

John Butcher's Will

In the Name of God Amen, I John Butcher of New York County
Being much Afflicted & Weak in Body but of Perfect mind & Memory
Thanks be to Almighty God, Calling to mind the Mortality of the Body
& Knowing that it is Appointed for men Once to Live & Die Make & Ordain
this my Last will and Testament in Manner and form following as touching
Such Worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with,
First my Will and desire is that my beloved wife Sarah Pitcher should have
and Possess all and Every Part of my Estate during the time of her
Natural Life —

Item, after the death of my Wife, I give & bequeath to my Youngest Son
George Conaway Pitcher all the Land & Plantation whereon I now live
But if he should die with out an Heir, then it is my will & desire
that my next Youngest Son Sterling Pitcher should have & possess the
same, Item, I leave the sum of Twenty Shillings to be Equally Divided
among all my Children at the death of my Wife & all the Rest of my
Estate to be at the disposal of my Beloved Wife Sarah Pitcher, Whom
I appoint whole & sole Executrix of of this my Last will & Testament
Disannulling all other wills by me Made & Declaring this to be my
Last will. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and

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Seal this fifteenth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand
Seven Hundred and Eighty two —
Signed Sealed & Published
in presence of

John ^{his} Pritchett
March

Halifax County 1st Aug^l Court 1783

J^r Pritchett, Moses Pritchett

Then this Will was Duly Proved in Open Court by the Oath of
Sarah Pritchett Executrix & on Motion Ordered to be Recorded
Test M^r Woolton

In the Name of God Amen, I Mary Throughton of Halifax County
& State of North Carolina being at this time in a Weak Condition but of Perfect
Sound mind & memory do make & Ordain this my Last Will and Testament
in manner & form following First my Soul I recommend & bequeath into the
Hands of Almighty God that gave it & my body I commit to the Earth to be
buried at the discretion of my Executors here after named and as to my worldly
property my Will & Desire is that it may be disposed of in the following
manner W^{it}h

Item, I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Lucy Martin and to her Heirs for Ever
four Negroes to wit Trilist, Jacob, Sam^l & Sue — — — One bed & furniture
One Desk, One Large pear Glass On Doyen powder Plates, 1 Dozen Lucens
of M^r Martin's

Mary Throughton Pritchett