

I Hampton Byrnes of Town fork, do make & establish this to be my last will & testament

First. I will & direct that all my debts be paid & secured. I give unto my grand son, John Gray Byrnes one thousand dollars, in full of his portion of my estate, his father having in his lifetime, received about his portion of my estate

Second - I will & direct that all the rest & residue of my estate, real, personal & mixed, shall be equally divided share & share alike, among & between my six children to wit, Martha, Benjamin, Margaret, Preston, Hampton & Harriet; In the division of the land, Martha however is to have her choice of lots

Third - In the division of my estate, the land & negroes, which shall fall to my daughter Harriet, I give & devise to her sole use, separate & apart from her husband Abram Martin, during her life, remainder to her children living at her death; but in default of children living at her death, I will & direct that said share of my estate shall be equally divided between my five other children, named in the third clause of my will

Fifth - Besides an equal share of my estate as before set forth I give unto my daughter Martha, one horse, the carriage & harness, and such of the house hold & kitchen furniture as she may require.

Sixth - Should any of my children be indebted to me, or should I or my executors pay any debts or other sums for them the same shall be deducted from their portion of my estate

Seventh - I appoint John Glen, D. H. Byrnes & W. H. Byrnes executors of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me hitherto made

Signed sealed & published this 15th day of December 1859

In the presence of us

J. G. Montgomery
& James M. Blaket

Hampton Byrnes

Wm. T. Young

The execution of the last will & testament of Hampton Byrnes, of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open court by the Revd. Dr. Wm. T. Young, who attested it to be his act and signature

State of North Carolina ³
Stokes County ³

I John Woods of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following viz,

First - It is my desire after my decease that my executors hereinafter named provide for my body a decent apparel for my burial, suitable to the wishes of my relatives

Second - It is my desire that my dear beloved wife Nancy shall have and enjoy all my property, money, or effects during her natural life, both real and personal. I have long time past sold my lands on which I formerly lived to James & Wm. Trout, for which they hold my title bond for a right and if they should finally not be able to comply with the terms of the sale, and the land should fall back again to my estate, it is my will that my beloved wife Nancy shall enjoy the said lands during her natural life, and after the death of

my beloved wife Nancy it is my will that all my property be sold to the highest bidder & all debts that may be due to me collected, and the money arising from said sale and debts be equally divided among my children namely Asa - Martha, James, Anderson, Sally who intermarried with Asa Taylor, Nancy - Abby who intermarried with William Redman, Jenny - Richard Jackson - Elizabeth who intermarried with William Young - John - Edmund & Martha E. who intermarried with Elizabeth Billy, and William to them and their heirs of this body forever

Third - I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my son Asa Woods and my son in Law William Adair executors to this my last will and testament, before settling all other wills before made by me

In witness whereof I the wife John Woods do