Will, NC, Rowan, EPHRAIM HAMPTON, 1813

In the name of God Amen.

I **EPHRAIM HAMPTON** of Rowan County and state of North Carolina being called to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die and being of sound mind and memory I do hereby ordained this my last will in and testament in the manner in form following, to wit:

I will and desire is that my wife LEMENDER [HAMPTON] to live in the house where I know live during her lifetime or widowhood I can to keep as much of my movable property as she wants to live upon and to keep any negro scratch my negro woman RACHEL her lifetime or widowhood and have her sufficient maintenance of the plantation and my will and desire is that my son THOMAS HAMPTON to have a bed and furniture and the wagon and find gears and a table and that the rest of my movable property to as to be sold and divided equally between my daughter FANNY [HAMPTON] SHAW my daughter PATSY [HAMPTON] SMITH and my daughter LEMENDER [HAMPTON] HILL my daughter RITTER [HAMPTON] BROWN.

And my will and desire is that my land be equally divided between my two sons THOMAS HAMPTON and ROBERT HAMPTON so that they both get a part of the river bottom and for the lower end to include the house where I do now live and my will and desire is that the said THOMAS HAMPTON and ROBERT HAMPTON do pay out of the price of the land to my son EPHRAIM HAMPTON \$188; to my son DAVID HAMPTON \$288; and to my son OLIVER HAMPTON \$188; which the said THOMAS and ROBERT HAMPTON is to have six annual payments 1/6 part every year until all is paid up.

And it is my will and desire that after my wife's to cease all what she has kept to live upon to be sold and the money equally divided between my four daughters **FANNY SHAW, PATSY SMITH, LEMENDER HILL,** and **RITTER BROWN**.

And appoint for my executor has my wife **LEMENDER HAMPTON** my son **DAVID HAMPTON** my son **THOMAS HAMPTON** my son **ROBERT HAMPTON** and my friend **SAMUEL JONES**.

I acknowledge this to be my last will and testament this disannulling all other others given under my hand and seal this 18th day of January in the year of Our Lord 1813.

EPHRAIM HAMPTON

Signed and sealed in the presence of

JOHN HAMPTON JOHN "PATRICK" COLES Roane County

May term 1814

So within will was duly proven in open court by ${\bf JOHN}\ {\bf HAMPTON}\ {\bf recorded}\ {\bf and}\ {\bf registered}\ {\bf in}\ {\bf book}\ {\bf G}\ {\bf page}\ {\bf 322}$

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