

203 Come of age. The balance of my land I will and bequeath to my son Decatur if he thinks proper to take it when he comes of age by his paying the sum of Three dollars per acre for it ~~into hand~~ he does not choose to take the land at that price it is to be equally divided between them all. I further will and bequeath that my plantation be sold to the highest bidder until my son Decatur is Eighteen years old and if he is a good boy and my Executors think proper they may give him possession of it at that age. I further will and bequeath that my Negroes all be hired out until my daughter Lavinia is of age I desire my Executors to hire my Negroes to persons that will use them well, and I give my Executors liberty to hire them out privately if they think proper. When Lavinia comes of age they may be equally divided if it is Decatur & Lavinia wish according to valuation and when they are divided the three youngest childrens shares to be hired out either privately or publicly until my youngest daughter come of age. I further will and bequeath that all the balance of my property be sold to the highest bidder. My Whiskey & Wine stills are to be sold on a credit of four months so that my debts may be discharged sooner. The balance of my property to be sold on a credit of twelve months and my corn to be sold when my Executors think it will sell best and after paying all my last debts to be equally divided between my beloved children Decatur, Lavinia, ~~Charles~~ Elly & my youngest daughter which I leave for Brother in law John Boyer & my sister Catharine to manage. A note I have on Emma desire to be collected & paid out towards paying my debts. I desire my Executors to get good places for my children to live and to see to their schooling & every thing else as they may think best. I further will & desire that my beloved Brother John Boyer & my beloved brother in law John Harper be appointed Executors to this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal November the 10th day 1845

Attest
Jno Blackburn
Wm Harper

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William + Boyer
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December Term 1845

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Wm Boyer and of which the foregoing is a true copy, was duly proved in open Court by the oaths of Jno Blackburn & Wm Harper subscribing witnessing thereto & ordered to be recorded. M^{rs} Hill, c.

304 Knowing the certainty of death Solomon Conrad of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina, on this the twenty fourth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, do make & ordain this my last will & Testament in the way and manner following. I will & give to my beloved companion Mary Conrad, all my wheat corn grown on the plantation, one good stack of hay one cow her choice, two beds and furniture, one bureau and bookcase, all the cooking utensils, all cutting & crocking, two Hops her choice & two more fatter. Her choice one table. Four chairs, one water bucket, one ~~bed board~~, one large spinning wheel and one little spinning wheel, one Reel, one pair of cards, And I further will that my plantation whereon I now live shall be sold as soon after my death as my executor shall think proper at public sale on a credit of twelve months and that the interest arising from the sale of said land should be paid annually to my wife. — I also will & give to my wife one crop of flax, as much of the potatoes of both kinds as she may choose, and all the cabbage, all the turnips, Thirty pounds of coffee, all the honey on hand, One stand of Bees, two bushels of salt, all the sole leather & upper leather enough to make all one pair of shoes apiece to be bought if not enough on hand all the wool on hand.

It is my will that as soon after my death as may be considered convenient and proper that all my property not before willed should be sold on a credit of twelve months and that out of the proceeds all my last debts be paid and the residue be or the interest thereon should be paid over annually to my wife, the same as for the lands and that she hold the property willed to her and receive the interest as aforesaid so long as she remains my widow or otherwise during life.

I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend Solomon Proff and my Brother Lige Conrad as my Executors hereat my request and signed with my hand the day and year first above written, in the presence of the witnesses who were called upon to witness the same & were in the presence of each other.

Myself, Lige Conrad
Solomon Conrad

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The Execution of the last will & Testament of Solomon Conrad dec'd. (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of G. F. Wilson & W. Conrad the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be recorded.

M. J. Hill, c. c. c.

In the name of God Amen I Jacob Holtz of Stokes County in the State of North Carolina being weak in body, and of sound mind & memory & understanding in but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make and publish this my last will & Testament in manner of form following to wit:

First I bequeath to my dear wife Elizabeth Holtz the tract of land which I have reserved to myself and on which we at this time live, containing twenty four acres more or less with all my cattle, house hold furniture, bees, building, tools & whatever I may possess at the date of my death as long as she lives & remains my widow, under the condition following to wit: That she sell at public sale after my death so much of my cattle & furniture as she may not use appropriating the proceeds towards the payment of my debts and that she provide for the children which are not of age at the death of my dear wife the land when she lives & which I bequeath to her for her life time or as long as she remains my widow shall become the property of my son Madison Holtz if he wishes to possess the same & pay for the same at the rate of five dollars per acre. If the said Madison Holtz should not wish to purchase it at that price then it shall be sold to the highest bidder. My son John Holtz have purchased a tract of land from me for which he is indebted to me shall after my death and after all my legal debts are paid, pay the interest of what may remain due yearly to my dear wife Elizabeth Holtz as long as she lives or remains my widow after her death all shall be sold except what is otherwise bequeathed and the proceeds with the outstanding capital & debts shall equally divide among my children or their

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Gatty I nominate my friend Jasper Todd to be the Executor of this my last will, hereby revoking all other legacies and bequests formerly made, and declaring this and no other to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this twenty eighth day of April one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Signed, sealed & declared by the said testator as his last will and Testament in presence of us

Samuel R. Buckhner
Charles Fuller

Jacob Holtz

December Term 1845.

The Execution of the last will & Testament of Jacob Holtz dec'd. (of which the foregoing is a true copy) was duly proved in open Court by the oath of Samuel R. Buckhner & Charles Fuller & ordered to be recorded.

M. J. Hill, c. c. c.

I Robert Hutchins of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being of sound mind & memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last will and Testament in manner & form following:

That is to say first, that my executor herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends and pay all funeral expenses. Together with my just debts however and to whomsoever owing out of the money, that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

Now I will and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Hutchins all the land belonging to me at this time as her own property forever hereafter to dispose of as she chooses. But to be disposed of to some one or more of my children as she may think proper.

Now I will and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Hutchins my negro girl Baster in during her natural life & at her death to dispose of at her pleasure.

Now I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth, one horse her choice a bridle and saddle, one bed & furniture, one cupboard and furniture I mean the one in the dwelling house, one cow & calf, her choice one sow & pigs, one wheel & cards, one chest & also all my crop & grain on hand & time clock and all the castings on hand.