

Albany Long 66.

In the name of God amen. I William Wooten of
Haldar County, State North Carolina, knowing the Uncertainty of this life & the Certainty of
Death; in Order to prevent any disputes that may arise after my Death. Do make the following
Distribution of my estate, In Witness Whereof, I in my Will & Desire that all my Just debts & Family expenses should be paid
paid by my Executor herein After Named. Item, I have to my beloved Wife Francis Wooten to & during her
Natural life, or Widowhood, I do bequeath after the payment of my debts all my Estate & it of whatever
Nature or kind for the Express purpose of raising, supporting & Educating my Children. Item in
Case my said Wife Francis should marry again, be in case any one or all of my Children should attain
lawful Age or marry. Or at the Death of my said Wife, or when any of the said Contingencies shall happen
then & in that case it is my will & Desire that all my Estate except the Real estate be equally divided be-
tween my said Wife Francis Wooten & my following Children Vizt Ann Wooten, James Wooten,
William Wooten, John Wooten & Elizabeth Wooten & share alike to them & their heirs forever
except as to the bequest to my beloved Wife Francis which I only leave to her & during her Natural
life; the Child or Children so attaining lawful Age or Marriage, to have his or her share allotted
and set off, to him or them; & the residue or residue thereof to be returned back into the Common
Stock, until such Contingency may again happen. Item, It is my Will that my beloved wife
Francis take in part of her Appraisal of the Negro in her favour in this Will Contained, a
Negro Wench named Lucy, known by the Name of the Cooks Wench. Item in Case there should
be a necessity for the Sale of any of my Negroes, my Will is that my Ex- & Executor will take Care
that Negroes Lucy or Furi, or any of their Children be not sold, unless there is an absolute
necessity for their Sale. Item, it is my will & Desire that at the coming of Age of my young-
est Child, that my lands & Plantations together with all the debts & demands adjoining be

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Sold by my Executors, On twelve months Credit, to the highest bidder, & the money
arising therefrom to be equally divided between my five following Children
Vizt Ann Wootton, James Wootton, M^r Wootton, John Wootton, & Elizabeth Wootton
Share and share alike, to them & theirs forever. Item, not knowing whether my
wife is with Child at present, or not, Should she be so, then & in that case
my Will & desire is, that she & her Should come in for equal Share, with the rest
of my Children of all my estate. Lastly I nominate Constitute & appoint my friends
Sundford Long, Samuel Crowder, Matthew Whitaker, Henry Bradford & my Son
James Wootton, Whole & Sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament, hereby
recommending and revoking all other Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made. In Wit-
ness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 9th February anno
Dom 1779 D.

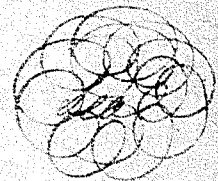
Signed Sealed & Delivered

in presence of

Mat^r Whitaker

Frederick Gordon

W^m Wootton



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February Session 1779, then

this Will was Exhibited in Open Court, & duly proved by the Oath of Frederick
Gordon one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, & on motion Ordered to be recorded

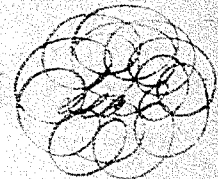
Wife, Ann Woolton, James Woolton, W. Woolton, John Woolton & Elizabeth Woolton
share and share alike, to them & heirs forever. Item, not knowing whether my
wife is with Child at present, or not, should she be so, then & in that case
my will & desire is, that the issue should come in for equal share, with the rest
of my Children of all my estate. Lastly, I nominate constitute & appoint my friends
Sundford Long, Samuel Crowell, Matthew Whitaker, Henry Bradford & my son
James Woolton, whole & sole Executors of this my last will & Testament, hereby
renewing and revoking all other Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made. In wit-
ness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 9th February anno
Dom 1793.

Signed & sealed & delivered

in presence of
Mat. C. Whitaker

Frederick Gordon

W. Woolton



Halifax County Feb

February Session 1793, then

this will was exhibited in Open Court, & duly proved by the oath of Frederick
Gordon one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, & on motion Ordered to be recorded
whereupon Henry Bradford one of the Executors in the said will named came
in and was duly qualified & thereto — Witness Long & Co