

Testator in presence of Tho: Haynes John Champion Peter Bird & ^{his} Wm H. Hollin  mark

Halifax County Jct.

February 8th 1796 then this will was admitted in Open Court and duly proved by the oath of John Champion one of the subscribing witnesses there and on Motion Ordered to be Recorded; whereupon Lucy Hollin the Executrix therein named came in and was duly qualified to the same

Witness Myself

Thomas Howell will

In the Name of God Amen the 10th day of February 1794 I Thomas Howell of Halifax County in the State of North Carolina being then weak in body yet of sound & perfect memory & willing to mind the mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed all men once to die do hereby make & ordain this my last will & Testament in manner & form following that I do give & recommend my soul to the hands of Almighty God to he gave it & my Body to the earth to be buried in a Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter mentioned not doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same by the most powerful power of God & as touching such worldly Estate as I hath from the Almighty God to Bless me I give & dispose of the same in the manner & form following I give & bequeath to my son Mathus Howell to him & his heirs forever my two Negroes David & King: I give & bequeath to my son in law James Howd to him & his heirs forever two Negroes fellows Dick & Tom: I give & bequeath to my Grandson William Shimmer the Land bought of Thomas Shanks as well as parcel by deed from said Shanks one feather bed & furniture my young barrel more also my negro boy Luke my Negro woman Sallie also my two Negroes Peter & Pat to him & his heirs & as Lawfully begotten of his body with all their future increase of the said Shimmer die without issue Lawfully begotten then my desire is that what I leave him may be equally divided among all my Children.

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Here I give & bequeath to my Daughter Patience Pace to her & her heirs Twenty Shillings
 Here I give to my Daughter Jane Butcher to her & her heirs Twenty Shillings
 Here I give & bequeath to Elyha Pitman who married my Daughter Sarah Howell the sum of
 Ten Shillings. Here I give & bequeath to my son Matthew Howell & James Ward each one
 Bed & furniture Here I give & bequeath the Balance or remainder of my Estate whatsoever
 given away to be equally divided among my before mentioned Children & my Grandson William
 to them & their heirs forever & lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my son Matthew Howell
 & James Ward my whole & sole Executors of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof
 I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written
 Signed sealed published pronounced & declared by the said Matthew Howell for & as his }
 last will & Testament in presence of } Tho^{his} Howell Esq^{mark}
 John Pitman Matthew Howell Sam^c Pitman

Halifax County Jct February 2^d 1796 Then this will was exhibited in open Court
 and duly Proved by the oath of Matthew Howell & Samuel Pitman two of the Subscribing
 witnesses thereto & on Motion Ordered to be Recorded: Whereupon Matthew Howell Esq^r Clerk
 the Execution thereon named came in & was duly qualified to the same

Attest me: Song Ct.

Prob. Court 1796

In the Name of God Amen I Joel Cotton of Halifax County & State of North Carolina being
 weak in Body but of perfect sound mind & memory thanks be to God for it & calling to mind the
 Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make &
 ordain this to be my last will and Testament, first I recommend my soul to God who gave it
 & my Body to the earth to be buried in a Christianlike manner & as touching such worldly goods
 wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me I do give & dispose of in manner & form following