

Stephen Herring

In the name of God Amen

I Stephen Herring of the County of Rockingham and State of North Carolina being in a low state of health But of sound mind and retentive memory, do make and establish this to be my last will and testament,

First I will and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth P. Ellis One Negro woman named Sylvia and her future increase which Negro woman Sylvia was given by way of advancement,

Second I will and bequeath unto my son Richard Herring, one Negro man named Cary, by way of advancement,

Thirdly I lend unto, Ruby M. Hesters three Negro Negroes Hannah Prudence and Charlotte, as will appear of record in the Clerk's office in Lunenburg County Virginia. Fourthly I will and bequeath unto John Herring two Negroes Matt and Sander to him and his heirs forever.

Fifthly I will and bequeath unto my grand daughter Frederick Jennings one Negro girl, Minerva one bed and furniture which property is placed in the hands of James Jennings her father for her use.

Sixthly I will and bequeath that all my half of the undivided land, lying in Lunenburg County State of Virginia known by the name of the court tract also the proceeds of ~~the~~ of the lot in Swinton, accord to the deed executed by Ambrose Ellis to me - which property I wish to be sold and the money arising therefrom to be paid out in land by my executors, all my Possessions in the town of Madison Barnes, and Charles Voth - bond when collected to be also to be applied the purchase of land.

And further it is my will and desire that the following Negroes (to wit) Peter Jenny Kelly, Sally and Peter the Younger - Milly and Susinda, if in opinion of my Executors, it shall be necessary to sell and apply the proceeds in the purchase of land,

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The before mentioned land, when purchased, I lend to my wife Dorothy Herring untill my son Joseph Herring shall arrive to the age of twenty one years - also all my Negroes not herein before disposed of (to wit) John Lee Matt, Charles Solomon Allen Susan Matilda, Edmond Olive Fanny Anthony Moriah Sige and Amelia and all other of my estate, not herein disposed of. I also lend to wife as aforesaid untill my son Joseph Herring become of age,

And it is further my will and desire that when my son Joseph Herring shall arrive to full age that my wife Dorothy Herring there with the advice of my executor, have such portion of the land herein authorized to be purchased, also what Negroes and other estate, she with the advice of my executor may think proper for her support during life and at her death the land that she retains, to be divided ~~between~~ ^{into} three equal parts, between William Herring James Herring and Joseph Herring - and the other part of my estate retained by wife Dorothy Herring to be at her death equally divided between William Herring Mary Herring ~~and~~ James Herring and Joseph Herring.

And further it is my will and desire that when my son Joseph Herring shall arrive to the age of twenty one years, that so much of my real estate, as may be over and above a sufficiency for my wife Dorothy Herring be Equally divided between William Herring - James Herring and Joseph Herring - and also all of my personal estate, which may be over and above a sufficiency for the support of my wife as aforesaid to be equally divided between William Herring Mary Herring James Herring and Joseph Herring. And further it is my will and desire that my friend Richard (Yarborough) be my executor, and I do hereby appoint him for that purpose.

In testimony whereof I Stephen Herring do acknowledge this to be my last will and testament, under my hand and seal this thirtieth day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty three,

Witness
J. Scales Jurat
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Peter Hardon

In the name of God Amen
I Peter Hardon of the County of Nottingham and ^{in the} State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be god) do this 27 day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and nineteen make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say
First, I give and bequeath to my Sister Peggy Hardon two negroes of her own choice out of all my negroes I now possess. Also I give and bequeath to my Sister Peggy Hardon all my land and Tenements both in the Counties of Nottingham and Caswell of North Carolina (Excepting the Tract called and known by the name of the Cobb tract of land and one other called and known by the name of Morns Creek Tract of land — Also I give and bequeath to my Sister Peggy Hardon all my house hold and Kitchen furniture and all my plantations, Tools of every description and all my stock of horses (Excepting the Constitution Colt and all my stock of cow cattle Hogs & sheep and any Blacksmiths Tools and my two Slaggons and all the Harrow

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or gun belonging to them and my two stills and all the mobby stanks stock tubs and tight cash to be my said Sister Peggy Hardon and her heirs forever — and also I give and bequeath to my Sister Peggy Hardon all my crop of every description and ~~stock~~ of every kind provision of every kind for and I give and bequeath to my nephew Thompson Hardon two negroes of the best choice after my sister Peggy Hardon has taken her choice also I give and bequeath to my nephew Thompson Hardon one half of my Morns Creek tract of land to be laid off to him from the upper line of said tract adjoining William Pasche, also one half of my Cobb tract of land, dividing said tract equally by a North and south Line, and also my constitution Colt, & my watch to him the said Thompson Hardon & his heirs forever, I give and bequeath to my nephew John Hardon the other half of my Morns Creek tract of land, and the other half of the Cobb tract of land, & also one Negro girl called & known by the name of Liza to him the said John Hardon & his heirs forever, it is my will and desire that the grave yard, where my Father's Grave & Mother is buried shall be inclosed within a Stone wall, four feet high eighteen inches thick (the wall) and fifty feet long & twenty five wide in the clear, in which inclosure I wish to be buried myself & other relations, the building of which wall to be paid out of a part of my land, or cash on hand — It is my will & desire that the balance of my hole of land and open accounts, & money on hand, after paying for the building the above wall or inclosure, together with the balance of my Negro property shall be equally divided among all my nephews and heirs, Thompson Hardon & John Hardon Excepted