

John Compton

At a Court held for Andover County the 20. day of September 1794.

This will was proved by the oaths of Elizabeth Tucker and Amosson Freeman two of the witnesses thereto subscribed and was ordered to be recorded. And at another Court held for the said County the 20. day of September 1794 The Executor in due and legal time into Court and Refused to take upon themselves the Execution of the said will and the Court off Stephen Beach who took the oath and gave Bonds with security as the Law Directs Certificates is granted them for obtaining letters of administration on the said Estate with the will annexed

Filed James Cannon Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I John Compton of the County of Andover being in perfect mind and of sound memory do make and declare this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say I bequeath unto my Beloved wife Elizabeth Compton during her life or widowhood one third part of all my estate both real and personal and after her decease all the estate sent to my said Wife I desire may be equally divided between all my Children then living. Item my Will and desire is that all the Negroes therefore sent to my Children be returned into my Estate and then after my Wife having taken her third Part as before mentioned my desire is that all the rest of my estate be fairly and Equally divided Between all my Children I desire that my executors hereafter named do settle and Collect all my debts & my desire is that my Wife shall have one third of all monies due me after collecting the same & the balance to equally divide amongst all my Children

Lastly I appoint my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Compton  
John White and Caleb Compton Executors to this my last  
Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this Third day of December  
one Thousand Seven hundred and eighty three  
Signed Sealed Published & declared to be my last Will  
In presence of John J. C. C.   
William Piles  
John <sup>his</sup> Walden  
mk.

In the name of god amen. October the 5<sup>th</sup> 1776.  
I Thomas Dobson, of Amelia County, being very sick and weak  
of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to  
almighty God therefore but calling unto mind the mortality  
of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all  
men once to die do make my last Will and Testament and  
Dispose of the Mortal Estate whereunto it hath been  
pleased God to bless me within this Life in the following  
Manner and form Viz  
I Give I Give unto my Dearly Beloved Wife Susanna.