

66 North Carolina <sup>33</sup> Hence all men that I shall appoint  
Chowan County of the State and County aforesaid, here  
and seal this paper writing, as my last will and  
testament - First I appoint my son Benjamin Copeland and my  
son in law Amos Richardson my Executors to receive and keep  
the same into effect, being fully upon their integrity - I hereby  
I have and bequeath to my said Executors Benjamin and Amos  
all and every part of my real and personal Estate, for the uses  
purposes, and under the direction of this my last will -  
Thirdly, I desire that my said Executors may request my good  
friends John Cook, Thomas wife, Cos. and Charles Copeland  
or any be after my decease or any two of them to value my land  
estates placing them a reasonable value, as they think a prudent  
business man might be able to dispose of it at a reasonable  
price - Fourthly, I leave all my said landed estate to my two  
sons Benjamin Copeland, John Copeland and Abbott Copeland  
to be equally divided, between them in fee simple - Fifthly, I  
direct my said Executors to collect and inventory all my personal  
estate and dispose of the same at publick sale on a credit of  
12 Months - Sixthly, I direct the entire proceeds of my said  
Personal estate to be divided equally between my daughter Patty  
Pickett, Franky Richardson and Mary Copeland to be equally divided  
between them - Seventhly, I direct that the said personal  
estate after the payment of my just debts which I hereby direct to  
be paid out proportion due to them as will place my said three  
daughters on an equal footing with my said other sons that my  
said three daughters shall pay over to my said three daughters such  
deficiency so that all my said Children shall have an equal half  
in my estate - Eighthly, I leave to Ruth Pease a woman who I left  
widowed one childless; she having left my bed and abandoned my bed and  
board several years, time and taken up with other men - liquid debts  
left Jacob Badley

John Cook

• Clark Copeland <sup>will</sup>

In Name of god Amen I Miles Scarborough of Chowan one state of  
North Carolina being low in body but sound in mind and having my  
perfect recollection makes this my last will and testament in form  
and manner following

1) I give to my beloved wife all my interest in her father's estate  
to be fully at her disposal to do with and by it as she may think  
proper (2) I also give and bequeath to my wife two hundred dollars to  
be raised out of my estate and I further give to my wife my pig  
and hams in bed and furniture one chest and one box (3) I leave  
to my wife two Negroe boys James and Isaac during her natural  
life and at her death to be return to my estate and to be equally  
divided between all my children I shall give to my son George  
Scarborough all my land that I now own except that part of my  
land that lies on North side of the roating Branch above the Bridge  
I also give George a young horse one bed and furniture I shall  
give my daughter Mariah one bed and furniture one chest one  
cow besides the property I have already given her my dice and sets  
is that all the property that I have not given away be at the disposal  
of my executors to sell or dispose in any way that he may that he  
may think best to raise money to pay my debts and after all my  
debts or fair of the balance to be equally divided among all my chil-  
dren and I appoint my worthy friend Robert Clark my exec-  
utor to this my last will and testament which I acknowledge to be  
my last will & testament written by myself this the third day  
of October 1825 and signed present of  
John Benjamin Baskins Miles Scarborough   
Aselia Mardon proved Neam? Septem 1825