

former will be made, satisfying & confirming this
into this to be my last and testament. In witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal this tenth day of March
before one thousand seven hundred & twenty three.

Signed sealed & pronounced by William Short Sarah
in presence of us

John B. Smith, John Richards, Anna Hagland, Elizabeth Barnett
Northampton County / February Court 1744

The preceding will of Col. John Short was exhibited
into Court and proven in the oath of Thos Barnett one of the
subscribing witnesses thereto, at the same time Thos Short
one of the Executors therein named was duly qualified to
execute the said will according to Law, which on motion
was ordered to be Certified & recorded.

John Medowars Clerk.

Benjamin Glover Will

In the name of God amen. I Benjamin Glover of North
ampton County living of perfect mind & memory makes
this my last will & testament. First, I devise my Estate
& Effects I bequeath & dispose of in manner & form following
I desire my Just debts to be paid & after I leave unto my wife
Elizabeth Glover all the remainder of my Estate during
her life or widow hood & after the whole to be sold at
vendue & the value thereof Credit given & the amount
of my Estate to be equally divided ^{among} my Children
I Give my wife Elizabeth Glover & Thos Glover Executors
of this my last will & testament, as witnesses my hand
& seal this twenty third day of October in the year of
our Lord one thousand seven hundred & twenty three,
Signed sealed in presence of

Lewis Williamson John Rock
Northampton County / May Court 1744
The preceding will was read in Court and proven in the
oath of Lewis Williamson one of the subscribing witnesses
thereto at the same time Elizabeth Glover was duly qualified to
execute the said will according to Law, which on motion
was ordered to be Certified & recorded
John Medowars Clerk

Charity Dawson Will

In the name of God amen. I Charity Dawson of the County
of Northampton, in the Province of North Carolina do make & ordain
this present my last will & testament, that all in manner & form
following (that is to say, First of all, It is my will & desire
that all my Just debts be paid & satisfied.

Secondly I Give bequeath to my brother Solomon Abston one
negro man Slave named Harry, to him & his heirs forever.

Thirdly I Give & devise to my Daughter Charity Dawson my Plan-
tation & tract of Land, lying in her own near the falls
of said river in Edgecombe County the said tract of Land
Containing about five hundred Acres, to the same man
or his, to her & her heirs & assigns forever.

Fourthly I Give & devise to my son John Dawson all my lands & tenements
lying & being in the County of Halifax in the Province of
North Carolina with five Plantations thereon to him his
heirs & assigns forever.

Fifthly I Give bequeath & devise to my Daughter Charity Dawson
& my son John Dawson all the rest of my lands & tenements goods
& chattels monies and other Estate whatever not herein before
mentioned given bequeathed & devised to be equally divided
in value between my said Children, & when so divided
each of my said Children to hold the moiety or half thereof
which to each of them shall be allotted to them & each of
their heirs & assigns forever.

Sixthly It is my will & desire that of both of my said Children
should die before they come or arrive to the age of twenty
one years, & not married that then all the Personal Estate
herein thereby to them given bequeathed & should be equal-
ly between & among my, kindred & relations here in men-
tioned, that is to say, my deceased Brothers James Abston's
four Children (to wit) John, James, Charity & Sarah,
my sister Elizabeth Williams & my Nephews Edmund
Henry John Williams, Solomon Williams, John Abston
& Samuel, the sons of my brother Solomon Abston and

each of them to have the part or share which to them
shall be allotted to them & their heirs & assigns forever
Solemnly & lawfully I do nominate Constitute & appoint my true & trusty
friends Thomas Kearny & Mr Williams Executors of this my
Testament & last will & testament wherof I have hereunto
set my hand & affixed my Seal, this twenty fourth day
of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred & sixty four. Charity Dawson & a Seal,
Signed sealed & published in presence of, Ann Lewis, Mary Granlery,
James Farr, Mr Alden, a Stamford County & May Court 1764
The preceding will of Charity Dawson Dues as a Substantia in Court
and proven in the oath of Mr Alden & Ann Lewis two of the sub-
scribing witnesses thereto, at the same time that Kearny &
Mr Williams were qualified Executors thereof, which in-
formation was ordered to be Certified & Recorded

John Edwards clk.

lastly, I give & bequeath unto my negro Peter seven pounds Virginia Currency yearly, & his wearing clothes & the to continue at this plantation he now lives on, this written before a sign'd

This Codicil was proved in the oath of Mr Alden to have been written at the request of the testator.

John Edwards clerk.

Franc Hastings Mill

In the name of God Amen. the thirde day of may in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & thirty. I Isaac Stirling
in the presence of Caroline & county of Northampton, being
weak in body but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given
unto God for it, therefore Calling to mind the mortality of my
body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die. I
do make & declare this my last will & testament. I first I
give & recommend my soul into the hands of God, that gave it
offering he did recommend it to the earth to be buried in
a decent like manner at the hand of my Executors;

and untouching such worldly Estate whereunto it hath been pleased
God to bless me with I give & dispose as followeth in manner &
form.

Item first of all I give Hagenath unto my son, then one shilling, then a pound

Now I give unto my dearly beloved daughter Anne the old plantation her
life of she would stay upon it, & afterwards to my son Abraham, to him this
mine forever.

Then I give Huzmath unto my son Abraham the Plantation where I now live
all the lands belonging to it to him this being for ever.

Then I give to my Daughter Mary ten Shillings,

Then I give to my son Thomas ten shillings.

Item I give to my Daughter Sarah ten shillings.

Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth ten shillings.

Then I give to my Daughter Rachel ten shillings.

I refering you unto my dearly beloved wife Sarah all the rest of my whole
 estate goods & chattels till death or marriage, then equally to
 be divided between my sons Thomas & Abraham, & all my
 Daughters after my debts are paid. Further I will leave my
 dearly beloved wife Sarah & my son Abraham my whole de-
 vices for to provide among them, and so hereby disannul all
 former wills & testaments by me before this time made, & confirm-
 ing this & another to be my last will & testament in the presence of us
 as witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal
 the day & year first above written.

Signed sealed & returned to me by ^{his} ~~the~~ starting vessel
last day toment in presence of us ^{mark}

Wm. Lums, Abram Miller, & Victor. Garner.

Northampton County, of May Court 1764
The following are of Sarah Hurling and was exhibited into
Court & sworn on the oath of John Jones & Morden Garretts
of the Subscribing witnesses thereto at the same time Sarah Hur-
ling & Abraham Hurling were. Several Exemptions thereto
if such or motion was ordered to be Certified & Allowed.

John Edwards clerk