

Will of Ephraim Atkinson

In the name of God Amen. the ninth day of February one thousand seven hundred and ninety one Ephraim Atkinson of North Carolina, native residence in Edgewood County but now in Johnston County being sick in body but of perfect and sound memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same and calling to remembrance the uncertain state of things transitory life and that all flesh must yield to death when it shall please God to call do make constitute ordain and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following and annulling by these present all and every testament and testaments will or wills heretofore by me made and declare with my word or writing and this to be taken only for my last will and testament and none other and first I give and commit my soul to God that gave it and my body to be buried in Christian like manner and now for the settling of my temporal estate and such goods and chattles and debts as it pleased God to bestow upon me I do order give and dispose the same in manner and form following that is to say,

- First I will that all those debts and dues as I owe in right of conscience to any manner of person or persons whatsoever shall be well and truly contented and paid or ordered to be paid within convenient time after my decease by my executors hereafter named.
- Item I give unto my daughter Mary Doerby five shillings specie or current money of the state.
- Item I give unto my daughter Betsey Collins five shillings current money &c
- Item I give my son James Atkinson five shillings current money &c
- Item I give unto my son Joseph Atkinson five shillings current money &c
- Item I give unto my daughter Sallie Harris five shillings current money.

I lend to my loving wife Mary Atkinson during her life a widowhood all my goods, clothes and estate for support and maintenance to her and my two youngest sons, namely Thomas and Peter Atkinson and at her decease or widowhood to be equally divided between my two sons to wit, Thomas and Peter and for the performance and execution of this my last will and testament. I do hereby ordain and appoint that my wife Mary Atkinson and my son Thomas Atkinson be the sole executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal this day and year above written

Signed in the presence of

John Phillips
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Ephraimth Atkinson (seal)