

Andrew Hampton Will - 1805

North Carolina]
Rutherford County] 20th July 1805

In the name of God amen.

I **ANDREW HAMPTON** of the county of Rutherford and the state of North Carolina being at present in a low state of health but of perfect mind and memory, thanks to Almighty God for His mercies, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men wants to die to make do make, constitute and ordain this as my last will and testament.

To wit, first and principally I resign my soul to the care of Almighty God to be dealt with according to His divine goodness, my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my executor. I also will that all my just debts be paid of whatsoever nature they be and with respect to such worldly goods as it have pleased God to bless me with in this life I give bequeath devise and disposed of in the following manner.

To wit, I give unto my youngest son **WASHINGTON** land on which I now live including the whole that appertains thereto being a part of several tracks to be by him and his heirs fully possessed and enjoyed forever. I further devise and bequeath unto him a negro boy named Jack, also one fourth part all my crop that is growing or made this present year in full of his part or proportion of my estate. I also leave to the care and for the use of my daughter **ELIZABETH PRICE** my old Negro woman Dinah. I further leave to the care and for the use of my daughter **NANCY BRADLEY** my old Negro man Will.

The remainder of the residue of my estate, both real and personal, after my just debt is paid, I will that they be disposed of in the following manner;

That my Negros Tom, Eve, Ben, Path, Sally, and Myra be valued by three respectable freeholders and a division of them so to be made that all my children have a just and equal distribution of their value, **WASHINGTON** only excepted, my stock and all my other my property both real and personal including the land I sold to **BOWMAN** that does comes within the reach of my just demands I will to be sold or to disposed of as that will tend to the best advantage to be applied to the use of paying my debts and the over plus, if any, to be equally divided among my children or their heirs as aforesaid namely; **JONATHAN**, **SUSANNA**, **ANDREW**, **JOHN**, **ELIZABETH**, **NANCY**, **BENJAMIN**, **ALICE**, **RACHEL**, and **MARY** living; **ADAM**, **MICHAEL** and **CATHERINE** dead, whose part is to be received by their heirs or their representatives in law within the years after my decease if demanded.

And in order that my will be carried into execution according to the contents thereof I do hereby nominate and appoint my son **JONATHAN HAMPTON** to be my sole executor of this my last will and testament to have and use such discretional power as he in his judgment may conceive the nature of his business does require for the due and full execution of this my will according to the intent and the meaning thereof dis-annulling and revoking

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all former wills and testaments ratifying and confirming this only to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of July 1805.

Signed, sealed and published

ANDREW HAMPTON seal

By **ANDREW HAMPTON** as his last will and testament in the presence of

CHARLES LEWIS
THOMAS ROWLAND

The last will and testament of **ANDREW HAMPTON** recorded in page 184 and 185 1805