

Thomas Eaton's Will

In the Name of God Amen! I Thomas Eaton jr of Halifax County and State of North Carolina being in my perfect mind and memory do this 27th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eight make this my last Will and testament as follows First My will and desire is that all my estate of whatsoever kind may be kept together by my Executors for the purpose of supporting my wife & family & for the education of my Children until my sons arrive to age or my Daughters marry or arrive to age at which time I wish my estate to be divided as follows Secondly I will and desire that all my Lands in Northampton County together with all my Lands in Halifax County be equally divided between all my sons when either of them shall arrive to full age to them or their survivors & then thus for ever My further will & desire is that this division should be made by my Executor as equally as can be done Thirdly My will & desire is that all my estate of whatsoever kind except my Lands when either of my sons should arrive to full age or either of my daughters should arrive to age or marry should be equally divided between my wife Rebecca Eaton & all my Children then living Fourthly I give to my wife Rebecca Eaton during her natural life and no longer my Lands in Halifax County laying above William Eaton's ferry road called Parsons tract & all the appurtenances thereto & belonging during the term of her **life** as aforesaid Lastly I do move, constitute and appoint my friends William E Johnston, Hugh Johnston, William A Eaton and Richard W Trevar Executors to this my will & also that they be special guardians to all my Children with full confidence that they will see the same executed agreeable to my wishes Signed with my Hand & affixed my seal this 27th day of November 1808

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Acknowledged before us as
his last will & Testament
Robert Parks, James Dancy

Thomas Eaton *(seal)*

Halifax County, N.C.

February Session 1807 Then this will of Thomas Eaton deceased was exhibited in Open Court and duly proved by the oath of Robert Parks one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the testimony Ordered to be Recorded. Whereupon Robert W. Treasor and William Two of the Executors therein named came in and was questioned thereto

Wm. Lunsford Long C.C.

R. W. N. P. A.