

his heirs & assigns forever. And Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my
Son William Perkins & William Cotton Executors to this my Last will & Testament, In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & affixed my Seal this 27th day of September
AD 1788

Signed Sealed published & declared as the Last will & Testament
of the Testator in presence of us, Called for that purpose
John Shearman John Willey

Henry Perkins
J. Mark

Halifax County

August 29th 1797 Then this will was exhibited
in Open Court & duly proved by the Oath of John Willey one of the Subscribing
Witnesses thereto and on Motion ordered to be Recorded. We hereupon William
Perkins one of the Executors theron named, Came in & was duly Qualified thereto

Witness
L. Long CCL

In The Name of God Amen I John Roaper of Halifax County in
The State of North Carolina being weak in Body but of perfect Sound mind & memory
thanks be Given to God. Calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing
that it is appointed unto all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will

John Roaper dec. Will

And Testament, that is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the Hands of almighty God, that gaver, and my Body I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in, decent Christian Burial, at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty power God and as touching such worldly Estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give devise & dispose of the same in the following Manner & form -

First. Item I give & bequeath to my beloved wife, my negroe man George to Dispose of as may please her, in a manner & whatever, as also, I lend to my beloved wife the use of all my other Lands, & Personal Goods & Chattels excepting two negroes, to wit, a negroe Girl, named Lucy and one named Charming all other of my Estate of whatever kind it be excepting four feather Beds & their furniture, I lend to my aforesaid Loving wife. so Long as she may Live and at her death to be Equally divided amongst all my Children Share & Share equal alike and if any of my Children should die before the division of My Estate, my will & desire is that their Children, should have a Childs part Among them.

Item I give & bequeath to my Loving Daughter Zilpha My negroe Girl Lucy & two feather Beds & furniture to her & her heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath to my Loving Daughter Bethea one negroe Girl named Charming and two feather Beds & furniture to her & her heirs for & all other of my Estate after the decease of my wife, I desire may Equally be divided amongst Each & every of one of my Children namely Nathaniel Hauer, Mary Johnston Hauer, Susan, Elizabeth Wright, Barbara Wilson, Zilpha Rooper & Bethea Rooper,

Children Saml^y Nath^l Haws, Mary Johnston Hulea Mearns, Elizabeth Wright,
Barbara Wilson Zeph^h Rooper & Bith^u Rooper,

I Now Constitute & appoint my loving wife Lucy Executrix of this my last Will &
Testament & also Ordain & appoint Col^l Willis Abston, William Pryor & Henry Hyde
The whole & sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament and I do hereby utterly disavow
revoke & disannul all other & former Wills, Covenants & bequests, whatsoever, by me before named
making & confirming this & this only to be my last Will & Testament & none other, It is also
my will & desire, that my Executors, might if they shall see Cause sell & dispose with the consent
of My wife and part of My Stock or other Estate as May be Thought Good & the Money so
arising to be converted, to the use of my said wife or to be Equally divided amongst all my Children.
Namely, the Estate herein before lent to my loving wife - all money due to my Estate to be by my
Executors Collected and all just debts paid, and I thereby as before mentioned ratify & confirm this my
last Will & Testament, In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 14th day of May in
the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven and ninety four

Signed Sealed, published & pronounced & declared by the said John Rooper as his
last Will & Testament, in the presence of us who in his presence & in the presence

of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names
Test John Sullivan, Henry Hyde, Isham Hawkins

his
John H. Rooper
mark

Halifax County set

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proved by the Oaths of Henry Hyde & Isham Hawkins two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto & on
Motion Ordered to be Recorded whereupon Willis Abston one of the Executors therein named came in
& was duly qualified to the same.

Witness

I Long C. C.