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In the name of God Amen. I Peter Hairston of the County of Stokes and State of North Carolina being in a low state health but in sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same and calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it appointed for all men once to die, - do make and ordain this my last will and testament. In manner and form following,

Imprimis - I give and bequeath to my daughter Ruth S. Hairston all my whole Estate both land, negroes, stocks of every kind together with all my household property of every description also Gilblas' daughter now with her mother Nelly at the Yadkin Sophia -- to be brought home to live with her relations.

I say my whole Estate of every description both real and personal in this County, to have and to hold during her natural life, then should she die without Issue the one half of all above named -- I mean if she should die before her husband Robert Hairston, then the half of all above named, to be Equally divided between Robert Hairston and my granddaughter Agnes J. P. Hairston's children. The other half should Robert Hairston be the longest lives to remain in his possession as long as he may live -- then after his death, together with my daughter Ruth S. Hairston as above named -- then the whole and every part thereof as above named to go to my granddaughter Agnes J. P. Hairston's children to be equally divided between them.

Now in order that it should be the better understood. I mean my whole estate both personal and real in this county except the following tracts of land -- the place called David Murphey's two hundred acres and Jonathan Barnetts two hundred acres -- these two places I give to Gilblas and Gilchrist for their use and benefit forever.

I also give to my granddaughter Agnes J. P. Hairston all my Pittsylvania estate both personal & real to her and her heirs forever.

Item, I also give to my great-grandson Peter W. Hairston all my Yadkin Estate both real and personal further I positively request and forbid that there be no sale whatsoever of any kind of my property, as I am not in debt to any person whatever, in consequence of which there is no necessity of any sale. Further it is my positive will and direction that Sally Blagg nor none of her children be separated - but to remain and live with my daughter Ruth S. Hairston so long as she may live then after her death to go to my granddaughter Agnes J. P. Hairston as above named.

And I hereby make ordain & appoint my daughter Ruth S. Hairston, Robert Hairston, Agnes J. P. Hairston and Samuel Hairston my Executrix & Executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I Peter Hairston hath put my hand and seal this twentieth day of February 1832.

Signed sealed and published  
and declared to be my last will  
and testament in presence of

*P Hairston* seal

*John Repper*  
*David Welch* Jurants  
*John Terry*  
*Geo. Martin*

NOTE: Peter Hairston's will was filed in Stokes County, NC and Henry County, VA and there are discrepancies between them. Also, handwriting is sometimes difficult to transcribe.