

The last will and Testament of Zachariah Taylor deceased
Exhibited and proved at May Term 1816

In the name of God. Amen. I Zachariah Taylor, being sick and weak of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth Taylor, all my estate within doors and without, during her natural life, except fifty acres of marsh land, and three cows, I leave to be sold for six months credit, to pay my debts. Item. And after the decease of my wife Elizabeth Taylor to be equally divided between my daughter Fanny Taylor and my sons Jesse Taylor and Samuel Taylor to them and their heirs forever. Testily. I will and desire that Benjamin Taylor be and are hereby appointed, constituted and ordained Executor to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I the aforesaid Zachariah Taylor have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 4th day of February 1816. Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us. — (signed) Zachariah Taylor Seal
 Flora Ball Just
 Samuel Henderson } Recorded and examined the day of

The last will and Testament of Southward Waterfield
deceased Exhibited and proved at May term 1815.

In the name of God. Amen. I Southward Waterfield of the state of North Carolina and county of Currituck, being very sick and weak of body, but perfect in mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God for it, and calling unto mind the mortality of man, and knowing it is appointed unto all men once to die, and being of mind to dispose of my worldly goods, do it by this my last will. First of all I give my soul to the Lord, who gave it, and my body to be buried in a Christian like manner, at the discretion of my executors, and dispose of my worldly goods as follows. Item. I leave the use of all my property, both real and personal to my wife Sarah Waterfield, during the time she remains my widow, to raise my poor children on, in such way, as she may think most advisable and at her death or marriage to be have the moveable property sold and divided amongst all my children, and my wife if she be alive. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son John Waterfield the east part of my land, divided as the fence now runs, that is to the westward of my house, to have the same at the death or marriage of his mother; also a privilege for fire wood and rail timber off the land I hold in the great swamp, which I bought of Reuben Waterfield; also one bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Sandy Waterfield the west part of said land from said fence west of the house to the line of my brother John Waterfield, also a privilege in the before mentioned swamp for firewood and rail timber in like manner as my son John has, also one bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever.

I also, I give and bequeath unto my son Southward Waterfield the land I bought of Michael Waterfield and Malachi Beasley, which lyeth to the eastward of a piece of land that Pinson White owns, also a privilege for fire wood and rail timber in the swamp, equally with the other two before mentioned John and Sandy, also fifty dollars in money at the time of my property is sold over and above his before mentioned part of said property which is devised on the first gift in this will, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Peggy Waterfield one bed and furniture five picture plates, also the one half of the property that is not given away, which was devised in the first gift, to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Julia Ann Waterfield one negro man named Jim, also the other half of the remainder of my property that was given in the first gift, to her and her heirs forever. Item. I nominate and appoint my worthy friend Henry Beasley, my uncle and sole Executor to this my last will and Testament, renouncing and revoking all other former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal caused my seal to be affixed, this 29th day of February 1816. Signed, sealed and delivered (signed) Southward Waterfield Seal in the presence of us — Malachi Hones Just. Recorded and examined the day of John B. Jones.

The last will and Testament of John Murrell deceased. Exhibited
and proved at August term 1816

In the name of God. Amen. I John Murrell of the county of Currituck and State of North Carolina, being weak in body, but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the certainty of death, and the uncertainty of life thereof, do make and publish this my last will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say. First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the ground, to be buried in a decent manner, at the discretion of my Executors, and as touching what worldly goods it has pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of as follows. 1st Item. I give unto my two sons John Murrell and Samuel Murrell one tract of land, called the McCoy tract, which I bought of John McCoy's vendue, and is marked and bounded agreeable to my deed from Thomas Carril Edge, to be equally divided between them in quantity and quality, but for John to have the end next to the water, and a privilege to get fire wood, and rail timber off the woodland in the other part. Item 2^d. I give unto my son William Murrell one small tract of land, that I bought of James Williams, which is adjoining the land of Jacobable Harrison de? beginning at an oak tree and running a westerly course to Gavitt's line. Item 3^d. I give unto my beloved wife Peggy Murrell one tract of land where the house stands, beginning at a post, and running a northerly and westerly course, to call it Foxey's line. I also give unto my beloved wife all my household and kitchen furniture, also one negro woman named Rachel, and one negro boy named Riddick, all of which she is to keep uninterrupted during her natural life or widowhood. Item 4th. I give unto my daughter Ann after my wife's death or marriage the negro woman Rachel, to her and her heirs forever. Item 5th. I give unto my son Levi after my wife's death or marriage the negro boy Riddick, to him and his heirs forever. 6th. I also give unto my son Levi Murrell after my wife's death or

marriage the ~~same~~ house and land which I left her. Item 7th. I give unto my son Joseph the remainder of the land which I have not given away, laying between the tract that I gave my son Samuel and Thomas Garrett's dec^d. Item. I give unto my son Nathaniel Murrell twenty shillings, only as his full share of my estate. Item. I give unto my son James one negro boy by the name of Tom, to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give unto my daughter Susan Murrell two hundred and fifty dollars cash. Item. I have my negro man Dave to be sold and all my estate that I have not given away, and the money to be equally divided among all my children, except Nathaniel Murrell. Last of all I constitute, nominate and appoint my wife Peggy Murrell my whole and sole executrix to this my last will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 9th day of May 1816

Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared in presence of
John H. Murrell seal
Joshua Harrison Jurat
John F. Saunders Jurat
mark

Recorded and examined the day of

The last will and Testament of John Stephens deceased Exhibited and proved at August Term 1816

In the name of God. Amen.

John Stephens, being sick and weak of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and that it is appointed for man to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following. I bequeath and bequeath to my beloved wife Lydia Stephens one negro man named Charles, one negro woman named Lucca, and one negro boy named Wine to her and her disposal forever. Item. I also bequeath to my wife Lydia Stephens one negro boy named Sam, during her natural life, and at her decease to William Thompson and his heirs forever. Item. I also bequeath to my wife Lydia Stephens, all my moveable property, as household property, tools, stock &c. during her natural life, and at her decease, to be divided, one half I give to William Thompson and his heirs, and the other half I give to all my brothers and sisters and their heirs, to be divided between them. Item. I bind to my wife Lydia Stephens, all my lands, during her natural life, and at her death, to be divided between all my brothers and sisters and their heirs, to be divided between them. Lastly I will and desire, that my beloved wife Lydia Stephens be and are hereby appointed, constituted and ordained, whole and sole executrix to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 1st day of October 1812

Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared in the presence of us } (signed) John Stephens Esq^r
Hosna Ball
Samuel O'Neal

Recorded and examined the day of

The last will and Testament of Benjamin Dough deceased Exhibited and proved at August Term 1816.

State of N. Carolina. In the name of God, Amen. I Benjamin Caruthers County, Dough of the county of Currituck and state of North Carolina, do this day make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. First I recommend my soul to God that gave it, Secondly my body to the distribution of my Executors to be interred in a Christian like manner, and as touching such worldly goods as hath been pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of in manner and form as follows. Viz. Item. I give and bequeath to my seven children Warren H. Dough, Polly Dough, Sally Dough, Maria Dough, Ben^d. Dough, William R. Dough, and George B. Dough, one bed and furniture and one cow, and call a piece, to be delivered to them by the Executors, when they may come of age. 2^d Item. I bind to my beloved wife Maria Dough all the rest of my estate real and personal, during her natural life, and no longer, first paying all my just debts for her maintenance, and for the raising and educating my seven children before mentioned. 3^d Item. I give and bequeath to my son Warren H. Dough a certain negro boy by the name of March, after the death of my wife. 4th Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly Dough a certain negro woman by the name of Violet, at the death of my said wife. 5th Item. I give and bequeath to Dough Sally Dough one negro woman by the name of Margaret, after the death of my said wife. 6th Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Maria Dough one negro woman by the name of Kitty, after the death of my said wife. 7th Item. I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin R. Dough one negro man by the name of Mark, after the death of my said wife. 8th Item. I give and bequeath to my son William R. Dough a certain negro boy by the name of Kingston, after the death of my said wife. 9th Item. I give and bequeath to my son George B. Dough the house and land whereon I now live, to say one hundred acres more or less, to his only right benefit and behoof. And further it is my will and desire, that after the death of my wife Maria Dough, that all the rest of my property real and personal that has not been before mentioned, should be equally divided between my seven children. Viz. Warren H., Polly, Sally, Maria, Benjamin R., William R., and George B. Dough; and I hereby make and ordain my beloved wife Maria Dough, and my worthy friend William B. Ethington, executors to this my last will and Testament. In witness. I the said Benjamin Dough have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and Testament, this twenty fifth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen signed, sealed, published and declared, by the said Benjamin Dough the testator, as his last will and testament.

In the presence of us (signed) Benⁿ Dough seal
James Mason
Thomas A. Dough
Hamblin Dough Jurat
mark

Recorded and examined the day of