

Weak of body but perfect mind and memory and willing to mind that it is ap-
-ed for all men once to die. I hereby make and appoint this my last Will and
Testament and first I Recommend my soul to almighty God who
Gave it me and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent and
Christian like manner and as for what temporal Estate it hath
Please God to Bless me with. I Dispose of in manner and form following
Item I Give to my beloved wife Phoebe Booth the plantation where
I now live with one hundred and Twenty Acres of Land, and six Negroes,
Namely, Sam; In; Dick; Sam; Coll, and Jack; and Ten Head of Cattle
during her natural life or Widowhood.

Item; I Give and bequeath to my son Mathew Booth one hundred
and Fifty acres of Land, to be taken of the upper part of the Land
where I now live adjoining John. Tucker and William Gilliam to
him and the Heirs of his body For Ever.

Item; I Give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Booth the remaining
Part of the Tract of Land whereon I now live his mother to have
a Right to the one hundred and Twenty Acres as above men-
tioned till her death or marriage the rest the said Thomas Booth,
To Take possession at the Age of Twenty one which I Give
To him and the Heirs of his body for Ever.

Item; it is my Will and desire that my son Philip Booth
be intitled, and Receive the sum of Fifty Pounds in Lue of
Land to him and his heirs for Ever.

Item; it is my desire that Archer Clardy and Sally Taylor
Clardy be intitled, and Receive the sum of Twenty five
Pounds each to be Raised out of my whole Estate before
any Division.

Item; I desire also that if my son Mathew Booth should
die without an lawful heir that his Part of Land shall
Fall to my son William Booth Likewise if my son Thomas
Booth dies Without a lawful An. his part of Land to

I sell to my son Philip Booth and his heirs of the same
Even

The one hundred and Twenty acres of Land lent to my wife
Phoebe Booth to fall to my son Thomas Booth at her death
as marriage

it is my Will and desire that When my son Thomas Booth is
arrives to the age of Twenty one that there may be an equal
Division of all my Estate of what kind soever among
all my Children then living also if my Wife be living
single at the time of such Division that she be allowed
one Choice Negroe and a Childs Part During her life
or Widowhood

Item I lastly appoint my Friends Archer Johnson and
William Wilson and my Wife Phoebe Booth Executors

Exec of this my last Will and Testament In

Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
This 2th day of May one thousand seven hundred
and Eighty Three it is further my desire that if my

Executors shall think that any thing can be spared
from my wife and younger Children to be sent out
they see Proper to such of my Children as may want
them and the Remainder part of Stock of cattle and horses

desiring to keep for the use of the Plantation the Sorrell
mare with white face and a gray horse bolt bay mare
with her calf and mare Calk wth white face, Such other
Horses now remaining to be sent to my sons by appraisement

Perceiving to make such allowance in the first at the
Time of Division as such horse may be valued to and the
Remaining of Stock sent out to be in like manner
If any Negroes sent out they with their Increase to be
Returned and Equally Divided

Signed and delivered

in presence of

Archer Johnson

William Booth

WLB

John C. 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 form came 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 Andover 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