

John Cottons Will

In the name of God Amos J. Cotton of Northampton County in the Province of North Carolina being sick & weak but of sound mind & memory, understanding & knowing the certainty of Death, and the uncertainty of the time thereof do make & declare this my last will & Testament, in manner & form following (viz) first & principally I recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

Item it is my will & desire that all my just debts & ~~be paid~~ funeral expences be discharged.

Item I give & bequeath my whole Estate to my Daughter, Penelope Cotton, only my sister Mary Cotton I desire to be maintained in my Estate in during the time that she lives single.

Lastly I do appoint Thomas Lowe & Thomas Paer Executors of this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made. Ratifying and Confirming this to be my last will & Testament made this twenty second day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred & sixty one signed sealed pronounced & attested at his ^{his} John Cotton & seal mark in the presence of

Thomas Lowe, Mm Ogilvie, Jas Milton

Northampton County 30 August Court 1761.

The preceding will of John Cotton and was exhibited into Court and proved in the oath of Thomas Lowe & Jas Milton two of the subscribing witnesses thereto at the said time. The Lowe & Thomas Paer were Qualified Executors thereof: which in motion was ordered to be certified & recorded.

Teste J. Edwards clerk.