

I am James Evans twenty years & out of my estate to be paid  
him before of April I also will & appoint that the remainder  
of the money arising out of the sales of my moveable estate  
I agree after my death is paid to the credit due on the land as  
above I wish to give up to be divided equally between my three  
youngest children Ruth, Abby & Joseph Reed also I give unto  
Ruth & Abby a cloak a piece to each one out of my best clothe  
at the value & I give to Ruth Reed a black broadcloth coat  
out of the best piece & a big coat out of the other piece I also  
give unto Ruth my Calico & striped gown & I give her the  
gown with appress stripes & I give Ruth my white corded  
buttoned silk blouse with buttons & I give unto Mary my blue  
calimanco patterned & a stuff petticoat a dark cotton gown  
& my leather stitched gown I give to Ruth & Ruth my son  
cotton gown I give my striped bedgown to Ruth & my blues to  
gown to Abby & the remainder of my cloathing to be divided  
between them I also will unto John Reed his children  
Abby & Margaret Reed as much money to each as will pay  
for two years schooling for each I give unto my son Joseph  
Reed the remainder of the thick cloth above mentioned

Witness . . . John Wilson

William Evans {  
James Wilson

Mary Reed 

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Hodder of the  
County of Mecklenburg State of North Carolina being of sound mind  
& memory but in a dangerous state of health do make & desire  
this to be my last will & Testament viz in the first place it is  
my desire that all my just & lawful debts be paid  
Secondly this my will & desire that my wife Hodder and my  
children Upton, Hibby, Somers, Jackson, Benjamin, Julius  
Isaac nowe on the plantation on which I now reside re-  
ceive the whole of the present stock & money there is  
to what ever sum they may require by their joint industry  
willing the same against my estate than to require a

disposal of a part thereof as will be necessary, but the whole of the remaining property real & personal to be distributed & divided among the following circumstances trust but if heath & sufficient they shall -  
 Should happen that then I do require my executors to dispose of the  
 whole of my property real & personal after or before & except title  
 for the same giving a reasonable credit at the time of death, & if  
 said estate to make an equal division between my wife & children  
 than to them a lesser, but it is also my desire that my children in this  
 case should be bound out to good tradesmen such as my executors  
 should approve of. Also that if at any future period it be tho'  
 more advantageous to the interest of my wife & my said children  
 to dispose of the said I do hereby direct my executors to dispose  
 of the said & execute title provided that the sale be agreeable to  
 my wife, otherwise if none of the above cases should happen  
 but that my wife & espoused children should remain together  
 agreeable to my desire, that where my son Billy comes of age  
 that my executors would make choice of their good & discreet  
 judgment to appropriate the estate then on hand real & personal  
 when done there then shall be a division set apart to him  
 which division shall be in proportion of the survivors of  
 the above mentioned persons. Lastly I do appoint my trusty  
 friend Nathaniel Chapman & Nease Davis my executors  
 making all other wills & instruments by me made hitherto  
 to stand I do hereby affix my hand & seal this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1798  
 Signed in presence of us  
 Nathaniel Chapman }  
 Lipton Roddick }  
 Henry Byram .

Benjamin Franklin

In the name of God amen, I declare here of my habitation of  
 County of Hale of New-Hampshire being sick & weak in body, & mind  
 so farre as to make my judgment reason & memory imperfect  
 To the disposal of my real & worldly estate it has pleased a kind Providence  
 to light me in this life with an honest & true testimony to say  
imprisoned I will that all my just debts & funeral expenses be paid  
 out of my estate. Then I give & bequeath to my brother David & his wife