

The last will and Testament of Caleb Chaplin  
deceased Exhibited & proved Nov. 3<sup>r</sup>m 1821

In the name of God almighty I Caleb Chaplin of the County of Cradock in the State of North Carolina Being known in reasonable State of Health and of sound mind and memory thank God to God that it is appointed once for all flesh to die and after death to appear in judgement First of all I recommend my soul into the hands of a living God who gave it. Me and anybody to be buried in such church or like manner as may be to the direction of Executors here after mentioned and touching such worldly Property as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Polly Chaplin one feather bed and furniture One cedar chest one linen sheet one woollen sheet for ever to her ands her own disposal also I leave ands use of all my other moveable property unto my beloved wife also the use of one Negro woman Anna one Negro boy Edmund also the use of my plantation and buildings with all other of my property not mentioned also my children to have no charge brought against them for their raising and holding also one half of the Molasses Captain Boat to be sold for twelve months credit or privat sale in or much proper also I lend the use of one caro to my wife or to be sold. Item I give and bequeath unto my son James Chaplin the Land & and Plantation whereon I now live lying between the Lands of James Nelson and John Chaplin formerly the property of James Williams and his heirs lawfully for ever also in case my son James should die without lawful issue the above mentioned Lands to be equally divided between Nancy Sophia Polly Chaplin Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Chaplin one Negroe woman named Anna to her and her lawfull heirs one Table one trunk one Linen sheet in case my Daughter Nancy should die without lawful issue the above mentioned equally divided between Sophia Chaplin and Polly Chaplin Item I give and bequeath unto Sophia Chaplin my daughter one half of Negro boy Named Edmund one feather bed and furniture one cow and calf to her and her lawfull heirs in case my daughter Sophia Chaplin should die without lawful issue the above mentioned to come to Polly Chaplin Item I give and bequeath to Polly Chaplin my daughter the other half of the Negro boy Edmund one cow and calf one feather bed and furniture to her ands her lawfull heirs in case my daughter Polly Chaplin should die without lawful issue the above mentioned to come to Sophia Chaplin Item And lastly also the residue of my property that is not heretofore given away to be equally divided between

my four children. James Nancy Sophia Polly to them and their exec lawfully begotten for ever. Also I make constitute and appoint my beloved wife Polly Chaplin my Executor of this my Last Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 4 day of October 1821

Signed sealed and delivered by me Signed Caleb Chaplin Seal  
In the presence of us

Thomas White, Notary Public Recorded & Examined the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1821

The last Will and Testament of Joshua Gamewell deceased  
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In the name of God almighty I Joshua Gamewell being of Cradock County sick but having his proper senses at present and memory I make this my last will and testament first to say after all my just debts are paid I do Will to my son Caleb Gamewell fifty acres of Land lying on the east side of Cradock River Second by I Will to my Daughter Nancy Gamewell one of the best of my feather beds and furniture Thirdly I Will to my daughter Nancy fifty acres of land on the east side of Jane Garret Creek also one feather bed and furniture and all the rest of my property or estate to be sold and equally divided between my lawfull children I acknowledge this to my last Will and Testament in the year of Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Twenty one November 3<sup>rd</sup> day 1821 I hereby appoint Joshua Gamel and Hastings Miller to be my Executors to this Will &c His mark

Attest Joseph Best (Signed) Joshua Gamel (Signed)  
Bo. Bristley (Signed) His mark

Recorded & Examined the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1821

The last Will and Testament of Nathan O'Neal deceased  
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In the name of God almighty I Nathan O'Neal of the County of Cradock and State of North Carolina do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follow That is to say Item I give and bequeath unto my son Edward O'Neal the Land and Plantation whereon I now live with all the improvements thereon except the Windmill to him and his heirs forever Item I give and bequeath to my son Michael O'Neal and Edward O'Neal and William Griggs my Windmill with all her Materials as she now is to them and their heirs forever Item I bind unto my beloved wife Sally O'Neal the use of all the remainder of my estate in doing ands out after paying my just debts

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and at her death or marriage to be equally divided between her and her  
three daughters viz. Dorcas and Betsy and Patsy O'Neal to them and  
their heirs forever. Item I give to my son Edward O'Neal all my swamp  
land lying back of Richard Rius to him and his heirs forever.  
Item I give to my son Michael O'Neal and Edward O'Neal and Ency  
Grizz and Dorcas O'Neal and Betsy O'Neal and Patsy O'Neal  
all my land on the Bank and on Pine Island and my privilege  
in the saw mill from the Will of Thomas Taylor to them and their  
heirs forever and lastly I do nominate and appoint my trusty  
friend Samuel Selyar Junr. my whole and sole Executor of this my  
last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this 2 day of October 1821

Signed and sealed in the presence of us

John Rogers Junr.

Joseph White

Samuel Selyar Junr. Recd and examined the 22 day of

April 1822

The last Will and Testament of Davis Ballentine decd  
exhibited and proved at Nov. Term 1821

In the name of God amen I Davis Ballentine poor, being in a low state of health  
but in my perfect senses and disposing memory humblye be to God for it to make  
constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form  
following. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Nancy the one acre man  
by the name of Slem to her and her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath  
unto my son Henry Ballentine the East side of my Plantation and land where  
our I now live, beginning at a gum near a ditch at the road running along behind  
the garden down to an apple tree thence a westerly course to a gum then to an  
other apple tree thence a southwardly course down the middle of the  
Canal as far as my land runs to him and his heirs forever. Item I give  
and bequeath to my son Joseph Ballentine the West side of my land  
binding on the line of Henry Ballentine it being that part wheron he now  
lives to him and his heirs forever. Item fixing will and desire that my swamp  
land that I bought from the Williams and my marsh and pocoson be equally  
divided between my two sons Henry and Joseph Ballentine to them and their  
heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my two sons Henry and Joseph  
Ballentine my negro man Mexico to be equally divided between them. Item in  
my Will and desire that all the rest of my property be sold by my

Executor and after paying all my just debts all the balance of money  
arising from such sale to be equally divided between my three children  
to wit Nancy Lee Henry Ballentine and Joseph Ballentine. Lastly I  
nominate and appoint my two sons Henry Ballentine and Joseph  
Ballentine to be my Executors to this my last Will and Testament revo  
king all former will by me made in Writings whereof I have set my hand  
and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 1819

Signed sealed published and declared (Signed) Davis Ballentine *D. Ball*  
to be the last will and Testament of *me* the Testator *in presence of me*

us

Joseph Jolliff  
Cornelia Davis *her*  
William Matthias *husband*

Recorded and Examined 22 day of  
April 1822 *J. H. Steele*

The last Will and Testament of Malachi Jones deceased  
Exhibited and proved

In the name of God amen I Malachi Jones of Norfolk Borough and State  
Virginia being very sick and weak of body but sound mind and memory think  
to unto God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament in man  
ner and form following to wit.

Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Lydia Jones one negro woman named  
Knoz and her child to her during her natural life and then to decize  
as hereafter named.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son John B. Jones the following negroes  
Owen, Joe Lacky and her child further with all the household and kitchen  
furniture that he now has in possession with all stock of cattle except one cow  
which my negro woman Lucy now has for her use and seven or eight young  
bull yearlings. Item I have and bequeath Catherine Morford the following property  
all my lands in Knott Island Brunswick County N. Carolina and houses and lots  
in said Borough of Norfolk with all my part of the salt works and my vessel  
now building over house Quicks Step single gig and harps with the following negroes  
Jesse, Sam, Abner, Africa, Jack, Stephen, Beck, Daniel, Dennis & Debella with  
all my household and kitchen furniture until her present children namely  
Albert Gallatin Jerome Braxpart Catherine Taylor Robert F. Bishop and  
Sarah Bury shall all arrive the age of twenty one years for their support  
and then to be equally divided between all of said children then living