

Robert Hampton Will

In The Name of God Amen

I Robert Hampton being at this time sound in mind & memory though very low in body and knowing that I must shortly leave this earthly tabernacle I do leave this as my last will and testament and first I do commit my soul into the hands of God my trust and my body to the ground to be decently buried in the cemetery of the Congregational Church in the town of Mansfield and my eldest son John Hampton whom I have and do declare this my last will and testament that all my lawful debts be paid as first & second in the plantation of land now in the hands of my beloved wife Mary Hampton be paid as shall be directed in the same and my wife Mary Hampton to have and to hold unto my eldest son John Hampton and his heirs forever I do give and bequeath unto my wife Mary Hampton all the rest of my movable property to be left in the hands of my beloved wife to use the same as she shall see fit as her as reason and as she shall think proper and in case of my wifes death before the children arrive at age which remains to be left in the hands of my son John Hampton or if it is to be equally divided amongst those who are children that has no share of the land and if all my free land should come to be of age those three to wit John George & Robert shall give William & Lysen out of their part of the said land to wit each so that William Hampton & Lysen Hampton shall have sixteen pounds each in testimony whereof I do set my hand this twenty fourth day of March One thousand seven hundred and ninety six

Samuel Wood in part in last will & testament the plantation of land now used by me beloved wife Mary
Hampton bearing & shall be in the name bearing in & shall like & then to descend to my eldest
son John Hampton and his heirs & his issue to my son George Hampton in trust or parcel of the same
my wife & a conditional line when ever my wife James married or estranged through the land
with said James & so ever the same to the said line & so truly, I do give to my son John Hampton
a parcel of land in my survey commonly called the ironstone tract of land & the house thereon & all before
the year of the age of twenty one years my son William Hampton & John Hampton shall interest
therein parts & parts. I do likewise leave unto my son John Hampton one black man & Sarah and
his wife all the rest of my moveable property to be left in the hands of my beloved wife to use
the same as and she shall see fit as her discretion and as she shall think proper and in
case of my wife's death upon the children which remains to be left in the hands of
my son John Hampton or so far as to be equally divided amongst those sons that I do
bequeath of the land and if all my free sons should die to be & of those sons to wit John
George & Robert shall give William & John out of their part of the said property each so
that William Hampton & John Hampton shall have sixteen pounds each in Testimony whereof
I do set my hand this twenty ninth day of March, One thousand seven hundred and ninety six
Signed acknowledged in the presence of

Robert Hampton

Samuel Wood

Reuben Bayles

Mary & John
Bayles

The foregoing will was proven in Court by the Oaths of Samuel Wood Reuben
Bayles two of the subscribers attesting here to at August Sessions 1796 & order taken recorded
Mary Hampton & John Hampton qualified as executrix & executor of the foregoing
will