

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 & Remained; William Short Sarah
in presence of us

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

The preceding will of Col. John Short was exhibited
into Court and proven in the oath of Thos Barrett 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 Rusk
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