

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 perfect & my Daughters to
read & write to her self 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 followeth

Item I give & bequeath unto my brother William Cotton one negro
man called Trar that I have in excess 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 ^{his} Bridgers

Northampton County, / November Court 1763.

The preceding will of Charles Cotton & hers was exhibited into Court
& sworn on the oath of Joseph Bridgers & John Bridgers 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 beseech
my soul to almighty God that gave it, hoping through it