

Jesse Read
Davison
Thomas Smith

Halifax County, N.C.

February Court 1787. Then This Will was
exhibited in Open Court and duly proved by the Oath of Thomas Smith
One of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, and on Motion. Ordered
to be Recorded. Whereupon

Sett. - Wm. Worthington

In the Name of God Amen I Esbell Griffin of the County
of Halifax and Province of North Carolina in a Low State of Health
but in perfect memory thanks be to God for it & calling to mind the
mortality of my Body, do constitute & ordain this my last Will and
Testament. In manner and form following (Viz^t) first & principal-
ly, I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave
it, and my Body to the Earth to be decently Buried, according to the
Discretion of my Executors here after mentioned.

Ambriss

Esbell Griffin

My will is that all my Just debts, and funeral charges, be paid out
of My Estate.

Item. I give and Bequeath to my beloved Son James Griffin One Sorrel horse
and the second Choice of my Beds, & furniture, one frying pan &
all my Pewter —

Item. I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary one Negro woman
named Vuce and one Girl by the name of Phillis, also my Loom
and Geer, to Her, & her Heirs, and Assigns for ever.

Item. I give and Bequeath to my beloved Daughter Winnifred one
Negro Girl Now, and her Increase and her first Choice of Beds
with the furniture, & Two Cows & Calves to her, her Heirs & Assigns for ever.

Item. I give and Bequeath to my Beloved Son Michael, one Negro Girl
Nancy, and her Increase — to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item. I give and Bequeath to my Beloved Son Brinkley one Negro
woman, her, & her Increase from this day, by the name of Sabinah
to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item. I give and Bequeath my beloved Son Eli one Negro man named
Dick, to Him, his heirs & Assigns for ever.

Then after my just Debts are paid, the rest of my Estate I leave
to my three Youngest Sons Michael, Brinkley, and Eli, to be equ-
ly Divided amongst them, to them their Heirs & Assigns for ever.

...my beloved Son & the one Negro man named
Dick, to Him, his heirs & Assigns for ever.

Then after my just Debts are paid, the rest of my Estate I leave
to my three Youngest Sons Michael, Brinkley, and Eli, to be equa-
ly Divided amongst them, to them their Heirs & Assigns for ever.
This I affirm to be my last Will & Testament and doth hereby
disallow & make void, all other Wills & Titles made by me heretofore
ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and Testament. In
witness whereof. I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this fifteenth
Day of November, in the Year of our Lord Anno Dom. 1786.

Sign'd, Seal'd & Delivered by Elizabeth
Griffin, & declar'd to be her last Will
and Testament in presence of us,

Jonathan Joyner,
Turner Joyner,
Henry ^{his} Hodges

I have made choice for my Ex^{or} } her
Clerke Williams & William Vaughan } Elizabeth Griffin
mark.

Notary Public for February Court 1787 Then this Will was Exhibited
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subscribing Witnesses thereunto, and on Motion. Ordered to be Recorded
Whereupon