

This is the last will & testament of me Wm Lewis Benguin
of Lenoir, Stokes Co North Carolina

I give & bequeath unto my dear wife Christina blessedly
(in my order) the use of all & singular my personal estate & effects
whatsoever & wheresoever & of what nature & kind soever. (subject
to the payment of my just debts & funeral & testamentary expenses)
to & for her absolute benefit together with the interest of all kinds
that may be in my possession as private property during the
minority of my children. After my children shall (all of them)
have attained to the age of maturity my estate shall equally divide
between my children & the widow, the share of each of the children
being equal to the share of the widow, who shall have the use
of the interest of her share during her widowhood.

In case of my wife's death previous to my childrens becoming of
age, an equal division of my property shall then immediately
be made between my children, & in case my wife should marry
again, it is my will that my executor pay unto her one hundred
dollars & no more & divide the rest & residue equally between my
children. And I do hereby constitute & appoint my worthy friend
the Rev^d Theodore Chutey executor to this my last will & testament.

Witness my hand & seal Aug 29. 1832.

Test

Wm Lewis Benguin (seal)

J. C. Beidler } jurat

Stokes County Dec term 1832

The execution of the last will & testament
of Wm Lewis Benguin of which the foregoing is a true copy
was duly proven in open court by the oath of J. C. Beidler
& ordered to be recorded

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In the name of God Amen.

I Peter Hairston of the County of Stokes & State of North
Carolina being in a law state of health but in sound mind &
memory thanks be to God for the same & calling to mind the mortality
of my body & knowing that it appointed for all men once to die
do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner &
form following. I give & bequeath in manner &
to Ruth S. Hairston all my whole estate both land & negroes, that of
every kind together with all my household property giving direction
that my daughter Ruth S. Hairston and with her mother Nelly as the said Ruth
shall be brought home to live with her relations. I say my
whole estate of every description both real & personal in this

County, to have & to hold during her natural life then should she 242
die without issue the one half of all the above named. I mean if she
should die before her husband Robert Hairston then the half of all
above named to be equally divided between Robert Hairston & my
grand daughter Agnes J. P. Hairstons children, the other half should
Robert Hairston be the longer lived to remain in his possession as
long as he may live. then after his death together with my daughter
Ruth S. Hairston above named, then the whole & every part thereof
as above named to go to my grand daughter Agnes J. P. Hairstons
children to be equally divided between them. Now in order that it
should be the better understood I mean my whole estate both personal
& real in this County except the following tracts of land: The place
called David Humphrys two hundred acres & Jonathan Barnetts two
hundred acres. These two places I give to Gilebas & Gilebrest for their
use & benefit forever. I also give to my grand daughter Agnes J. P.
Hairston all my Pittsylvania estate both personal & real to her &
her heirs forever. I also give to my great grand son
Peter W. Hairston all my Graham estate both real & personal.
Further I positively request & forbid that there be no sale what-
soever of any kind of my property as I am not in debt to any person
whatsoever, in consequence of which there is no necessity of any
sale. Further it is my direction that my children be separated, but to remain
close & live with my daughter Ruth S. Hairston so long as she may
live, then after her death to go to my grand daughter Agnes J.
P. Hairston as above named. And I hereby make
ordain & appoint my daughter Ruth S. Hairston, Robert
Hairston, Agnes J. P. Hairston & Samuel Hairston my executor
& executors of this my last will & testament.

In witness whereof I Peter Hairston hath put my hand
& seal this twentieth day of February 1832.

Signed, sealed & published
& declared to be my last will &
testament in presence of

P. Hairston (seal)

John Phipper

David Welch } jurat

John Terry } jurat

Geo. Martin

Stokes County Dec term 1832

The execution of the last will & testament
of Peter Hairston of which the foregoing is a true copy was
duly proven in open court by the oaths of David Welch &
John Terry & ordered to be recorded. M. H. C.