

have my children schooled, that is my three sons William
John & Willis each to be taught to read all sorts of letters
as far as the rule of practice permit & my Daughters to
read & write to her, to her & her heirs & assigns forever

Item I do hereby nominate & claim constitute & appoint
my beloved wife Rachel Bridgers Mrs. Ruffin & John
Spike & Richd. Pate 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 herebefore written. William Bridgers & Samuel
Ruffin sealed published & attested by the testator to be his last
will & testament in the presence of us.

Willis Woodie, Morris Beale, Sarah Ruffin.

Northampton County, / May Court 1763.

The preceding will of Mrs. Bridgers & hers was exhibited
into Court & sworn on the oath of Morris Beale one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto at the same time Mrs.
Ruffin, John Spike & Richd. Pate, was qualified ex-
ecutors thereof, which on motion was ordered to be
certified & recorded. John Howards Clerk

CHARLES COTTON'S WILL

In the name of God Amen, I Charles Cotton of the province
of North Carolina & County of Northampton, being in a weak
state of health but thank be 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 the
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

direction of my executors hereafter named, & my funeral expenses
discharged, I do give & bequeath as follows to wit

Item I give & bequeath unto my brother William Cotton one negro
man called Trar that I have in care to him & his heirs forever
also I give to my brother William Cotton one bay horse called
Nap & 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 Bay taken forever

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

I do nominate & appoint my wife beloved brother Robert
Cotton my whole sole executor of this my last will & testament
revoaking & disannulling all former wills by me made
as in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day
May 1763.

Signed sealed & acknowledged in presence of us
Charles Cotton & seal

Joseph Bridgers, John Scott, John Ruffin, & John Ruffin

Northampton County, / November Court 1763.

The preceding will of Charles Cotton & hers was exhibited into Court
& sworn on the oath of Joseph Bridgers & John Ruffin one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto at the same time Robert
Cotton & at their names was duly qualified to execute 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 North
ampton & 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 bequeath
my soul to almighty God that gave it, hoping through it

The intent of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ
 to have redemption of all my sins, and as for my
 Estate at both pleasure of his Mercy to preserve
 me with, after my Rent debts and funeral expen-
 se discharged, which I shall be at the direction of
 my Executors hereafter named I give and devise in
 the manner following

Impius I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Choppell
 all my lands and plantation lying in this County in
 Rowok River as well her grounds as the plantation
 whereon I now live they being two tracts at the day
 of her entremage or the age of twenty, one year
 to her & her heirs forever, but in case my said
 Daughter shall die without heirs lawfully begotten
 then I give that case I give all the before mentioned lands

Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife Mary Chappell
 all the remainder and residue of my estate both of
 what kind and what place should she paying my just
 debts and funeral expen^s I leave my Will and cur-
 is that my loving wife have the use of the plantation
 whereon I now live during her life or widow hood & no longer

And Lastly I desire that my Executors may rent out my said
 her grounds & plantation as they shall think proper
 for ye advantage of my said wife & her children
 and the profits during of the rent to be applied to her
 maintenance at the direction of my said Executors
 hereafter named

And Lastly I do name & appoint my loving wife Elizabeth
 and my brother John Chappell, John Popes & James
 Greney Lee & Mrs. M^r Williams shall be Executors to this
 my last Will & Testament as aforesaid & making void
 all other former Wills by me made & this only to be
 had taken to be my true last Will
 In witness whereof I have set my hand & seal
 the 11 day of November Anno domini 1763

The 11 day of November Anno domini 1763
 Signed sealed & delivered to be the last Will of
 his last Will in presence of us Susanah Hally
 Robert Chappell, Ephraim Heath, Thomas ^{son} _{mark} Harte
 Northampton County p. February Court 1764
 the preceding Will of Thomas Chappell Esq^r was exhibited
 into Court and perused in the oath of Ephraim Heath &
 Thomas Harte two of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto
 at the same time John Popes & James Lee were
 qualified Executors thereof which on the day was ordered
 to be read & recorded. Teste J. S. Clerk as Clerk

Mary Gleeves Will

In the name of god amen, I Mary Gleeves being very sick & weak
 do make and declare this my last Will & Testament in manner following
Item I give & bequeath unto my loving grandchild son of Benjamin Gleeves
 my Christ & prob^{er} to him & his heirs forever, also in my Will
Item I give & bequeath to my loving grandchild son of David Gleeves all the
 rest of my Estate after paying my debts and do declare this to be
 my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand & seal this 30th day of December 1763

Teste Henry Christenden, Nathaniel Marswood, Mary's ^{Wife} _{mark} Gleeves
 Northampton County p. February Court 1764
 The preceding Will was exhibited into open Court & perused in the oath
 of Henry Christenden one of the Subscribing Witnesses thereto, in motion
 was ordered to be read & recorded at the same time a Power
 granted to David Gleeves with the will annexed. He having
 given due Oath & entered the same according to Law
 Teste Richard B. Clerk

Thomas Pears Will

In the name of god amen, this fiftenth day of January in the
 year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred & sixty two
 I Thomas Pears of Northampton County being sick & weak in body
 but of perfect mind & memory, thank be to almighty god and