Reuben Hobby

vs

Benuel Bunnells of

Court February Term

1815

In the Name of God Amen. I Reuben Hobby of the County of Johnston & State of North Carolina being weak of body but of sound & perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & twelve make publish and ordain this my last will and testament in the form following Viz ——————

First, I recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my friends ——

Item, I Give and devise to my beloved Son John Hobby all that Parcel of lands lay is not after mentioned & Situate in the County & State aforesaid on the waters of Hannahs Creek, to begin where my North & South line Crosses the hogpen branch thence down the various courses of the run of s.d hogpen branch to where it empties in the drowning branch, thence down the various courses of the run of s.d drowning branch to where it empties into Hannahs Creek, thence down the various courses of the run of s.d Hannahs Creek to a Certain marked whiteoak Standing on the South side of the s.d Hannahs Creek, thence East on a direct Course to where it may Strike the North & South line on the West Side of Hannahs Creek thence South as my line extends may run to the first named Station to include the plantation where I formerly died live on the South Side of s.d Hannahs Creek, and all the tracts or parts of tracts in the above named bound, to him and his heirs Forever ——

Item I Give and devise to my Beloved Son Reuben Hobby all the Residue of my lands Situate in the County & State aforesaid on the waters of Hannahs Creek including the ~~Tract~~ Plantation whereon I now live Except Such part as may be herein after mentioned, To him and his heirs Forever ——

Item I lend and bequeath to my beloved wife
the plantation whereon I now live with buildings &
orchards and all necessary timbers adjoyning to Support
Said plantation and a Sufficient Quantity of Woods
adjoining Said plantation as She may See Cause
to Clear & Cultivate all of which to her Sole use &
Benefit during her natural life; And after her decease
I devise the Said plantation with the appertainances
above mentioned, to my beloved Son Reuben Hobby
to him and his heirs forever

Item, I give and devise To my Beloved Son John Hobby
two Coars & Calves & one feather Bed and furniture to
him and his heirs forever

Item, I Give, and devise to my beloved Son Reuben
Hobby two Cows and Calves & one feather bed & furniture to
him & his heirs forever

Item, I Give and devise to my beloved Daughter Phoeby
two Cows and Calves & one feather bed & Furniture to
her and her heirs forever

Item I lend and bequeath to my beloved wife two Cows
and Calves & one feather bed and Furniture; with my
Plantation utensils & with all my Pot Iron ware &
kitching Furniture at large; and one Sorrel ~~mare~~
mare Creole & Saddle and one wooling Wheel & two Pack
of Cards one flax wheel & loom and Gear & Set Cider
Casks & one Butter pot & one Set of Smoothing Irons
and one Chest three Sows and Pigs, & Six two yearold
Hogs and all my flax and Cotton and a usual Portion
Portion of my Crop and Provision as will Support

her and family For the term of one year all of the above
Property Respectively to her Sole use and Benefit during
her Natural life and after her decease I devise that the
above Property Respectively (With the Increase (or so much
thereof as Shall be Remaining) to be equally devided
among my Children — Namely Rhody, Edny, John + Abner
Reuben + Phebe, to them + their heirs Forever

Item I give and devise to my Grand daughter Nancy Sec
the Sum of Five pounds Lawful money to be paid to her
Item I devise that a Sufficient Portion of my Property shall
be Sold at Publick Vendue (at the discretion or choice
of my Executors) as will Satisfy all my Just debts
Item I devise that after my Just debts be paid all my
Property the Rest + Residue to be equally devided amongst
my Beloved wife and all my Children Namely Rhody,
Edney, John, Abner, Reuben + Phebe to them and
their heirs Forever

Item I do hereby make and appoint James Adams, John
Hobby & Reuben Hobby the Executors of this my last will
and testament

Signed Sealed Published and
Declared by the Testator as his last will &
Testament this day and date first above
written

Reuben Hobby (Seal)

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in the Presence of us
who were present at
the Signing & Sealing of the
Same

Jesse Adams (Seal)