

I give to my wife that money that is due to me from her Mother's estate I also leave my crop of Tobacco & outstanding debts to discharge my Just debts & providing necessaries for my family.

And lastly I appoint my wife Mildred Hyde & her daughter as executors of this my last will & testament discharging all former wills by me made. I acknowledge this only to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the fifteenth day May A^d 1762.

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of Richard Hyde & Samuel Hyde, James Macenair, Oliver day,
David Hyde, James Macenair, Oliver day,
Northampton County 17th May Court 1762.

The preceding will & testament of Richard Hyde and was exhibited in Court & proven on the oath of David Hyde one of the subscribing witnesses thereto at the same time Michael Hyde was qualified Executor thereof in which motion was ordered to be certified & recorded Teste J. Hew and etc

William Bridger Will.

In the name of God Amen. The twenty third day of April in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred & sixty three, I William Bridger of Northampton County in the province of North Carolina being sick in body but of sound & perfect mind & memory thank be to God & feeling to mine that it is appointed for all men to die, do make & declare this my last will & testament hereby recommending my soul into the hands of my redeemer & my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors herein after named, And as touching my worldly estate wherewith it has pleased almighty God to bless me in this life I dispose of the same in the following manner (Wiz) It is my will & desire that my beloved wife Rachel Bridger do have the use & benefit of my plantation & the land thereunto belonging during her whole widowhood.

I give devise & bequeath unto my son John Bridger my plantation & land thereunto belonging & being three hundred & twenty acres, which his mother has the use of during her life or so long to him & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten of his body forever.

I give devise & bequeath unto my son John Bridger one feather bed & furniture & my sword mare my own using gun & my saddle & bridle to him & his heirs forever.

I give devise & bequeath unto my son John Bridger my plantation & land that I purchased of Thomas Caughtney, also all my land that I purchased of Mrs Green Hill, in of being woods & one feather bed & furniture & my young grey horse saddle & bridle & my gun that was Henry Caughtney's & fifteen pounds Virginia Currency in the gold & silver coin, to him & his heirs forever.

I give devise & bequeath unto my son William Bridger all that land that I purchased of John Reddick & one feather bed & furniture & my young dark bay mare & my gun that John Shivers's & fifteen pounds Virginia Currency, in the gold & silver coin to him & his heirs & assigns forever.

I give devise & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth my negro girl named Linda & her increase one feather bed & furniture & ten pounds Virginia Currency in gold & silver coin to her & her heirs & assigns forever.

I give & bequeath unto my daughter Patience my negro girl named Hannah & her increase & one feather bed & furniture & ten pounds Virginia Currency in the gold & silver coin to her & her heirs & assigns forever.

I give devise & bequeath unto my daughter Temperance my negro girl named Mandenare & one feather bed & furniture & ten pounds Virginia Currency in the gold & silver coin to her & her heirs & assigns forever.

It is my will & desire that all the legacies herebefore in my will given away to be made good out of my estate & that the residue I give devise & bequeath unto my wife & her heirs & assigns forever.

have my children schooled, that is my three sons William John & Miller each to be taught to read & write & cipher as far as the rule of practice perfect & my Daughters to read & write to her etc her & her heirs & assigns forever.

Item I hereby nominate & ordain constitute & appoint my beloved wife Rachel Bridgers Mrs Ruffin & John Duke & Richd Plate Executors of this my last will & testament hereby disannulling & making null & void all former wills & testaments by me made, & this only to be my last will & testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & fixed my seal this day & date hereinbefore written. William Bridgers Samuel Rogers sealed published & attested by the testator to be his last will & testament in the presence of us.

William Doddie, Morris Reale, Sarah Ruffin.

Northampton County, p May Court 1763.

The preceding will of Mrs Bridgers Clerk was exhibited into Court & sworn on the oath of Morris Reale one of the subscribing witnesses thereto at the same time Mrs Ruffin John Duke & Richd Plate, was qualified & sworn as Executors thereof, which on motion was ordered to be Certified & Recorded. John Howards Clerk

CHARLES COTTON WILL

In the name of God Amen, I Charles Cotton of the province of North Carolina & County of Northampton being in a weak & feeble state of health but thankful to God of good sound disposing mind & memory, Calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life am willing to make this my last will & testament in following manner & form, that is first I give my soul to almighty God that gave it me Humbly beseeching him to take me into his fatherly hands & to assist me in the right way that leads to life & glory. knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, & my body to be buried at the

discretion of my Executors hereafter named, & my funeral expenses discharged, I do give & bequeath as follows.

Item I give & bequeath unto my brother William Cotton one negro man called Tracer that he increase to him & his heirs forever. also I give to my brother William Cotton one bay horse called pup & my saddle & bridle to him forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my brother Robert Cotton my plantation & land thereunto belonging to him & his heirs forever, also I give to my brother Robert Cotton one grey horse called Gray taken forever.

Item It is likewise my will & desire that all my other estate both goods & chattels shall be equally divided between my above mentioned brothers William Cotton & Robert Cotton.

I do nominate & appoint my wife beloved brother Robert Cotton my whole sole & executor of this my last will & testament hereby disannulling all former wills by me made as I do set my hand & seal this 10th day May 1763. Signed sealed & acknowledged } (Charles Cotton & seal) presence of us }

Joseph Bridgers, John Scott, John D. Bridgers.

Northampton County, p November Court 1763.

The preceding will of Charles Cotton Clerk was exhibited into Court & sworn on the oath of Joseph Bridgers John D. Bridgers one of the subscribing witnesses thereto at the same time Robert Cotton & set therein named was duly qualified & sworn to the said will which on motion was ordered to be Certified & Recorded. John Howards Clerk

Thomas Chappels WILL

In the name of God Amen, I Thomas Chappell of the County of Northampton & Province of North Carolina, being sick & weak in body but of sound mind & memory & Calling to mind the uncertainty of mans life, here on Earth have constituted & made this my last will & testament in manner & form following (that is to say) first & principally I most humbly beseech my soul to almighty God that gave it, hoping that it