen: I Joseph Hall of the County of Person & State of North Carolina being in a low state of health but of sound mind & disposing Memory, do make & constitute this my last will & testament in manner & form as follows

Item 1st I give & bequeath to my well beloved wife Susan Hall the use of the plantation wherein I now live during her Widowhood. I also give her one third part of all my personal property & the sum of One hundred & fifty dollars to be paid out of money due to, or raised out of my estate to her & her heirs forever

Item 2nd I give & bequeath to my son Joseph Addison Hall, & my Daughter Anne Drury Hall, all my bonds which I may die possessed of. Also the other two thirds of my personal property to be equally divided between them when my son Joseph comes of lawful age

Item 3rd It is my will & desire that should my son Joseph Addison die before he comes of lawful age or has on his Lawfully begotten that what I have herein bequeathed him shall remain and belong to my daughter Anne Drury, & in like manner should my daughter Anne Drury die before she is of lawful age, or has on her Lawfully begotten that her what I have given & bequeathed her shall remain & belong to my son Joseph Addison

Item 4th It is also my will & desire that should it be the Order of Providence that either of my Children should live to be of lawful age or have a Lawful heir then & in that case what I have herein given & bequeathed them, shall be disposed of or appropriated by my Executors in that manner they may think will be most beneficial too. & will have the greatest tendency to promote the Education Religion & School Circumstances Under an Observation of this last & fourth item necessary. I in my Earnest wish & desire that it be strictly & religiously fulfilled by my Executors

Item 5th I give to my beloved wife & my two Children to be equally divided between them the Claim or title I have to be a Legatee or sharer in the Estate of Capt Robert Moore

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More (my wife Father) as well be seen & better understood by having recourse to the Records of the Clerk's Office of this County to them & their Heirs forever
It is my will & desire that all that part of my Estate that is Considered as perishable should be sold on a Credit at the discretion of my Executors for the purpose of making the distribution of same
I have last I do constitute and appoint my truly friends Samuel Smith & Emma Dotson my Executors to the my last will & testament — And I do in the presence of the subscribing Witnesses, sign seal publish & pronounce this to be my last will & testament
This 1st of Decr 1803
John Pendergast (Clerk) Joseph Hall
Moses M. Donelson

Patent Waltham (Curat)

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The Execution of this Will was duly Proved in open Court and Ordered to be Recorded

Attest
John Pendergast
Clerk