

To them their heirs and assigns, to be equally divided among them  
share and Share alike

I give and bequeath all my waring clothes that I may have at my  
death to my Grand daughters that are now living and have remained  
in this state to be divided among them share and share alike.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my trusty friends Joseph  
Thomas Rhodes Executor of this my last will and Testament In witness  
whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal the Fourteenth day  
of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and  
and fifteen -

Sig[ne]a Testia pronounced  
& declared in presents of }

Aron Ratliff

Elizabeth Ratliff

Joseph T. Rhodes

Rachel her  
mark Garman dec'd

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court February Term 1815

Then was the above will of Rachel Garman dec'd duly proved in open  
Court by the oath of Aron Ratliff and Joseph T. Rhodes, two of the  
subscribing witnesses thereto and at the same time Joseph Thomas Rhodes  
the Executor therein named - Qualified as such Ordered that letters  
Testamentary issue accordingly

In the name of God Amen I Richard Roberts of the  
County of Jones and State of North Carolina, seriously considering the uncer-  
tainty of human life at best do while in a firm state of mind and sound  
recollection make and ordain this my last will and Testament intending  
hereby to dispose of all my worldly affairs not as humor may prompt but  
Justice and equity shall seem to direct - First I desire that my just debts  
may be liquidate or paid by my executors.

Item I lend unto my wife Sarah during her natural life the Lands & Tenements  
I purchased of Ernest Watson, Chas Watson, & Troy Watson without any unnecessary  
but with only the privilege of Timber for fencing and fuel and after the decease  
of said Sarah to descend to my youngest son Christopher Roberts as herein  
so mentioned and specified, also I lend unto said Sarah during the term  
of her natural life the following Negroes, to wit,

Sam, Hannah, Menerva, Anache, Donum Rhoda Mol, Obedience, Maria,  
of Isaac and at the demise of said Sarah all the negroes specified in this  
item & their increase to be fairly valued one moiety & half to be set off to my  
youngest son Christopher Roberts, the other half to be equally and fairly divided  
among my other children heirs and assigns forever—

Item. I give & bequeath unto my wife Sarah five cows Two of the oldest heifers among  
my stock of cattle one Yoke of oxen the youngest a mare Tol horse Huggins Five  
sows & their pigs Twelve Sheep Twelve Hogs one bed of furniture, my crockery  
ware One Table allahogany, one loom three wheels One cart three Pots a teakettle  
Two pair fire dogs Tubs Trammels churns Piggins all that I have two pair Cotton  
Cards one hachel six Silver Tea Spoons one pair of Steelyards one on chain Two  
plows, Two weeding Hoes, Two grubbing Hoes three axes one spade one sythe all  
my cider Barrels & hogsheads one barrel Brandy one ditto Cider as many  
Sweet potatoes as she may need as much Flax & cotton as be necessary to clothe  
all the negroes and her own use, Thirty fat Hogs all my salt on hand all  
the stocks of bees on this plantation and the sugar in hand All of assigns

Rodickson, Houston Roberts; Ivy Watson;

R. Roberts *Seal*

Item. I devise unto my son James Roberts upon the following terms as are specified  
all the lands I purchased of Frederick Fay in the county of Jones him his  
heirs & assigns but in failure of heirs of his body in wedlock at the time of his  
death the same and every part thereof to be equally divided surviving Brothers  
to share & share alike their Heirs & assigns forever—

Item. I devise unto my son Houston Roberts under the same restrictions & regulation  
as were mentioned in the above clause one half of the lands a tract of  
Wallaces Creek, in the County of Onslow part of which I purchased of the  
Wards & apart bequeathed me by my father the late Houston Roberts—  
and unto my son Richard I devise the other moiety or half & should either  
or both die without lawful issue of the body then their surviving Brothers  
divide the same among them share each alike them their heirs & assigns forever—

Item I devise conditionally to my son George the lands I purchased of John Duley  
in the County of Jones—if said George should die without issue lawful of the body  
then in being, said land to descend & be equally divided among his surviving  
Brothers or rather my other sons to share alike heirs & assigns forever—

I devise conditionally, unto my son Agrippa Roberts the lands I purchased  
of Wofford Headnot commonly called Hadnot's point & all my other lands  
below or South of Wallace's Creek in the County of Onslow - else if said Agrippa  
dies without issue of the body, in wedlock then every part thereof to be equally  
and fairly divided among my other sons to share alike heirs & assigns forever.

The lands that revolves to my son Christopher after the decease of my <sup>wife</sup> Sarah  
to be disposed of as follows to him & his use exclusive only during the term  
of his natural life & the heirs of his body, in wedlock but in failure of such  
living at the time of his demise it & every part thereof to be equally  
divided among his surviving brothers or my other sons to share alike them  
their heirs & assigns forever.

Out of my bonds in hand both debts sales of my estate & here if that be  
insufficient I charge the sum of three thousand dollars to be paid & sett  
off to my two sons Houston Roberts & Richard Roberts when they arrive of age  
or marry & until that period the same placed out at interest in such lands  
as will be safe in the opinion of my representatives or their guardian for  
their joint use & benefit.

Abigail & Houston Roberts & Ivy Watson

Elizabeth R. Roberts *Seal*

else if either or both of them die before they arrive of age or marry then their  
moiety or moieties to be divided among my surviving sons to share alike their  
heirs & assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my two daughters Eliza Roberts & Sarah Roberts the fol-  
lowing negroes upon the following terms as shall be hereafter specified To wit,  
Bill, Jack, Tom, Luke, Jacob, Martin, little Jack, Frank, Pleasant, Roger, Lydia  
little Pig, Mahala, Miles & Dorcas To be equally & fairly divided into two  
distinct lots by well informed judicious & disinterested commissioners when either  
of them arrives to the age of eighteen years or marries & should one or either  
die without issue of the body, the survivor or survivors take the other moiety or half  
& if both daughters die childless or without issue the whole number together with their  
increase to be equally & fairly divided among my surviving sons then their  
heirs & assigns forever.

I very willingly, emancipate & set free my negro man old Caesar for life also  
I sett off forty acres of land for his use during that period adjoining the  
old roads in Onslow County

The residue of my negro slaves not disposed of or mentioned in a specific  
manner to be equally divided among all my children

Sons and Daughters by disinterested commissioners to have & share alike them  
their heirs & assigns forever. —

I bind the residue of my estate real & personal not yet otherwise appropriated or  
disposed of to be equally & fairly divided among the whole of my  
children share alike heirs & assigns forever.

Last of all I constitute and appoint, my wife Sarah Executrix and my  
oldest son James Executor of this will ratifying the same and acknowledging  
it to be my last.

Witnesses

Rob Dickson

Houston Roberts

Ivey Watson

State of North Carolina

Jones County Court chvr. Term 1814.

In witness whereof I have this day set my hand & seal  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October Anno Domini 1814.

R. Roberts Seal

Then was the within last will & Testament of  
Richard Roberts dec'd produced in open Court & proved by the oath of  
Robt. Dickson & Ivey Watson two of the subscribing witnesses & ordered to be record-  
ed at same time the executors therein named qualified as such agreeable to  
law ordered that letters Testamentary issue accordingly

In the name of God amen the first day of August 1814 I Elijah  
Sanderson of the County of Jones and State of North Carolina being very  
sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto  
God for it therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing  
that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last  
Will and Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and  
Recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body I  
recommend to earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion  
of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection receive same again  
by the mighty power of God and touching such worldly estate as it pleased God  
to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the same in the manner  
and form Imprimis —