

North Carolina 1771 In the name of God Amen,
 I, John Atkinson of New Hanover County, in the Province aforesaid, being in perfect mind and memory, do make, ordain and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner, and form following, that is to say, First, I bequeath my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping and believing a remission of my sins by the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ: and my worldly estate I give, bequeath and devise as follows, viz.,
 Inprimis. I will that all my just and lawful debts be paid immediately after my decease.
 Item. I give, bequeath and devise, unto my dutiful son Elisha Atkinson, the plantation whereon I now live, after his mother's decease, to him and his heirs forever; likewise one feather bed and furniture; also what cattle is of his own mark; likewise my gun; also one iron pot; which said things except the land, I desire he may have at my decease.
 Item. I give devise and bequeath unto my son John Atkinson one feather bed and furniture, one cow and calf of his own mark, one iron pot, one hand mill; which said things I desire he may have after his mother's decease.
 Item. I give, bequeath and devise unto my daughter, Elizabeth Spence, one feather bed and furniture that she has in possession; also one heifer marked a crop and two slits in the right ear, a crop and half crop in the left ear; which said things I desire may devolve to my grand daughter, Sarah Spence after her mother's decease.
 Item. I give, bequeath and devise, unto my daughter, Keziah Atkinson, one feather bed and furniture; one cow and yearling in her own mark; one iron pot, one large chest, one large pewter dish; which said things I desire she may have after my wife's decease.
 Item. I give bequeath to my loving wife Anne Atkinson all the rest of my estate wheresoever to be found, during her natural life, and then to be sold, and the money arising from said sale to be equally divided to my four, own children above mentioned.
 Lastly, it is my desire, my widow should give my son John and Keziah Atkinson one year's schooling out of my estate if she can conveniently do it.
 Lastly, I nominate and appoint my son Elisha Atkinson Executor of this my last Will and Testament; and I do hereby, revoke, frustrate, and disannul all other wills before made by me, and do declare this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of October Anno Domini 1771.
 John Atkinson (Seal)

Witnessed, published and delivered in presence of
 Bishop Dualey
 and
 John Ballou

New Hanover, October Court 1772.

The within last will and Testament was proved on the oath of Mary Patterson a subscribing witness who swore she saw the Testator, John Atkinson, sign, seal, published and declare the same to be and contain his last will and testament, and that at the time thereof, the said Testator appeared to be of sound and disposing mind and memory, at the same time Bishop Dualey and William Egel signed as concurring evidences thereto. Eliza Atkinson appeared and qualified as Executor to the said Will. Ordered that, Letters Testamentary issue accordingly.
John London. C. C.

In the name of God Amen.

I John Ashe of the County of New Hanover, in the Province of North Carolina, Esquire, being of sound disposing mind and memory, do make my last Will and Testament in manner following:

In primis. I recommend my soul to the mercies of my Creator, and my body I request my Executors to have interred in a vault at my plantation called Grovelly, which I desire they will have built, and that they will likewise have the remains of my father, and mother removed into the said vault. And as to my worldly estate after payment of my just debts I dispose of it in the manner following.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Rebecca Ashe during her natural life, her choice of one of any of the plantations or tracts of land I shall die possessed of, and at her decease, to that child it is hereafter bequeathed to. Item. To my beloved son John Ashe and to his heirs forever, I devise and bequeath the plantation and tract of land where I now dwell, likewise the one hundred acres I bought of William Dry Esquire, adjoining Mr Moseley's land; also forty acres above the Bluff on the East side of the North East river, opposite to where I am together with the said Bluff tract of land containing six hundred acres, and also two hundred and forty acres adjoining the said six hundred acres below: Also three hundred acres on the east side of Trumpeter branch, commonly called the Juniper Swamp, and also the forty acres I lately purchased of Mr Caleb Mason adjoining the said Bluff tract on the upper side.