

In the Name of God Amen. I Samuel
Ketch of the County of Craven in the Province of
North Carolina, being now in perfect Health of Body
& of Sound Mind & Memory; thanks be to Almighty God
for the Same: but calling to mind the Mortality of my
Body, knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to
die! I do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament.
And first of all, I commit & commend my ~~soul~~ into the
hands of God who gave it & my Body to be Buried in
Christian-like & decent manner, at the discretion of my Executors,
nothing doubting but that I shall receive the same at the
great Rising Day! And as for what worldly Estate of
Lands & Tenements, Goods & Chattels it hath pleased Almighty
God to bless me with in this life, I send, leave, Give
& bequeath in manner & form following. **Imprimis.** I
send unto Mary my beloved Wife the Use of the Land
& Plantation whereon I now dwell, lying between Steels
Measonover's lines, for & during her Widowhood, or until
my son Samuel comes of Age, or Marrieth, then it is
my desire that my son Samuel should have two thirds
of the said Land & Plantation, also I send her a Child's
part of my moveable Estate, & the use of all my moveable
Estate during her widowhood or until my Children shall come
of Age or Marry, to bring up, School & Educate my Children;
to keep all my Lands clear of Quitrents; & the overplus of
my to be put out on Interest, the Party taking the Money
give ~~me~~ sufficient Security to my Executor hereafter named
for the use & Benefit of all my Children. **Item!**
I give unto my son Samuel, part of a Tract of Land Patent
bearing date April 29th 1760. being the Residue of 500 Acres
of which I sold 200 Acres; the said Land lying on Allum Branch
the Side of Trent River, also a piece of Land joining the
Angus line on, Beginning at an Oak, Sloughbocks
living Tree, running S 50 W 02 poles, then S 77 N 02 poles, then S 11 E
16. then East 4 poles to my old Patent line. then S 45 E until it come
to the Beginning & then a direct line to the same. The Patent
bearing date 6th May 1760. Also the Land I now live on (except a small
Part)

Part thereof, given here after to my Son John & Edmund
I also give the Land I bought of David Ventress (Deed bearing
date 16th March, 1764.) I give him also 50 Acres of my Potomac Land
Patent being for 200 Acres, dated May 6th 1760. I give the said five
Pieces Land to my Son Samuel his Heirs & Assigns forever.
ITEM! I give to my Son John One Piece Land called the
Meadow Dam Land containing 300 Acres Patent bearing date
10th October 1735. Also a Piece being part of the Land I now
live on, Beginning at the Beginning of the fence running along
the said line a cross the Branch the distance of 800 Sticks, & from
thence with a direct line to the fork of the Mill Pond, also
50 Acres Land in the Potomac Patent bearing date May 6th 1760.
I give the said three pieces Land to my Son John his Heirs &
Assigns forever. ITEM! I give to my Son Edmund One piece of
Land I bought of James Trazer, I also give him my Saw Mill &
Grist Mill, also 50 Acres of my Potomac Land, I give the said two
pieces Land & Mills to my Son Edmund his Heirs & Assigns forever.
ITEM! I give to my Son John & Edmund equally to be
divided between them, all my Lands in the Great Neck, the
Patent bearing date 23rd May 1737. Edmund to have that
half that joins the Land I bought of J. Trazer, also
that part of the Land I now live on in the Great Neck
Joining the aforevaied Land given them. To them their
Heirs & Assigns forever. ITEM! I give to my Son Ed-
mund the Liberty of getting Timber for the Mill, the
off of my Land that the Patent bears date 3rd October 1731.
ITEM! I give to my Son Durant, a Tract of Land con-
taining 640. Acres, Patent bearing date 3rd October 1731.
also 50 Acres of my Potomac Land, Also the Remainder
of the piece Land given my Son Samuel bearing Patent's
date 6th May 1760. Also a Piece Land I bought of David
Ventress Patent bearing date 29th Sep. 1735. Also 60 Acres
Land where Joshua Collins dwelt, once Transferr'd from
Peter Steel to Stephen Glean, I give the said five pieces Land
to my Son Durant his Heirs & Assigns forever. ITEM!
I give to my Son Jsa one piece Land in Onslow County
on the N. Side New River which I bought of Elias Idens, also
One Lot in Newbern conveyed to me from my Father in law
Mr John Tonville I give the said Land & Lot to my Son Jsa
his Heirs & Assigns forever. ITEM! I give to my Son
(Boy)

Ivy, One piece Land containing 100 acres granted me
by Patent bearing date 26th Octo. 1767. on Stullards Creek
in Anslow. also my other Lott of Land in Newbern join-
ing my son Asa's, I give the said Tract & Lott to my son
by his Heir & Assigns forever. I TEM! I give to
my son Anthony, One piece Land containing
Acres which I bought of Thomas Ivy I give the
same to my son Anthony his Heir & Assigns forever.
I TEM! I give to my two sons Asa & Ivy to be equally
divided between them, 3 Tracts or piece Land (to wit) the
Land I bought of W^m Reed, Seven. Messick & a pt. I Paten-
ted bearing date the 25th April 1767. (contain 200 Acres) Asa
to have the upper half on the river, & Ivy the lower half
on the bound. Also a pt. Land I bought of David Post &
~~the~~ ~~Thornbore~~ to be equally divided between them I give
the said ~~pieces~~ ~~lands~~ to my sons Asa & Ivy to them
their Heir & Assigns forever. I TEM! My Will & desire
is that all the Remainder of my Estate be equally divided
between my ~~son~~ ~~sons~~ & my two daughters Deborah
& Mary at their Arrival to Age or day of Marriage
to them their Heir & Assigns forever. I TEM! My
Will & desire further is that if any of my sons should
die before they arrive to the age of 21 years, or have a
lawful Male Heir, then his or their Lands to be equally
divided between their surviving Brothers, except it be one
that hath Land left to be divided between him & another
then I desire his Land may fall to his Cohair with him in it
to be his, his Heir & Assigns forever. I TEM! My Will & desire
further is, that if any of my Children should die before
they come of Age or have a lawful Heir, that then his her
or their part of Negroes or moveable estate be equally
divided between the surviving Brothers & Sisters to be
theirs their Heir & Assigns forever. I lastly I
do hereby Nominate, Constitute, Ordain & Appoint
my sons Samuel & John Executors of this my last
Will & Testament. & I do hereby utterly disallow & make
void all other Will, & Testaments. Vouching & declaring
this only to be my last Will & Testament. In Testimony

(whereof)

whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & fixed my Seal this
Second day of April 1774.

Signed Sealed published
Proounced & declared
by the said Lemuel Hatch
to be his last will
& Testament
in presence
of

Lemuel Hatch

Edm^d. Hatch
James Watson
Leho Markland

N. B. Talbot Do appoint Francis Fournelle executor
With my two sons Lemuel and John as witnesses
this seventeenth Day of November 1776.

Lemuel Hatch

Stocks Norment

Elizabeth Norment
Elizabeth Norment
Anders-
mark

Edm^d. Hatch
James Watson

of Lem. Hatch Due?

proved 3^d Feb. 1777.
and was up? same day.

The annexed Last will and Testament of Samuel Hatch late of Craven County Esquire deceased was proved, Before me, by the Oath of Edmund Heath one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto who swore that he saw the said deceased sign Seal publish & declare the same to be his last will and Testament, that the Testator to the best of their knowledge and belief of the Witnesses was at that Time of sound and disposing mind & memory And that he also saw James Watkon & Charles Markland sign as concurring Witnesses with him, At the same Time Stokes Normond a Witness to the Codicil to the said Will also swore, Before me, that he saw the afore^d Samuel Hatch sign Seal & acknowledge the said Codicil, that He was then of sound Mind And that He also saw Elizabeth Normond & Elizabeth Andrex witness the same with him — Francis Fonville, Samuel Hatch & John Hatch Executors in the said Codicil named Also appeared, before me, and qualified as such, of which the Secretary is to take Notice & issue Letters Accordingly
New Bern 3^d February 1777. D. Harnwell