

In a day & time of I have hereunto set my hand & fix my seal  
this day & year first above written.

Edwin Bridges & Sarah

James Vinson, Henry Vinson, James Vinson Jr., Joseph Larivie  
Northampton County March Court 1783.  
This will of Edwin Bridges also signed by the oath of Henry  
Vinson, one of the subscribing witnesses John Dickinson qualified  
inscriber to the same. And a true certificate recorded

Test Jeph. Abington C.C.

### James Madray's Will

April 22<sup>nd</sup> day 1783 In the name of God  
amen I James Madray of Northampton County in  
North Carolina being in perfect mind and memory  
blessed be god for it do make this my last will  
and testament in manner and form following and  
peravally I command my soul to the hands of  
Almighty god that gave it hoping that through  
the intercession of my only Saviour Jesus  
Christ to have full pardon and free remission  
of all my sins and my body to be decently buried  
by my children named Executors and for such  
worldly estate as it hath pleased god to be upon  
me I desire as followeth

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Nathaniel  
Madray One hundred acres of Land the plantation  
he now lives on

Item I give and bequeath unto my son James Madray  
Fifty pounds Virginia money and one young mare  
named Star

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Madray  
One hundred acres of Land to the north east  
corner of this tract the plantation he now lives on  
I give and bequeath unto my son Peter Madray  
One hundred acres of Land lying between Natha-  
nial and William

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Randolph Madray  
Two hundred acres of land the plantation I now live  
on and two feather beds and two cows and one Calf  
and twelve head of hogs two mares, one called  
Pheasant & Phyllis, and one pot and one frying pan  
and the meal our cow tank I have, I also gives  
unto him my bacon molds, pot molds and for  
him to take care of his mother Mary Madray

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Davis  
Ten pounds Virginia money

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lucy Madray  
Fifteen pounds Virginia money, one feather bed  
and one cow yearling

My desire is that after my debts and legacies is paid  
the remains of my estate may be equally divided  
amongst all my children namely Nathaniel Madray  
James Madray, William Madray, Peter Madray  
Randolph Madray Hannah Davis, Lucy Madray  
I have my son William Madray, Peter Madray,  
my executors James & Madray & Co.  
Last mark

Benj B. Murrell, J. Campbell, George Murrell

Northampton County Feb March Court 1783

This will of James Madray was proved by the oaths  
of James Campbell & Benj. Murrell, two of the  
subscribing witnesses. William Madray qualified  
inscriber to the same, ordered to be certified  
and recorded Test Jeph Abington C.C.

### Sydia Cotters Will

In the name of God amen Sydia Cotters of the County of Northampton  
State of North Carolina being both & weak of body but of sound & clear  
sounding mind & memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same  
do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form  
hereinafter that is to say first principally I recommend

and into the hands of almighty God that giveth me  
trusting to receive the same again at the last day with full &  
freedom of all my sins through the merits & mediation  
of my blessed Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ my body &灵魂  
to the earth to be buried & laid at the discretion of my executors  
hereafter named and as for such earthly goods & chattels  
as shall remain almighty God to bestow upon me. I give and  
bequeath the same as follows.

Item I give that all my just debts, funeral charges be first  
paid & discharged.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth  
Ruffin alias Guin one negro woman named Rose  
to her, her heirs forever. Likewise in trust unto my said  
daughter Elizabeth Ruffin, two negro boys named  
Sail & Jack during her life & after her decease my will  
desire is that Frederick Ruffin alias Guin shall  
have the boy Sail.

Item My will & desire is that after my said daughter Rose  
my grandson James Ruffin alias Guin shall have  
the other boy Jack to him his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my said daughter Elizabeth  
Ruffin alias Guin & to my son Frederick Cotton  
Hawell eight Cows, 4 Calves, ten Ewes, Lambs, three  
furniture, of their Chairs all the Spoons two Iron Pots  
one pair Iron Dogs, of their Chairs one Box of Iron  
Tinners, one walnut desk, one dozen of flag bottom  
Chairs two dozen depth plates, one large looking  
glass, & all the glass belonging to the bofet & Chard  
dolph, three stone eggs of their Chairs two wooden wheels  
two pair of Cotton Cards & one pair of wool Cards  
one new plan wheel, half dozen silver tea Spoons & two  
two dozen tables of choice all my wool & Cotton spun  
& unspun three butter pots of Choice one puncheon  
all my trucks one small pair of Stulps & one  
yoke of oxen to be equally divided between my son

Frederick & Elizabeth Ruffin alias Guin when my  
son shall accomplish the age of twenty one years &  
if he do not live to the age of twenty years my will  
is that my said daughter Elizabeth shall have the  
whole of the above Estates she then heirs.

Item I give to my son Frederick Cotton Hawell one negro  
man named flea & three children named Charles Hasty  
Tong to him his heirs

Item I give unto my son Tom Hawell one cow & calf to him &  
his heirs but is my desire that he shall have no more of  
my Estate having given him Legacy before

Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Cotton wife of Tom  
Cotton two & one half a dozen of Steel plates &  
it is my desire that she shall not have no more of my  
Estate

Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Ruffin all my  
sewing apparel of all sorts

Item my will & desire is that the remainder of my Estate be  
all sold & after my debts be paid & the Doctor account  
discharged for the care of my son Frederick Cotton  
then the remainder to be equally divided between my  
my daughter Elizabeth Ruffin, <sup>alias Guin</sup> & Frederick Cotton  
Hawell.

Sixty I do nominate constitute & appoint Bryan Albinson & Solomon  
Parrot Elizabeth Ruffin alias Guin & to my true & lawful  
executors of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking &  
disannulling all former & other wills Testament whethers written  
or spoken Ratifying & confirming this same other to  
be my last will & testament In witness whereof I have  
unto my hand & seal this ninth day of January in the  
year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred  
& Eighty three Lydia <sup>his</sup> Cotton & Fred  
signed sealed & witnessed

to be my last will & testament in presence of us  
Thomas Sharrock, Moore Stevenson, James Cotton

Northampton County June Court 1783.

This will of Lydia Cotton alias prudly & death of Thomas  
Harrack one of the Subscribing Subscribers in Halifax Superior  
Court April Term & Certified by Samuel Asheone  
of the Judges of the said Court Bryan Gibbons and  
Elizabeth Ruffin Qualifying Executors to the same, Ordained  
to be record in Northampton County.

Test. Jeph. Atherton Esq

William Raylands Will

In the name of God Amen I William Raylands being sick &  
weak but in perfect sense & memory do make & do in this my  
last will & Testament in the following manner.  
Item I give & bequeath unto Elizabeth Neal Daughter of John & Mary  
Neal one negro by the name of Nodder the slave or a slave.  
Item I give & bequeath unto Sarah & her daughter of John & Mary  
Neal one negro girl by the name of Frank the slave or a slave.  
Item I give & bequeath unto the two above mentioned children equal  
part of the legacy due from my brother Stephen Raylands  
unto them their heirs or assigns. Lastly I Appoint my loving  
Brother Stephen Raylands & my Sonne Thomas Barnet  
Joint Executors of this my last will & Testament revoking  
all others or former wills by me hitherto made by me in so far  
as it may be to the benefit of my said children. I have set my hand & seal thereto  
first day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven  
hundred & eighty three. William Raylands & sealed  
Signed sealed published and见证 of us.  
John Miller, John Atkinson, Thomas Barnet, etc.

Northampton County June Court 1783.

This will of William Raylands after proved by the death of Thos  
Barnet late one of the Subscribing Subscribers Stephen Raylands  
Qualifying Executor to the same, Ordained to be certified & recorded  
Test. Jeph. Atherton Esq

Sylvia Gregory's Will.

In the name of God Amen I Sylvia Gregory of North-  
ampton County in the State of North Carolina as present  
being very sick & weak of body but of perfect mind &  
mind & memory thanks be to God therefore but calling  
to mind the mortality of my body both give & bequeath  
my goods & chattels in manner & form following -  
Item I give & bequeath unto Arthur Gregory his sonnes  
Virginia money to him & his heirs forever -

Item I give & bequeath unto Rizziak Gregory & Charlotte  
Gregory daughters of Aron Gregory deceased the remain-  
der part of my estate to be equally divided between  
these two, my desire is that my Negro slave Petuney  
may be sold & the money made thereon divided equally among  
these two Rizziak Gregory & Charlotte Gregory to  
them & their heirs forever -

I do constitute & appoint Arthur Gregory my wholey  
& sole Executor to this my last will & Testament  
disannulling & making void all other Wills by me  
hitherto made as witness my hand & seal this  
5th day of November 1777 -

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mark  
Sylvia Gregory & seal

Abramond Smith, William Smith, Lawrence Smith,  
Northampton County, Sept. 5, 1783 - This Will  
of Sylvia Gregory was proven by Abramond Smith  
& William Smith two of the Subscribing Subscribers -  
Arthur Gregory qualified Executor to the same -  
Ordered to be certified & Recorded -

Test. Jeph. Atherton Esq

Angelica Lewis's Will

In the name of God Amen I Angelica Lewis of Northampton  
County in the Province of North Carolina, Being sick & weak in  
body of sound perfect memory do make & appoint this the