

John Raps's Will. In the name of god amen I John Raps of the County of Northampton North Carolina being in perfect sense and memory do declare this my last will and testament as follows—

Item, I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Peggy Raps one feather bed and such furniture as she has ~~owned~~ her own furniture, and one large blue Chest to her and to her heirs forever and all the rest of my personal estate except my horses to be sold and out of such sales first pay and satisfy my just debts and out of the over plus money I wish and desire to be equally divided between my beloved wife Phoebe Raps and my beloved children to wit Maria Raps and my daughter Peggy to have an equal proportion besides the above gift, and Sturtevant Raps, Lovel Raps and my daughter Mary Raps and my daughter Martha Raps, and James Raps and John Raps & Hedson Raps and William Raps, and it is the true intent and meaning that at my death that the said property shall be sold after getting in and making of the said crop which is now depending only to such property as I have given to my daughter, which is not to be taken from her, and she is to have an equal share besides with the rest of my children and I do hereby appoint John Collier my Executor of this my last will and testament and I further wish and desire that at next fall after moving to the Incarnate with such horses as I am in possession of, or my family may have as my labour that Joseph Roberts and James Roberts shall sell such horses and receive the money and put it to the use of James Raps and John Raps, Hedson Raps and William Raps and make an equal division between such child or children as then is or shall be. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day and date first above written. Signed sealed in presence of this 9th day of April 1828.

Witness,
James Hart, William Epps,
John L. Raps *(Seal)*
mark

Northampton County June Court 1828.

This last will and Testament of John Raps is caused to be exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of James Hart and William Epps the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be certified and recorded. Whereupon John Collier the Executor therein named qualified according to law — at the same time Phoebe Raps entered her appeal to the premises made her in said will. *Teste,* John W. Harrison Clerk

Judith Copeland's Will. I Judith Copeland of Northampton County State of North Carolina do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament this 12th day of the first month in the year of our lords one thousand eight hundred and twenty six In manner as followeth—

First It is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid by my executors hereafter named.

Second I give and bequeath to my son William Copeland twenty five Dollars and $\frac{1}{100}$ to him and his heirs forever.

Third I give and bequeath unto my son Eli Copeland twenty five Dollars and $\frac{1}{100}$ to him and his heirs forever.

Fourth I give and bequeath to my son Edward Copeland twenty five Dollars and $\frac{1}{100}$ to him and his heirs forever.

Fifth It is my will and desire that all the remaining part of my estate be equally divided between all my children vizt: Jane Owsen, Phoebe Hall, Jonathan Copeland, David Copeland, Anne Hall, Joseph Copeland, William Copeland, Eli Copeland and Edward Copeland to them and their heirs forever—

Sixth And lastly I nominate and appoint Jonathan Copeland my executor.

Signed in presence of
Israel Oakley

Richard T. Lapsiter
mark

Lewis T. Boon
mark

Northampton County September Court 1828.

This last will and testament of Judith Copeland deceased was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by the solemn affirmation of Israel Oakley one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon Jonathan Copeland the Executor therein named qualified according to law, and ordered to be certified and recorded.

Teste,

John W. Harrison Clerk

William Lapsiter's Will. State of North Carolina, Northampton County

I William Lapsiter of the County and State aforesaid being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, I considering the certainty of death & the uncertainty of the mortal life do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following.

First My will and desire is that all my just debts should be paid.

Second My desire is that my beloved wife Margaret Lapsiter should have the use of one half of my lands and plantation with my houses during his natural life or widowhood, she him to own as the crop from said farm Richard T. Lapsiter has to the old land on Miller's Station.

Third My desire is that my daughter Mary Ann Jarboe through born out of wedlock should have the other half of my lands aspooning Eliza Coville her, also one negro boy by name of Jordan, one black plantation to her and her heirs forever.

Fourth I give my wife one negro man by name of Peter to her and her heirs forever, also one year dispoised for herself and family to be allotted to her by three good men.

Fifth I give my son Daniel W. Lapsiter one negro by name of Burrell also I give the land that I have left my wife after her death or marriage to her and her heirs forever.

Sixth My desire is that if either of the children above named should die before they came to lawful age or have a lawful heir, the other should have the share of the property, if both should die without a lawful heir, my desire is that my sister Polly Jarboe's children should have their property.

Seventh Lastly my desire is that the whole of my property not given away should be sold.