

this be my last will & testament.

I bequeath my soul to almighty God, that gave it, hoping to receive a joyful Resurrection of the same, & my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, as to my worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow on me I dispose thereof as follows.

I give to my wife beloved Wife during her widowhood my Plantation whereon I now live & the negro fellow James & all my household furniture & my Crops that is now standing & all working tools that is then on, & a horse & man & Calf & Hub, and at her Departure. Then I give the fourth to my wife beloved son Harri's Jordan, the Plantation & all my tools, such as Carpenters & Joiners, Coopers & Shaw makers tools, & an equal part of my other moveable Estate. It is my desire also that my moveable Estate may be sold & equally divided between my son & daughter, and if my father's will is not proved, that the Land fall to me or mine, it is my desire that my Brother Burwell Jordan's four Children Mary & John & Burwell & Michael Jordan, that there should be fifty pounds equally divided among them, & I likewise if that will is not proved of my Father, I give to my Brother Jordan twenty pounds to settle all the affairs, <sup>so that there is more than a poe of a poe</sup> and if my Legacies that I have mentioned to my Brother & Brothers Children to be void & of no Ceremony.

I do appoint my wife Elizabeth &c of this my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 12th day of Sept 1767.

Signed sealed in presence of <sup>Thos Jordan & seal</sup> <sup>mark</sup> Mr Sharp, George Jordan, Hannah & Publer her market Northampton County Dec & Ct 1767.

This will of Thomas Jordan died, as is proven by the oath of George Jordan a subscribing witness at the same time Elizabeth Jordan was duly qualified as Ex<sup>r</sup> & duly to be certified & recorded. Teste Willm Jones Esq

Thomas Spawls Will

Memorandum Nov<sup>r</sup> 18 1767, 1 Bed, 1 He dog, 1 Cask, 2 Spoons, 1 little Pot, 1 Barn. I give the above memorandum Charity Pray the Child of Jew Pray, the above & the other, and the rest of my Estate to John Willard, it being the last will & testament of Thomas Spawls in perfect senses but lame in Health in the presence of us all. <sup>his</sup> Thos Spawls  
Teste Robert Willard, Anas Willard

Northampton County, Dec & Court 1767.

This will or rather visiting was proven by the oath of Robert Willard and John Willard was qualified as administrator of the said annexed. Teste Willm Jones Esq

Thomas Matthews will

In the name of God amen, I Thomas Matthews of the County of Northampton, being in a weak state of Health, but of sound perfect senses & memory, do hereby make this my last will & testament, revoking all former wills by me heretofore made.

I give my soul to almighty God, its Creator, hoping thro the mediation of my Saviour Jesus Christ to receive full & perfect Remission for all my sins, my body I give to be decently interred at the discretion of my dear & hereafter appointed.

I give I give unto my loving wife Martha Matthews, while she continues sole & my widow, all my Estate, but in case my wife should die & marry, I give my land to my son James Matthews, <sup>his wife's portion</sup> & in case my son James Matthews should die under age, I give my land to my son Child-borne Matthews, & his heirs forever. In case my son Child-borne should die under age, I give my land to my son Lawrence Matthews, & his heirs forever.

I constitute & appoint my wife Martha Matthews <sup>to be</sup> my Ex<sup>r</sup> of this my last will & testament, & I make my just debts to be paid by my Ex<sup>r</sup>, In witness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 20th day of April 1767. Signed sealed & delivered <sup>his</sup> Thomas Matthews & as a seal at his last will & testament in presence of Teste Thos Shute, George Ragsland.

Northampton County 10 March 1770.

This Will of Thomas Matthews (deceased) was proved by the Oath of Thomas Short Esq. and ordered to be Certified & Recorded.  
Jesse Miller Surs. C. C.

Joak Pridham's Will

In the name of God amen. the birth day of March 1759.  
I Joak Pridham of Northampton County, South Parish, being very weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given to God, therefore, calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say Principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial, at the Convention of my Executors, hoping at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I give & devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

I give & bequeath unto my beloved House keeper Mary Brewer my Plantation wherewith I dwell, Dwelling House, Kitchen, Barns, Orchards, Woodland & all tenements belonging to the said Plantation

Item I give & bequeath to my House keeper Mary Brewer, her lawful Heir, of her body, one negro man named Eleckton his Woman named Rozother in case.

Item I give to my House keeper Mary Brewer all my Household goods & furniture, all my Hogs, Cattle & Hogs & sheep & so hereby utterly, revoke & annul all & every other Will & Testament <sup>Wills</sup> & Bequest by me in any ways before or since made & bequeathed, and I appoint the said Mary Brewer to be my sole Executor of this my last Will & other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal, this day & year above written.

published & proved at his last Will & Testament signed & sealed & delivered in presence of his Subscribers  
Joak Pridham.

Thomas Kislip, Sarah Kislip, Sarah Brewer, Mary Brewer.

Northampton County March Court 1770.

This Will of Joak Pridham was proved by the Oath of Thomas Kislip & Sarah Kislip, and Mary Brewer was qualified as Executors & ordered to be Certified & Recorded.

Jesse Miller Surs. C. C.

Benjamin Davis's Will

In the name of God amen I Benjamin Davis of Northampton County being very sick & weak in body, but of sound mind & memory thanks be to God, do make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament in the manner & form following, Vizt.

Item My Will & Desire is that my loving wife should have the use of my Plantation wherewith I dwell, together with all my household furniture, also all of my Stock of Cattle & Hogs, & my negro Jack & Judy during her life & whereto, and further my Will & Desire is that when my sons William & John Davis should arrive to the age of twenty one years, then I desire my Executors should equally divide the Plantation wherewith I now live between my said sons & all my Estate of what kind so ever, allowing their mother a maintenance during her natural life, or until she should marry, and I desire that all my Land on the North Side of Meherrin River should be sold to the best advantage they can for to pay my debts & I also appoint my loving wife Elizabeth & John Crofford my Executors & I desire of this my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this 10th day of March 1770.

Benjamin Davis  
Jesse Haward Edmunds, Sarah Edwards, Mary Davis.  
Northampton Ct. Jan 1770.

This Will of Benjamin Davis (deceased) was proved on the oath of Haward Edmunds Esq. and Elizabeth Davis qualified as Executors & ordered that the same be Certified & Recorded.  
Jesse Miller Surs. C. C.