

Andrew Hartford's 'Will'

In the Name of God Amen,

I, Andrew Hartford of the County of Johnston and Province of North Carolina Planter knowing the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men once to die, So hereby make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say principally I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it to me not doubting but my ever blessed Redeemer will restore it to me again at the day of General resurrection and my body to be buried in a decent & Christian manner at the discretion of my Executor to be hereafter named and as to what worldly substance it has pleased God to bestow upon me after paying all my lawful debts and funeral Expenses I leave and bequeath it in the following manner Viz:

- Impressed I leave and bequeath my two Plantations the tract of land pertaining to them to my three beloved sons Godfrey, Richard & John to be equally divided among them only it is my will and desire that the plantation whereon I now live may be included in the share of my son Godfrey and that the plantation whereon I now live may be included the share of my son Godfrey and that the plantation whereon Thomas Smith now lives may be included in the share of my son John.
- Item I leave and bequeath to my said beloved son Godfrey my Shagbark gun and one Cow and calf and one sow and one mare I formerly gave him.
- Item I leave and bequeath to my said beloved son Richard my two smooth gun and one Cow and calf and one sow and one mare which I formerly gave him.
- Item I leave and bequeath to my said beloved son my other smooth gun and one Cow and calf and one sow it is my will and desire that my said son John may have the first Colt that my own mare brings.
- Item I leave and bequeath to my beloved son Andrew one sow and a mare and calf which I formerly gave him.
- Item I leave and bequeath to my beloved daughter Rebecca a horse which I formerly gave her.
- Item I leave and bequeath to my beloved wife Sarah Hartford one third part of my whole remaining and moveable estate to her enjoyed during her Natural life.
- Item I bequeath the other two thirds of my moveable estate and all my other Estate both real and personal that I have not hereby disposed of to my following beloved children Jacob & Mary, Rebecca, Andrew Sarah and Betty to be equally divided among them, and I hereby appoint William Bechler and my two beloved sons Jacob and Godfrey Executors of this my last will and Testament Restoring all former wills by me made and declaring this to be my

only last will and Testament,

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this the 13th day of November 1701

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us

Andrew Hartford Seal

James Martin
Thomas Smith
Elizabeth Crook

Test Robert Rains

John Grinnam's Will

In the Name of God Amen - This the 11th day of Jan in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty two - I John Grinnam of Johnston County, being sick and weak of body, but of a perfect mind and memory sheweth to God for it and calling to mind the mortality of man and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die So make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following Viz: I give and bequeath unto my dear and beloved wife Mary Grinnam and to her and her heirs all my Estate Real and Personal she paying my Lawful debts and so ordain whole and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament. Restoring and disannulling all former will and wills by me made or done and so declare this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

Item

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

John Grinnam Seal

Ben Baldwin

North Carolina

Johnston County

Present his Majt Justices

Jan Court 1762

The above will given in open Court by the oath of Richard Mycock admitted to record when Mary the widow qualified as Executrix
Test Robert Rains