

In the name of God amen.

I John W. Ashby of Stokes County and State of North Carolina being far advanced in life but of sound mind and memory thank be to God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit; 1st I give and bequeath all my property to my wife Mourning Ashby during her natural life or widowhood; then after her death or marriage to be equally divided amongst my children by dividing the land as near equally as can be, and selling also my other property of every description and dividing it equally among my living children and their heirs forsooth, namely Elizabeth Peninger, Elijah Ashby, Jane Ashby, Nancy Ashby, Peter Wood, John H. Ashby and Pauline Ashby, the property to be sold on a credit of nine months. I further enjoin that my daughter Sarah Peninger deceased has already had her part. I further will & direct my beloved wife Mourning Ashby at any time to sell such of the stock or other property at the call unto a man and apply the proceeds as she may think to her best advantage - and lastly I hereby make and ordain my trusty friends Wm. A. Hatchell & Wm. Abby my whole & sole Executors of this my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I the said John W. Ashby have to this my last will & Testament set my hand & seal this 10th day of December 1845.

Signed, sealed and published
and declared to be my last will
and Testament in presence of us.

William Young
Simon Woodall
mark

John W. Ashby (seal)

September Term 1837.

The execution of the last will & Testament of John W. Ashby deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of William Young and Simon Woodall subscribing witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded -

M. O. Bill C. Esq.

In the name of God amen.

I John Smith am of the County of Stokes in the State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory and conscious the uncertainty of life, do make, ordain, publish and declare the following to be my last will and Testament, that is to say: First, after all my lawful debts are paid and discharged, the residue of my estate, I give, bequeath and dispose of as follows:

To my son Henry Smith Twenty seven acres of land adjoining the lands of Anderson Smith, John Warren others including the dwelling house in which he now lives to have hold and enjoy the same during his natural life and at his death that the same be sold and the proceeds thereof equally divided among my heirs.

To my son Anderson Smith Thirty acres of land adjoining the tract he now lives on, to be taken from the West end of the tract bequeathed to my son Henry Smith for life.

To my son John Smith forty three acres of land adjoining the land he now lives on and lying on the east side of the line running with J. B. Vaughan line for compliment, so as not to interfere with the lands & buildings hereinafter bequeathed to my daughter Mary Smith.

To my son Samuel Smith fifty acres of land adjoining the lands of Anderson Smith, the widow Warren and George W. Wilson, commencing at his North East corner, forming the widow Smith's corner on the Germanton Road and running East to a point one hundred yards across the spring branch, thence North to a point, from which, running East to the corner given to Anderson Smith, will make the quantity of acres above named, by running South on his line to the widow Warren's line thence West on her line to George W. Wilson's line & thence North to the beginning corner on the Germanton Road, also one feather bed & furniture.

To my daughter Mary Smith all the residue of my lands including my dwelling house & all other buildings on the premises, supposed to be fifty acres more or less; also, one hundred dollars in money, two good feather beds and furniture of her own choice, one bedstead, one cupboard and furniture, & all my half of my present growing crop.

To my son Larkin Smith, one hundred dollars.

To my son Harrison Smith one hundred dollars.

To my son Solomon Smith one hundred dollars.

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To my daughter Elizabeth who intermarried with Jordan Parish, two hundred dollars.

I further will that the residue of my estate not herein bequeathed be sold by my Executors hereinafter named & the proceeds arising therefrom, together with all the money remaining on hand or in anywise due or owing to me be equally divided among all of my children, slaves and others alike -

And lastly, I make, constitute and appoint my friends John Hill & Samuel B. Allen to be Executors of this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this 7th day of July 1857 in the presence of James S. Green his
John Smith son ~~and~~
Geo. W. Wilson mark

September Term 1857.

The execution of the last will & Testament of John Smith Esq. deceased (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of James S. Green & Geo. W. Wilson, subscribing witnesses - whereupon it was ordered to be recorded.

Geo. Hill, c.c.

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In the name of God, amen.

I, George Hill of the County of Chester in the State of South Carolina being of sound disposing mind & memory, do make, publish & declare the following to be my last will & Testament, viz:

First - It is my will that my beloved wife Sally live upon and enjoy the profits of my home plantation & all the adjoining tracts of land belonging to me on Panther creek during her natural life, and after her death that said lands descend to my three sons, James S. Hill, Thomas G. Hill & Lauriston H. Hill.

It is further my will, that after the payment of my debts out of the property not herein specially bequeathed, that my said wife Sally use & enjoy the residue of the same as long as she may live, and that whatever may remain after her death of the same be left to the persons thereof be equally divided between my sons Robert W. Hill, Geo. F. Hill, Colb Hill, James S. Hill, Thomas G. Hill & Lauriston H. Hill and my daughters, Elizabeth Blackburn & Frances Jane Hardy, share & others alike.

Second - I will bequeath & devise to my son Robert W. Hill, negro Albert & Alexander and the forty five acres of land I bought of said B. Allen. Also an entry of forty acres, more ~~and~~ adjoining the said Allen tract -

I have already given to my daughter Sally Covington, negro Lewis & Let and executed title to the same.

I have also given to my son John G. Hill negro Edmund, to whom he has title - I will then nothing more -

Third - I give to my daughter Martha Nettie, negro Elizabeth Stephen -

Fourth in addition to negro Harmon, heretofore given to my son Geo. F. Hill, I give him ~~and~~ a girl Abby -

Fifth - I will & devise to my son Colb Hill negro Patrick & Ellen, and the Ebet tract of land, Also the Holland tract of land adjoining the same, on condition that he make title to my son Robert W. Hill of the hundred acres of said land which I heretofore bequeathed to him -

Sixth - I give to my daughter Elizabeth Blackburn negro Sally & her children Harriet & Mary -

Seventh - I give & bequeath unto Geo. F. Hill to hold to him said property & all their income to the world before mentioned benefit of my daughter Frances Jane Hardy who intermarried with one James M. Hardy, during the term of her natural life, negroes Sally & Nettie. My will & desire is, that the said