

George Washley's Will

In the name of God Amen I George Washley of Northampton County & State of North Carolina being at present sick & weak of body but in perfect health sound mind & memory thanks to God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body to make & ordain this my last

Item

Will & Testament that is to say first I would that all my actual debts be paid and discharged I give to my son Rhodes Washley four hundred and thirty acres of Land lying up Occoony Swamp beginning at the mouth of the middle branch thereof the branch through the head to the Silver Cuts then down the Silver Cuts to the patent line then a long the river line to a corner black Jack then up surface road to Occoony Swamp then down the Swamp to Benjamin Tanners line then a long his line to a corner then still a long line marked trees to the great branch then down the branch to the Swamp Swamp then down the Swamp to the beginning also one mare one feather head & furniture to him and his heirs forever

Item

I give to my son Samuel Washley three hundred acres of Land and plantation whereon I now live after my wife decease also the one half of my Will I give to my son Rhodes Washley also I give to my son Samuel Washley one fifty and one feather head & furniture

Item

I give to my daughter Elizabeth Washley one feather head and furniture

Item

I give to my daughter Mary Washley one feather head and furniture

Item

I give to my grand daughter Elizabeth Washley one feather head and furniture

Item

I give to my son James Washley one feather head & Furniture All the remainder my estate within Sons & Without I give to my son Rhodes Washley during his life and at his death I give the same to be equally divided among all my children my desire is that my son Rhodes Washley & Samuel Washley should ^{maintain} ~~support~~ my son James Washley I do constitute and appoint my son Rhodes Washley my sole & sole executor of this my last Will & Testament Resolving making void all other Wills heretofore made by me in Writs whereof I have heretofore set my hand and seal this 15th March 1784

I signed Sealed published and Declared in the presence of
Test
John Taylor {
John Wade { Benjamin Washley Deceased

Northampton County Deeds Book 8 p 188
This will of George Washley did was exhibited into court to prove by the oath of John Taylor & John Wade and at the same time Rhodes Washley was qualified as an executor, ordered to be certified & recorded.
Test Ca. Haines C. C.

John Cottons Will

In the name of God Amen I John Cotton of Northampton County & State of North Carolina being sick & weak in body but a perfect memory Do make this my last will & Testament First I commend my soul into the hands of almighty God my creator & my body I commit to the earth to be decently entred and as touching my worldly estate I give and devise

Item

of the same in the following manner To wit
I give & bequeath to my Son Isaac Cotton
with his male heir the Land & plantation
whereon the said Isaac now lives which
being Land purchased of John Parker,
Nicholas Braggell, John Woods James Rodgers
and Moses Gorne & Joseph Smith lying
in Halifax County to him with his
male heir forever and for want of such
heir or heirs the said Land to fall to
my son Allen Cotton should said
Allen Cotton die before he comes to the
age of twenty one years the said Land
to fall to my son Willie Cotton. I also
give to my son Isaac Cotton one negro
man named Frank one girl named
Bob. one other named Sister & one negro
Woman named Judy which said Negro
~~the~~ said Isaac has now in possession

Item

I give & bequeath to my son Henry Cotton
Part with his male heir the manor plan-
tation whereon I now live and the Land then to
belonging also the Land I bought of Isaac
Campbell known by the name of Weyle
place also the Land & plantation I bought
John Daughtry also the Land & plantation
my Father bought of James Cotton also
the Land & plantation I bought of Arthur
Cotton also the Land I bought of James
Proud the above said Lands lying in
Northampton County one piece Division
Land lying in Bertie County to him
with his male heir or heirs forever &
for want of such heir or heirs the said
Land to fall to my son John Cotton

Should the said John my son die
before he comes to the age of twenty one
years the said Lands to fall to my son
James Cotton First.

Item

I give to my Daughter Mary Hington
one negro Woman named Cinah one girl
named Nand & one boy named Jack the
two small negroes now in her possession &
if she and her heirs lawfully begotten of
her body die before the said heir come to
the age of twenty one years then the said
negroes to fall back to my estate and
be equally divided my son Josiah Childers
W. and Daughter Sally.

Item

I give to my Daughter Sally Thomas one
negro Woman named Sady one girl named
Sally one boy named Solomon and if she
die without issue lawfully begotten on
her body or her heirs die before they come
to the age twenty one years then the
said negroes given to my Daughter Sally
to fall to my son Josiah Childers and
for my son William Cotton Part to be
equally divided the said Josiah Childers
& William.

Item

I give to my son William Cotton Part
the Land and plantation I bought James
Campbell also the Land & plantation I bought
John & Robert Young also the Land &
plantation I bought of Samuel Cunnings
also the Land & plantation I bought of Thomas
Hinton also all my Lands that lies in
Wiltons therefore that I bought of James
Dwyer to him & his heirs forever also I give
to my son William Cotton Part one negro

boy named Sam if the said William Cotton Part die before he comes to the age of twenty one years then the whole of this Legacy to fall to the eldest of his Brothers that have no Land also I give to my son William Cotton Part the half of the plantation working tools one yoke of Oxen Cart & S. Wheals to one free man I bought of John King,

Item I give to my son James Cotton Part the Land and plantation I bought of James Stewart lying in Chatham County to him & his heirs forever if the said James die before he comes to the age of twenty one years then the said Lands to fall to the eldest of his Brothers that have no Land & for want of such Brother then the said Lands to fall to my son Henry Cotton Part also I give to my son James Cotton Part one large black man

Item I give to my son Allan Cotton the Land & plantation when my Brother Benjamin Cotton now lives my Brother Benjamin die accepted in said Land to the said Allan & his heirs forever also I give to my son Allen one filly called Blackbird also I give to my son Allan Cotton the plantation & Land I bought of William George & James Petty in Chatham County to him and his heirs forever.

Item I lend to my living Wife Mary Cotton during her Widowhood the Negroes following to wit George, Toby, Belle, Darcas, Lydia, Phela, Nellie, Perry, Dany and all my negro Children for the purpose of raising & main-

ing of my eight small Children also I lend to my Wife during her Widowhood her choice of 3 of my best horses 10 cows & calves 10 Ewes & Lambs also all the feathered beast & Furniture that is not given away My Will & Desire is after my Wifes Widowhood that all the Negroes should be equally divided between my eight Children to wit William Part James Cotton Part Henry Cotton Part Allen Cotton Willie Cotton Johnathan Cotton John Cotton and Mary Cotton

Item I give to my son Willie Cotton one negro named Rachel to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give to my son Johnathan Cotton one Negro Girl Annaky to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give to my son John Cotton one Negro Girl named Venus to him & his heirs forever

Item I give to my Daughter Mary Cotton one Negro Girl named Jolly to her & her heirs forever

Item All the remainder part of my Estate not given away My Will & Desire is should be equally divided between my eight small Children (to wit) William Cotton Part, James Cotton Part Henry Cotton Part, Allen Cotton Willie Cotton Johnathan Cotton John Cotton & Mary Cotton to them & their heirs forever Should my Wife have a child in mine months after my death my desire is that that Child shall have an equal part with the above eight Children

Item I now constitute and confirm these following William Cotton Part James Cotton Part & Henry Cotton Part to be my lawful sons and they shall inherit as Lawful heirs of

of my body with the rest of their Brothers
that is to say, I and Edward Collins, Edward
Schmatherd Cotton and John Collins being
Lived Long by my second Wife

Item I give to my Daughter and Law Elizabeth
Cotton and her three Children four Acres with
their first Calves

I do hereby nominate and appoint my Son
Isaac Cotton and my trusting friend Samuel
Williams and William Williams of Martin
County my whole & sole executors of this
my Last Will & Testament Signed with my
Hand & sealed with my Seal this 6th day
of September in the year of our Lord 1782
In the presence of us

Thaddeus Rutland
James Maddox

John Collins & Seal
R.B.

The Wills brought of
Possessed the 1st & 2nd Sons back Children Children
Children divided of Martin & Rutland before
Signed

Northampton County 2d September Court 1786
This Will was exhibited into Court & proved
on the Oath of Thomas Rutland and James
Maddox Witnesses thereto. On Motion Ordered
to be certified & Recorded

Isaac & Haynes Cts.

In the name of God amen, the 30th day of January in
the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
eighty three, I John Duke of Northampton County North
Carolina being in perfect mind and memory thanks
be to almighty God for the same & calling to mind
that it is appointed for all men to die, I do hereby
make and declare this to be my last will & Testament
hereby recommending of my soul into the hands of my
Redeemer and my body to be buried at the discretion
of my executors hereafter named, and as touching
my worldly estate whosoever it shall please God
God to bless me with my just debts & funeral expenses
being first paid by my said executors I give & dispose
of the same in the following manner.

Item It is my will & desire that my beloved wife Sarah
Duke to have equal use of my plantation whereon
I live & the land thereunto belonging & attached hereto
this my said will also that she do have privilege of man-
aging use of any of my other lands hereto before given
for her support she not to hinder & disturb my daughter
Mary her husband and family living with her in the
now dwelling house and making use with her of my
land & plantation for the support & quit with herself
and it is further my will & desire that my children
to be & remain as one family.

Item I give & bequeath unto my said wife my negro
named Will, Charles, Sam, Luke, Hager & her sons
Gideon & grants to her & her disposal.

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Ann Sam my
two negro named Joe & Sarah to her & her disposal.

Item I give & bequeath unto my two grandsons John & Joseph
Sam my two negro boys I have already bestowed
them & entitle possession to them & their heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Charlotte
Sam my negro girl named Lucy & her increase which
is now in her father Joseph Sam my possession to her &
her heirs forever.