

The last will and Testament of Henry Culpepper deceased

Exhibited and proved at November term 1815

In the name of God Amen. I Henry Culpepper of the county of Currituck and State of North Carolina, being weak of body, but of sound mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following, that is to say. First. I stand unto my beloved wife Lady Culpepper, wife of my planting whereon I now live, beginning at a gum stump at Samuel Powers' line, formerly called Jesse Ives' and Henry Culpepper's corner tree, thence running westwardly to a ditch called the great ditch, thence running various courses down said ditch to another ditch which empties into the aforesaid large ditch, thence down said small ditch by southwardly course to Samuel Powers' line, thence down said Powers' line to the first station, with all privileges and appurtenances therunto belonging, free from any interruption from any person or persons whatever, claiming any right or title therunto, during her natural life. Also I stand unto my beloved wife Lady Culpepper the first choice of all my beds and furniture and one hand mill oil wooden wheel, one linen sheet the first choice, and one half my kitchen furniture and one third of all my hogs and cattle that runs at large: Also one mare and plow to be hers the said Henry Culpepper, during her natural life. — Item. I give to my beloved son Hardy Culpepper the remainder part of my land now in my possession which I bought of Lewis lot, by his the said Harry Culpepper paying thirty dollars to my estate when in full possession thereof; and after the death of my beloved wife it is my will that my son Hardy Culpepper be in full possession of all my lands which I bought of Lewis lot, containing forty five acres to be the same more or less, to him the said Hardy Culpepper and his heirs forever. Item. I give to my beloved son James Culpepper fifteen acres of land, in his the said James Culpepper's paying to my estate thirty dollars when in full possession thereof; beginning at the aforesaid gum stump in Samuel Powers' line, thence running a westwardly course down the line which formerly divided Jesse Ives' from me, to a cinquain post, thence an eastwardly course to Cornelius Powers' line, thence down said Powers' line to Samuel Powers' line, thence down said Samuel Powers' line to the first station, to be his the said James Culpepper and his heirs forever. Item. I give to my beloved son Warren Culpepper fifteen acres of land, beginning at the aforementioned cinquain post, thence running an easterly course to Cornelius Powers' line, thence running down said Powers' line to Cornelius and William Powers' dividing line, thence running a westerly course down Arthur Culpepper's line to James Humphries' line, thence down said Humphries' line to a line which formerly divided Jesse Ives and me, thence down said line to the first mentioned cinquain post to be his the said Warren Culpepper and his heirs forever. — Item. I give to my beloved son Arthur Culpepper fifty dollars to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give to my beloved grandson James W. Humphries, after the death of my beloved wife, the bed which I lent her, during her natural life to be his the said James W. Humphries and his heirs forever. Item. I give to my beloved daughter Julia Culpepper one feather bed and furniture, to be hers the said Julia Culpepper and her heirs forever. Item. I give to my beloved grand son George Carol one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give to my beloved grandson Wiles Culpepper one feather bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever. After my just debts are paid, it is my will that the remainder of my estate which is not lent or given, be equally divided between my five

children. Viz. Arthur Culpepper, Francis Holt, Sam'l Culpepper, Alice Carroll and Julia Culpepper; And after the death of my beloved wife Lady Culpepper, should there be anything remaining which I have left her, it is my will that it be equally divided between my five above named children. Finally I constitute and appoint my beloved son James Culpepper and Warren Culpepper to be the sole executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 23rd day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifteen. — Signed, Sealed and delivered by
In presence of —
Sam'l Powers
James Fitch Jurat, (signed) Henry Culpepper 

Recorded and examined the day of
James Fitch Jurat,

The last will and Testament of Lovey Ballantine deceased.
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In the name of God. I Lovey Ballantine of the county of Currituck and State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of sound mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, do this 25th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, make and ordain this Instrument of writing to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows. — 1st. Item. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Amanda R. Ballantine two hundred dollars to be converted to the use of buying the said Amanda a negro boy. My will and desire that Lemuel Wilson should collect the aforesaid money and execute the said bargain as soon as opportunity will permit at his own judgment. 2nd. Item. My will and desire is that the balance of my money which is twenty two dollars after paying my tax, should be divided between my two sons, David and Joseph Ballantine to be laid out in clothing and schooling. 3rd. Item. My will and desire is that a small web of cotton yarn should be woven and converted to the use of clothing my daughter Amanda R. Ballantine. 4th. Item my will and desire is that the two webs of woolen should be woven and converted to the use of clothing my two sons Joseph and David Ballantine. Given under my hand and seal the day and date first written.

Attest. Lovey Ballantine
Nicholas & Slack 
Sarah Bennell (signed) Lovey Ballantine 

Recorded and examined the day of

The last will and Testament of Sampson Ethridge deceased
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In the name of God Amen. I Sampson Ethridge of Currituck county and State of North Carolina, being in good health and of sound mind and memory, and of free disposing intellectual faculties, but calling to mind the uncertainty of life and certainty of death, do make and publish this my last will and Testament in the 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 hath pleased god to bless me with, I dispose of as follows. Viz. Item 1st. Give unto my grand son Nathaniel Murrell fifty acres of land to be laid off on the north west end of my lands, including his house and plantation: Also I give my grandson Nathaniel Murrell two hundred silver dollars. Item 2^d. I give unto my son Sampson Ethridge all the remainder of my tract of land wherein I now live, after Nathaniel Murrell's fifty acres are laid off; Also I give my son Sampson Ethridge one negro boy called George. Item 3rd. I give unto my daughter Amy Chaplin one negro girl called Grace and a girl named Clara to her and her heirs, but if my daughter Amy should die without lawful heir of her own body, the two girls Clara and Grace are to be equally divided among all my children. Item 4th. I give unto my three grand children, namely William Nelson, Sampson Nelson and Elijah Nelson the three following negroes, Viz. To William Nelson I give one negro girl called Bets, To Sampson Nelson I give my girl called Sally, To Elijah Nelson I give my boy called Dick. Item 5th. All the remainder of my estate consisting of the land in possession of Tom Murrell, my negroes not before mentioned, my stock, household goods all my property of every description I leave to be sold on twelve months credit, and the money arising from the sale to be divided into five shares, one of the shares I give to my son Sampson Ethridge, the 2^d share I give to Nathaniel Murrell, the 3rd share I give to my daughter Amy Chaplin, and the 4th share I give to my daughter Peggy Murrell, and the 5th share I give to my three grand children, William, Sampson and Elijah Nelson to be equally divided between them. Last of all I nominate, constitute and fully appoint my son Sampson Ethridge my whole and sole executor, to this my last will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3^d day of August 1815 —

Signed, sealed, witnessed and declared in presence of us —

(Signed) Sampson Ethridge Seal

Recorded and examined the day of

L. W. Hall Jurat
John Greaves

The last will and Testament of Mary Woodhouse deceased
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State of North Carolina Seal In the name of God Amen. I, Mary Woodhouse of the county and State aforesaid, being weak of body but of a sound and disposing mind and memory, thanketh be to Almighty god for the same to make and appoint this my last will and Testament in manner and form, Viz. I command and commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body to be buried in a decent manner at the discretion of my executors, and as for my worldly goods I give and bequeath in the following manner Item. I give and bequeath all my right of negro Aron and David, that my husband willed to me, to my daughter Dorcas Woodhouse and her heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath to my daughter Dorcas all the property I bought at my husband's vendue: also all the money I now possess.

it bring my will and desire. This 26th of November 1815 —
Signed, sealed in presence (signed) Mary F. Woodhouse Seal
of us, Seal
Elizabeth Wood

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The last will and Testament of John Aydelott deceased
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In the name of God. AMEN.

I, John Aydelott of the county of Currituck and State of North Carolina, being now sick and weak in body but of a sound and perfect mind and memory, knowing that it is appointed for all once to die and appear in judgment, first of all I recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it me, and my body to be buried in such like Christian manner as may be to the discretion of my executors after mentioned, and as touching such worldly affairs concern as has pleased God to bless me with, I give, devise, bestow and bequeath in the following manner. Viz. — Item. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Mary Aydelott one feather bed and furniture, her first choice, during her natural life or widowhood, also one blue chest, one linen wheel, during her natural life or widowhood. Item. I give unto my two sons Elijah and Bowen Aydelott, each of them one gun as I gave them to Elijah when purchased of him. Item all the remainder of my personal Estate after settling all my just debts I desire to be equally divided between my beloved wife, and my two sons Mary, Elijah and Bowen Aydelott, to them and their heirs forever; also such part as is given of to my wife at her death to go and return to my two sons before named or intermarriage as the law directs, made and provided in such cases. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son David's heirs one shilling, unto them and their heirs as I gave him of such part as I intended when he married. And lastly, I make, constitute, ordain and appoint this my last will and Testament and no other former will gift or any other part to be binding but this present will also I make ordain and appoint James Nelson my true and lawful Executor of this my last will and Testament him and no other, ratifying all and every part of this to be my free will and Testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of November 1815 —

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of — (Signed) John Aydelott Seal

Sally X Parker Jurat
Jesse Taylor

Recorded and examined the day of