

Samuel P. Hairston Exr
Peter W. Hairston

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I Ruth J. Hairston of Berry Hill Pittsylvania County Va do make this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made.

1 I direct the payment of all my debts

2 I give and bequeath to my grand son Peter W. Hairston one third part of all the evidences of debt on the State of North Carolina, which I may hold at the time of my death with the interest then due thereon,

3 I give and bequeath to the said Peter W. Hairston his Exrs and Admrs another third part of said debt on N. Carolina and said interest, also all of my silver plate marked with the letter "H" three beds, four pairs of linen sheets, four pairs of cotton sheets, three white counterpanes, in trust for the sole & separate use of Ruth J. Wilson wife of Saml P. Wilson free from the control or debts of her said husband and said trustee is to dispose of the same property in any manner that may be designated by said Ruth J. Wilson provided she designate the same by writing executed in the presence of two witnesses or by her last will & testament & in case of her death, without disposing of the same, said property is to pass to her next of kin, according to the act of distribution
4 I give and bequeath to Samuel P. Wilson the remaining one third part of the said debt on the State of N. Carolina & said interest, three beds four pairs of linen sheets, four pairs of cotton sheets and three white counterpanes in trust for the sole & separate use of Ailey Hairston wife of Samuel H. Hairston of Henry County to be disposed of by said Ailey, and in case of her death without disposing of the same to pass in the same way as is mentioned in the next preceding clause & said Ruth J. Wilson & Ailey Hairston are to have the right of selecting the pieces of bedding & bed clothes above mentioned.

5 - All the estate real & personal which I may own in the County of Stokes N. Carolina at the time of my death I give devise and bequeath to my said grand children Peter W. Hairston, Ruth J. Wilson and Ailey Hairston their heirs Exrs & admrs equally to be divided between them the share of all said property bequeathed & devised to said Ruth J. Wilson to be held by said Peter W. Hairston & that bequeathed & devised to said Ailey Hairston to be held by Saml P. Wilson on the trusts and to be disposed of & passed in the same

way as is designated in the two clauses next preceding this.

6 I give and bequeath to my great grand daughter Ruth Hairston Child of Samuel H and Alice Hairston my silver Coffee pot, my silver Tea pot, my silver sugar dish and my silver cream pot to her, her Exors & Adms.

7th I give and bequeath to my aforesaid grand Children Ruth P. Wilson & Alice Hairston all my Bank stock (except my Wilmington bank stock) which I may own at the time of my death, with the interest or dividends accrued thereon, equally to be divided between them, the share of said Ruth P. Wilson to go to the aforesaid Peter H Hairston and that of said Alice Hairston to go to said Samuel P. Wilson upon the trusts & to be disposed of in the manner & part in the way stated in the 3rd & 4th clause of this my will.

8 I give and bequeath to my great grand daughter Ruth Wilson Child of Saml P. Wilson and Ruth S. his wife the old bureau & looking glass, which stands in my Chamber and has done so for many years
9. I give and bequeath to my great grand Children William L Hairston and Samuel H Hairston infant Children of my grand son George Hairston deer one bed & furniture apiece all the personal estate which I may have at Berry Hill at the time of my death except such portions of it as by this will I have given to others & except also the household property there. I also give & bequeath to said William L & Samuel H Hairston all the stock I may own in the bank of Wilmington at the time of my death with all interest or dividends at the time of my death.

10 I devise my Dinby tract of land situated in Rockingham County N.C. adjoining the Berry Hill estate & purchased from the heirs of the late Robt Hairston to such person or persons & their heirs as may get the Berry Hill estate at my death and the death of Samuel Hairston & of Agnes J P Hairston devising that said Dinby estate shall pass along with the Berry Hill estate as part thereof said two tracts having been held & worked together for many years. But all the personal estate on the Dinby tract.

belonging to me at the time of my death. I give & bequeath to my said great grand children William L. and Samuel H Hairston equally to be divided between them.

11 I devise and bequeath to my said great grand sons William L. and Samuel H Hairston their heirs & all my right & title in and to a tract of land in the State of Tennessee obtained from one Joel Estes, the right to which is now in litigation, also all my claim to rents & profits of said land or to the proceeds of its sale if it has been sold.

12 All the rest and residue of my estate I devise and bequeath to be equally divided between my grand son Peter H Hairston, my great grand sons William L & Samuel H Hairston and my grand daughters Ruth S. Wilson & Ailey Hairston to them and their heirs & said William L & Samuel H Hairston are to take a share between them as representing their dead father George Hairston. the share of said Ruth S. to pass into the hands of the said Peter H Hairston and the share of said Ailey to pass into the hands of the said Samuel P Wilson upon the trusts to be held and passed in the manner mentioned in the 3rd and 4th Clauses of this my will.

13 I constitute Peter H Hairston & Samuel P Wilson Exors of this my last will and testament & request that they be allowed to qualify and act as such without giving any security. In testimony whereof I hereto put my hand this seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred & sixty six.

This paper was signed published & declared by Ruth S. Hairston as her last will

& testament in our presence & we

witnessed the same in her presence

at her request; all of us being

present at the time of its signing

& publication & of our witnessing it

James McGill

John D. McGill

James M. Whittier

Ruth S. Hairston

State of North Carolina } In the office of the Judge
Stokes County } of Probate for the County &
State aforesaid at the City of
Saurbun this the 1st day of June 1869

Samuel P. Wilson having this day produced in the
Office of the Judge of Probate for the County & State aforesaid
a copy of the last will & testament of Ruth S. Hairston
who lately died at her domicile in the County of
Pittsylvania & State of Virginia & it appearing from the
certificate & authentication of the Clerk of the County
Court of Pittsylvania according to law appended to
said copy, that the original last will & Testament
of said Testatrix has been proved before the said
Court by the oath & examination of two subscribing
witnesses (the number requisite to the probate of a will
of Lairs in Virginia as well as in North Carolina)
& upon such proof the said will being admitted
to Record in the said County Court of Pittsylvania
on motion it is declared that the said certified &
authenticated copy of the last will & testament of
Ruth S. Hairston be allowed filed & recorded in
the same manner as if the original & not the copy had
been produced proved & allowed before this Court.
Ordered by the Court that Samuel P. Wilson one of
the Executors named in said will as he resides
beyond the limits of this State execute Bond as
Executor conditioned according to law in the penalty
of \$12000. which is done accordingly with S. Adams
& John H. Dillard as sureties.

James Martin
Judge of Probate