

In the time of God Amen I Benjamin Witten of the
Town of Woodstock in the County of Hyde and State of New
England Cooper living for so long a time in year but of sound mind
and memory do make my last Will and Testament in manner
and form followinge. 17th

I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Tamm one
negro man named John. I give and Bequeath to my daughter
Elizabeth Tamm one negro woman named Rose
I give and Bequeath to the Children of my daughter Virgil
Tamm one negro Girl named Cott to be Equally Divided
amongst them. I give and Bequeath to Elizabeth Tamm
my Grand Daughter one negro Girl named Amy Likewise a
young Horse or the value thereof at the option of my self, here after
mentioned also one feather Bed and Furniture.

I give and Bequeath unto Mary Ann Throop my daughter one negro
woman named Bell one negro man named Newport one negro
Boy named Wallace one named Lestorance named Bob one
negro Girl named Sue and one named Seal Likewise I give
unto the said Mary Ann Throop all my Stock in trade Horses cattle
Sheep Hogs Pigs with all my Tools and Utencils for farming
Withall my House Hold furniture all Notes Bonds and mony
of mony with Every kind of property whatsoe ther that I shall die
possesed as by law entituled as mentioned to her and her
Heirs for paying the labour Legacies and all my other just and
Lawfull Debts and I do hereby Constitute Nominate and
Appoint William and Mary Ann Throop my son and Daughter Est^r
and Extra of this my last will and Testament only Revoking and
Disannulling all other wills by me formerly made and for that
purpose I have signed Seal and pronounced this to be my last will
and Testament the first Day of October one thousand seven
hundred and Eighty in presence of. Bruf. Martin. Seal
First Rotheram Wilkins

First Thomas Henderson

Simon Bailey

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J. D. Arms et al.

Hyde County Notarized June 1783

This will was exhibited into the office

June and proved in open Court by the
oath of Revd L. Henderson one of the
evidence to the same and ordered to be recorded
Attest Caleb Tamm Esq

In the Name of God Amen I Littleton Wilkins of Hyde County planter
being sick and weak of Body but of perfect mind and memory thank
be to Almighty God &c I desire to make this my last will and Testament
in manner and form followinge. In nomine my will and desire is
that all my just debts and funeral expences be all satisfied

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son John Wilkins my manner of plantation
whereon I now live together with the Westermost half of my tract of
land But if my son John Wilkins dies without issue if this
body Lawfully begotten then I give the said land and plantation
to my son Edmund Wilkins and if my son Edmund Wilkins dies
without issue Lawfully begotten of his body then I give the
afore mentioned plantation and land to my son Rotheram
Wilkins.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my son Patrick Wilkins one half
of my tract of Land that is the Eastmost part but if my son
Patrick Wilkins Dies without issue Lawfully begotten of his body
then I give the said Land unto my son Edmund Wilkins and
if my two sons John and Edmund or either of them Dies without
issue then my will is that the two next heirs at law shall have
the same between them on the Westermost half and the other
the Eastmost half so that it shall be between the two.

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Edmund Wilkins piece
of Land Containing One Hundred Acres lying at the mouth
of Pungo River Known by the Name of Silverthorn Point and
In case my son Edmund Wilkins Dies without issue Lawfully
begotten of his body then I give the said Land and plantation
to my son Rotheram Wilkins.

Item I give unto my well Beloved Wife Frances Wilkins her
choice of all my negroes that is three one and let one to
her own use.

My Will and Desire is that my Executor here aforementioned
shall nine months after my decease shall make choice
of my negroes for my children in the following manner
After my wife has chose one then they shall choose one
for my youngest child then in turn and then one for
my next youngest and so upward for each child one
Excepting the two oldest and to him to have no choice at
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