

In the Name of God Amen I Benj Hardy of the County of Wake and in the Province of North Carolina Being weak in Body but in perfect mind and Memory and as I know it is Appointed for all men to Dye and Afterwards Come to Judgment, by these presents make and Ordain this Present Writing to be my last Will and Testament - First & Principally I Recommend my soul into the Hands of Almighty God that gave it me and my Body to be Buryed at the Discretion of my Executors Hereafter named and as to my Temporal Estate I direct as Follows Imprints. It is my earnest desire that all my Just Debts be discharged as soon as possible it can Conveniently be done and that my Land on Horse Creek & swift Creek be sold Either at Publick sale or private Sale Hereby Investing my Executors with full power and Authority to Execute Sufficient Lawful Deed of Conveyances to the purchasers either in Law or Equity and the monies arising therefrom to be Applied towards discharging my Debts 1st I give to my wife Mary all my Household Goods and Kitchen Furniture & her Choise of five of my Negroes to All Intents & Purposes whatsoever free & Clear of all Incumbrances & also Fifteen Cows and Calves one yoke of Oxen & six of my Best Steers Three Thousand w^t of pork & ten sows & pigs & my stock of Sheep & the Use of my Plantation whereon I live During her Natural life as also the use of my Other Negroes During her Widowhood & Likewise Five of the Best Horses & my Rideing Cheer (2^d) The Remainder part of my other Estate then what hath been already Mentioned, I will to Be sold and if the monies Arising from the sale of my Stock & Lands should be found Insufficient to Discharge my Debts I empower my Executors to Dispose of any part of my estate as shall Appear to them most Conducive to the Intrusts thereof (3^d) and all the Remaining part of my Estate Other then what hath been before directed Both real and personal After my Just debts are discharged the Marriage or Decease of my Wife Mary I Give & Bequeath to my son in Law William Alston to him His Heirs and Assigns forever Excepting the one half part Survey of Lands Lying in the fork of Smiths creek which I purchased of Joshua Houghton which said Lands was surveyed by Samuel Benton & Joshua Houghton & the said Houghton sold me his Right which Jesse Benton

Hath agreed to convey to me as soon as A title may from the Land office be had Upon paying a Proportionable part and it is my earnest desier that as soon as A Title can be Completed that my Executors shall convey my part of the Said Land to James Weathers (4th) Whereas it Appears to me that my wife Mary is Desirous to Remove and be Settled near to her son in Law William Alston and in Case it Shall be hereafter her Desire it is in that case my Will & Desire that all my Lands on smith creek & Little River be sold and the monies arising therefrom or a Sufficient part thereof be Laid out in Purchasing A Settlement to the Satisfaction of my wife mary which said Settlement after the Decease of my Wife to Revert to my Son in Law William Alston in the same manner as the manour plantation would have done had it not been sold (5th) I Constitute and Appoint my Trusty Friends Nathaniel Kimbororg William Alston Executors & my wife mary Executrix to this my Last Will and ~~Test~~ Testament, Disannulling and making void all former Wills by me made Holding this only to be Good valed In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 3^d day of may 1775 -

Ben Hardy (SEAL)

Wake County

June Term 1775

The within last Will and Testament of Benjamin Hardy was in Open Court duly proved by the Oaths of Thomas Crawford & Sarah Turner Yancey, Subscribing Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded -
Test

John Rice Clk.C^o

Wake County

The within last Will & Testament of Benjamin Hardy was Recorded in the Clerks Office of Wake County in Book A and pages (75 & 76) this 8th day of July 1775-

John Rice Clk.C^o

September Term 1775

Wake County

Inventory of the Estate of Capt. Benj^a Hardy Deceased
19 Negroes (to wit) Yorke, Chance, Archer, Boastwain,
Henry, Jupiter, Sarah, Lucey, Affey, Venus, Silvey, Cloe,
Luvny Pender, Peter, Titus, Jack, Winney, Phillis -
68 Head of Cattle Young and Old - 108 Head of Hogs - 7
Head of Horses - 11 Head of Sheep - 2 Sows & piggs - 4
fluke Hoes, 2 Cutters, 3 Grubbing Hoes, 4 Axes, 8 Old
Weeding Hoes, 1 Tea kittle & Stand, 1 Grid Iron, 3
Sythes, 1 Crosscut Saw, 4 Iron potts, 1 frying pan, 1
frow, 2 Iron Wedges, 1 Auger, 4 Pales, 2 Water Tubbs,
1 Churn, 3 Butter potts, 3 Juggs, 1 Chamber pott, 1 flax
Hackle, 1 Tin pan, 1 Drawing knife 1 Womans Saddle, &
3 Mens Saddles, 1 Barr of New Iron 1 Chizzle, 1 Handsaw,
1 Bung borer, 1 Hammer, 2 Flat Irons, & 1 Box Iron, 2
Cotton Wheels, 2 flax D^o, 3 p^r Cotton Cards, 1 Loom &
Geer, 8 pewter Dishes, 22 pewter Plates, 5 pewter Basons,
12 Dozen pewter Spoons, 1 Large D^o, 4 Tin Cannisters,
2 Iron Candle Sticks, 1 Brass D^o, 1 Spice Morter, & pestle,
1 Candle Mold, 1 Coffee pott, 1 Tin funnell, 1 p^r Candle
Smuffers, 1 Dozen Case knives & forks, 1 old Case & 2
half Gallon Bottles, 2 Q^r D^o, 1 Water Pitcher, 1 Pepper
Box, 4 feather Beds Bedsteads & furniture & a parcell of
New feathers, 1 Walnut Desk, 1 Walnut Chest, 1 pine D^o
1 Walnut China Press, with a parcell of China & Earthen-
ware, 1/2 Silver Teaspoons & 1 D^o Sugar Tongs, 2 Walnut
Tables, 1 pine D^o, 1 Walnut candle stand 1 Doz. & 4 flag
bottom Chairs, 2 Arme D^o, 1 Large looking Glass, 1 p^r
D^o parcell of Books 1 Reel 1 p^r winding Blades, 1 p^r
Wood Scales, 2 p^r Iron Doggs, 1 Shovell, 1 Gun & Shott
Bagg, 1 Copper Still and Worm, 1 Wriding Cheer, & Har-
ness, 45 bushells Wheat parcell of flax, 1 Silver Wach, 1
Wheels, 1 Sett of Blacksmiths Tools, 1 Silver Wach, 1
Hoan & Strop & parcell of Razors, a parcell of Viols and
Doctors Powders, 1 Tin Sugar 1 Wood D^o, 1 Small Jugg,
parcell of Wool, parcell of Sider Casks, 2 fat furkins.

15 Sides of Tanned Leather, 1 Raw Hide, 3 p^r Iron pott
Hooks, 2 Iron pott Racks, 15 Beehives, parcell of Horse
Bells 1 Tin Bleaching Cann, 2 Grindstones 1 flax Brake,
Small parcell of Cotton, 1 plated Spur
Things belong to the Estate of Nath^l Morgan Overseer-
under the Care

2 Cows & four Yearlings, 1 White Mare, 29 Head of
Hoggs 1 Iron pott, 1 Weading Hoe, 2 Club Axes, 1 Drawing
knife 1 Chizzle, 1 Handsaw, 2 fluke Hoes, 1 Gubbing Hoe,
1 Iron wedge

Things under the care of John Walker Overseer -

1 Mare & Colt, 23 Head of Cattle, 2 fluke Hoes, 1
Cutter, 2 Grubbing Hoes, 3 Weading Hoes, 2 Addes, 2 old
Hilling Hoes, 1 frow 4 old Reep hooks, 1 old Dish, & 2
Pewter Plates, 1 Sider Cask, 1 p^r Small Cart Wheels,
Bound, 1 Iron Pott, Eight pounds four Shillings, & Six-
pence in proc. Money & 1 Ox Chain -

W^m Alston

Nathaniel Kimbrough

Wake County

September Term 1775

Then was the within Inventory of the Estate of Ben-
jamin Hardy Deed^d in Open Court duly proved by the Oaths
of William Alston and Nathaniel Kimbrough and Ordered to
be Recorded -

Test

John Rice Clk. C^o

The within Inventory was Recorded in the Cerks
Office of Wake County in Book A and pages 77 & 78 this
20th Day of Sept^r 1775

Test

John Rice Clk. C^o

Wake County

September Term 1775

A Second Inventory of David Flints Estate (to wit)
23 Head of Hoggs - 5 Stone Plates - 2 Slays - 1 Search
1 pair Cotton Cards - 1 Small Hide - 1 Testament.

Per me

Jo^s Lane Ex^r
