

May 1790.

In the name of God Amen I William Haden of the County of Rowan & State of N. Carolina being very sick & weak but in perfect memory blessed be God therefore; do. this 18 day of March 1789, make & publish this my last will & testament in manner & form following that is to say principally & first of all, I recommend my soul into the hands of God almighty who gave it me & my body to the earth from whence it came in hopes of a joyful resurrection through the merits of my saviour Jesus Christ. And as for the worldly estate wherewith it had pleased God to bless me I dispose thereof as follows First I lend to my wife Abigail Haden the land whereon I now live during her widowhood with all the stock of all kinds what ever belonging to me also with all my negroes & after I lend the land whereon I now live & afterwards & one negro Man named Ben to my beloved son Dugless Haden enduring his life & afterwards I give it to his son Billy Dugless Haden also I give my distill & desk to my son Dugless Haden & my big kettle also I give fifty acres of land beginning twelve chains below my corner on the river bank at a stake running the same way to the upper corner concluding the mill seat on Swan-Creek also I give to Dugless Haden three negroes Let, Jack & York I lend to Sony Haden three negroes Lid, Bob & Isaac enduring her life & after to be equally divided among her children, I lend to my beloved daughter, Betsey Haden the half of the tract of land where Nicholas Whit formerly lived, also three negroes named Beck, Luck & Lorn also two beds & furniture.

Half of the house & kitchen furniture & the half of all kinds of stock belonging to me. And if she dies without issue of body I lend it to my beloved daughter Molly Haden also I lend to my daughter Molly Haden four Negroes, Fiddie, Minner, Rachel, York & the half of the house & the kitchen furniture & the half of my stock of all kinds also two beds & furniture & if she dies without issue of body I lend it to my daughter Betsey Haden & if Betsey & Molly Haden die without heirs my desire is that it shall be equally divided amongst the remaining of all my children. I lend to Merri the land whereon she now lives, enduring her life, & after to my grandson Timothy Merit forever. I give to Sally Merit five pounds I give to Peggy Ackton five pounds.

Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my dear beloved son Dugless Haden & my son in law Joseph Haden executors of this my last will & test: hereby revoking & disannulling all & every other former will by me heretofore made I Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & test: In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the Day & year above written

Signed sealed published pronounced & declared by the said W^m Haden
to be his last will & test: in the presence of us who in his presence & in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

James Atkins.
Joseph ^{his} Andrieux
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