

In the name of God Amen! I Richard Hatley of Rowan County & State of N^C Carolina. Being very weak of body but in a sound mind & memory & disposed, thanks be to God for his mercy & calling to mind the mortality of the body: know it is appointed for all men to die & after death to come to Judgment I do now try to give up my soul to almighty God through our Lord Jesus Christ - hoping for mercy through his righteousness my body to the earth, to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executor: And as touching my worldly goods as it has pleased God to bless me with in this life I give, devise & dispose of in the manner & form following First of all I give & bequeath to my well beloved wife Sarah Hatley the whole & sole use of this plantation where on I now live which I bought of Basil Gaither during her continuing my widow or to the end of her natural life, and also all my stock of horse creatures except a two year old horse colt & the colt my mare is now big with & also all my cattle & hogs to her whole use & disposal. —

2^d I give & bequeath to my son Tappan Hatley my two year old horse colt & at the death or marriage of his mother I give to him one third part of this tract of land to be layd off by men chosen by my executors, in three divisions having regard the quantity & quality & also one cow both out of my estate that I give to him & his heirs forever.

3^d I give & bequeath to my son Josiah Hatley the colt my mare is now big with it, & one third part of my land & one

cow in like manner as above described to him & his heirs forever. 4th I give & bequeath to my three daughters Sally Ann & Rebecca Hatley the other third part of my land & as they or either of them should marry or arrive to age to have a cow out of my estate that I give to them & their heirs forever. And lastly all the household furniture to be for use of my wife untill marriage or death, to be equally divided between all my children — & I also give to my step son Levi Crew one good cow to be bought out of my estate. and last of all, I do constitute ordain & appoint my beloved wife Sarah Hatley my whole & sole executor to this my last will & testament. Revoking & making void all other wills heretofore by me made, but ratifying this & no other to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I Richard Hatley do this 17th Day of April 1807. set my hand & seal hereunto.

Signed, sealed acknowledged
published & proclaimed to be
his last will & testament in presence of:

Basil Gaither.

Benj: Gaither.

Joseph Bradley.

Isadore Leach

Richard Hatley
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