

## Will of Deborah Jordan

Inc Jones  
 Henrietta Jones  
 Mary Lyon  
 (Between the Eleventh and Twelfth line the words (and bequeath)  
 were written before the assignment)

North Carolina }  
 Bladen County } August Court 1772

Then was the Execution of this Will proved in  
 open Court by the oath of Henrietta Jones and Mary  
 Lyon now Mary White who swore that they did see  
 Elizabeth Bartram sign, seal, publish & declare this said  
 Will to be her Last Will & Testament & at the same time  
 that they did see John Jones sign as a Concurring  
 Evidence thereto

Maturin Colville, CC

The within last Will and Testament of Elizabeth  
 Bartram was proved Before His Excellency The Governor in  
 Council on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1773 by the oath of  
 John Jones one of the subscribing witnesses thereto agreeable  
 to law and it was then ordered that letters Testamentary issue  
 thereon accordingly.

J. Biggleston  
 Newbern 3<sup>rd</sup> Febry 1773 then appeared before me  
 Thomas Brown an Executor in the within Will named and  
 took the oaths appointed for his qualification.  
 J. Martin

In The Name of God Amen the fourth Day of September  
 in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and fifty  
 Nine. I Deborah Jordan of the County of Bladen in the province  
 of North Carolina of perfect mind and Memory and understanding  
 be given unto God therefor Calling to mind the mortality of my  
 Body and knowing that it is appointed for all women once to  
 die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is  
 to say,

Principally and first of all I recommend my soul into the  
 hands of God that gave it and for my Body I recommend it  
 to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at  
 the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the General  
 Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God.  
 And as touching my worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to  
 bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the  
 following manner and form.

Improvements: it is my will and I do order that in the  
 first place all my just debts and Funeral Charges be first paid  
 and satisfied.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Brother Ithamar  
 Singletary his heirs or assigns for ever one Negro Boy named  
 Harry and all my stock of Hogs and it is my will and  
 desire that he take the same in possession immediately  
 after my decease.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Brother John Singletary  
 one Negro Wench named Little Flerah which said wench  
 he is to have immediately after all my just debts is paid  
 and satisfied to him his heirs or assigns forever.

Item I give and Bequeath unto Deborah Singletary daughter of  
 Ithamar Singletary one Negro Boy named Hughey to her the  
 said Deborah Singletary her heirs or assigns for ever and it  
 is my will and desire that the said boy be delivered to her  
 father Ithamar Singletary who is to have the use of him  
 till the day of marriage or age.

Item I give and Bequeath unto Deborah Singletary daughter of  
 John Singletary one Negro girl named Easter to her the said  
 Deborah Singletary her heirs or assigns for ever and it is my  
 will and desire that the said girl be delivered to her father John  
 Singletary who is to have the use of her till the day of  
 marriage or of age.

## Will of Thomas Lock

Item

I give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Brother Ithamar Singletary, one gray Horse named Jumper and one large Iron Pot to be delivered immediately after my decease.

Item

I give and Bequeath unto my Loving Daughter Margaret Gibson and the Heirs of her Body Ten Negroes, viz: old Harry, old Florah, Dianah, Nanny, Tony, Amey, Karaw, Thunder, Arckey and Little Prince and all the remainder of my Estate during her life to do with it as she thinks fit so that she does not sell or make away with it and in case she has no Heirs of her Body at her decease it is my will and desire that the whole Negroes and all immediately after her death be returned and equally divided between my two Brothers John Singletary and Ithamar Singletary's children their Heirs and assigns forever and it is my will and I do order that my Daughter Margaret Gibson do not at any rate move anything out of the County till all my just debts is paid and satisfied and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all other former wills by me made and I do declare this and no other to be my Last will and Testament and I hereby nominate ordain and appoint my loving Brother John Singletary and my son in Law Walter Gibson to be my true and lawfull Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first written

Deborah Jordan

Signed, Sealed, Published, Pronounced and declared by the Testator to be her Last Will and Testament in the presence of the subscribers who subscribe our names in the Presence of the Testator.  
(The Word (the) interlined before signing and sealing)

John Russ

Joseph Powers

Eph<sup>m</sup> Mulford

The within last Will and Testament of Deborah Jordan was proved before me this fourteenth Day of February 1770 by the oath of Joseph Powers one of the subscribing witnesses thereto who swore that he saw the Testatrix sign, seal, publish, and declare the same to be and contain her Last Will and Testament and that at the time thereof she was of sound and disposing mind and Memory — Walter Gibson one of the Executors therein named took the oath Appointed for his Qualification. Ordered that Letters Testamentary issue accordingly.

Jm. Ingon

In the Name of God Amen this 29th Day of August in the year of our Lord 1739 I Thomas Lock of Bladen County in the Province of North Carolina being sick and weak in Body but of a perfect mind and Memory Thanks be to Almighty God therefore Calling into mind the mortality of my Body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye wherefore Principally and first of all I do recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my Body I recommend unto the Earth to be buried in a Christian like decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the Almighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life I give, devise and dispose of in the following manner; I give and bequeath unto Susanna Lock my dearly beloved wife whom I do nominate ordain and Constitute to be my sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament all the moveables that is possessed by me or any ways belonging or appertaining to my Estate and my Land whercon is my dwelling Place together with all the rights, Priviledges, Commodities and profits that is anywise Belonging or appertaining to the same and all the profits and Commodities that shall at any or at all times hereafter be found to be accruing from the same is to be at the disposal of my Executrix during the term of her Life then to fall and descend to my youngest son David Lock which is to have free and peaceable possession of the said Lands to him and his assigns forever without any interruption, molestation or Eviction. Item: I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Bartram one Cow and Calf to be paid out of my stock at the Discretion of my Executrix at the Expiration when my son Benjamin Lock is of the age of Twenty one. Item: I give & Bequeath unto my son Leonard Lock one Cow and Calf and my writing Desk which is to be paid in manner and form above said; Item: I give and Bequeath unto my son John Lock one Cow and Calf to be paid at the Expiration above said; Item: I give and Bequeath unto my son Joseph Lock a tract of Land containing in the whole six Hundred & forty acres lying and situate on the southwest side of North West River opposite to Leonard Locks land and to have a free possession of the same at and after my decease and one cow and one calf to be paid at the discretion