

Item I give Hingham unto my son James Rook one of my head of horses the Cheise of my stock except my bay mare
 Item my eldest desire is that my negro woman Rachel together with all the remainder of my Estate not herebefore given away be sold & the money arising therefrom what ready I have after paying two hundred & twenty pounds Debt, to my five Daughters Rebecca, Sarah, Tabitha, Catherine & Ann, being their part of 40. Be equally divided between my Sons James, John, Benjamin, Martin, William Rook & Grand son Robert Short & I do ^{affiant} ~~affirm~~ my two Sons, John & Benjamin Rook, Executors of this my last will & testament, Resolving all other wills heretofore by me made, in as it respects whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this my 5 year first anniversary. John Rook his mark & a seal
 Signed sealed & Published in the presence of

John Brower, Richd Woodgrove, Mass Johnson Jurats
 Northampton County, December 1783.

The preceding will of John Rook was proven by the oath of John Johnson one of the subscribing witnesses & John Rook Benjamin Rook Qualifiers were to the same, Ordered to be Certified & Recorded. Just Jeph A. Threlton &c

Thomas Sower's Will

In the name of God Amen. Thomas Sower of Northampton County State of North Carolina being sick & weak & coming to mind the certainty of Death the uncertainty thereof do make & resign with my last will in manner & form following.

- 1st It is my will & desire that all my just debts be discharged at the direction of my Executors after manner
 2nd I give Hingham unto my Daughter Francis beath one negro girl named to have to her & her heirs forever
 3rd I give Hingham unto my Grandson Saverford Sower one negro boy Benjamin Abram to have to his heirs forever.
 4th It is my will & desire that all my negroes that I have not given away be kept together to maintain my Family

until my son Thomas Sower comes of age & then to be equally divided by an order of Court amongst my following Children, Sarah Sower, Henry Sower, Thomas Sower & William Sower to share & share alike, to them & their heirs forever

- 5th I likewise give my son Henry Sower one bed & furniture to him & his heirs forever
 6th I likewise give ^{unto} my daughter Sarah Sower one bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever
 7th I likewise give Hingham to my son Thomas Sower one bed & furniture to him & his heirs forever
 8th I likewise give Hingham to my son John Sower one bed & furniture to him & his heirs forever.
 9th It is likewise my will & desire that if my just debts cannot be paid without selling my stock, that my stock should be sold & all my household furniture that I have not given away by will, & after my just debts being paid, if any surplus should be remaining, my desire that it should be equally divided amongst all my fore mentioned Children to them & their heirs forever

Item 10th I give Hingham unto my son Henry Sower one hundred & eighty acres of land on the North Side of a hutus mill swamp, it being the land I purchased of Charles Jordan to him & his heirs forever.

11th I give Hingham unto my son John Sower seven acres of land joining his line, Seals line & Williams line, being part of a tract of land that have taken up, on the new grant, to him & his heirs forever

12th Item I give Hingham unto my son Thomas Sower one hundred & fifty acres of land being part of a tract of land I bought of Matthew Cannon Beginning at an old pine in the head of a marsh just above the mill, then running an East Course to the Pacson Line of the said land, then along the Pacson line a north Course to the corner of said line, then a west Course along the said line to a hickory mill swamp then down the said swamp to the first station to him & his heirs forever.

13th Item I give & bequeath unto my son ^{John} ~~Sam~~ Sauer fifty acres of Sand Begin-
ing at the same Corner Point of Thomas Sauer, & running his line
to the Passover then down the dearest Branch to the Swamp, then
up the Swamp to the first Station, to him this he is forever

14th Item I give & bequeath to my son ^{John} ~~Sam~~ Sauer thirty three acres Sand Be-
ginning at Riggins Corner then a long Riggins line to Palls Corner
then a long Palls line to the Swamp then up the Swamp to
the first Station, to him this he is forever

15th and my desire is that my wife & I live may be kept for the use of my
family until my son Thomas Sauer comes of Sufficient age, then the
said wife & I give unto Thomas Sauer & William Sauer in Equ-
al Right to them their he is forever & my desire is that they should
grant Jacob proof or their Brothers & Sisters.

Lastly I appoint my son John Sauer & my son Thomas Sauer Executors
of this my last will & Testament utterly & absolutely & revoking
all other wills heretofore by me made, But this & only this
to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have here
unto set my hand & seal this 1st day of September 1783.
Signed sealed in presence of Thomas Sauer & as seal

That Harrijs, Micht, Hulgarn, Sawmies Smith

Northampton County (December) (sent 1783.

This will of Thomas Sauer was proved by the oath of Thomas
Harrijs one of the subscribing Witnesses, John Sauer Ensign's
brother of the same, and was to be continued & recorded.

Just Jeph. Abbotson CC

Mary Cotton Will

I Mary Cotton of Northampton County in North Carolina being sick &
weak of Body, But thanks be to Almighty God of Sound & disposing
mind & Memory, & Calling to mind the uncertainty of all Temporal
Things, I make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in man-
ner & form following,

First I give & bequeath unto my son John Cotton alias last son my more
the same that has been here before called his son John Cotton alias a young
man called the same fully four Cows & Calves his Sauer pigs

Item I give & bequeath unto my son James Cotton alias last son black
bear the same that here before hath been called his son John Cotton
four Cows & Calves six Sauer pigs & one father his Sauer to him
his heirs & assigns forever

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Item I give & bequeath unto my son Allen Cotton one Span
The same that hath here before been called his son James
Specie Hating Spanish, six Dollars at six Shillings each to him
his heirs & assigns forever

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The same that hath here before been called his son James
Specie Hating Spanish, six Dollars at six Shillings each to him
his heirs & assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Cotton six Span
Specie Hating Spanish, six Dollars at six Shillings each to her
to him his heirs & assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath, all the money that I shall fall to my Son in
the division of the Estate of my deceased Husband John Cotton,
to my three first mentioned Children to wit, William, James
and Henry to be equally divided among them according to the
use to them their heirs & assigns forever. But it is my will &
desire that my Beloved mother Priscilla Cotton have a reason-
able maintenance out of the profits arising from the la-
bor of the said negroes & further it is my will & desire that
should either or any of my three before mentioned Children
die under age or unmarried that then the whole of his or their
part or parts of my Estate be equally divided among all
my surviving Children mentioned in this my last will &
Testament.

Item I give & bequeath all the remaining part of my Estate not
herein before given away to my three Sons to wit, William,
Jonathan Cotton & John Cotton & my daughter Mary Cotton
to be equally divided among them and in case either or any
of them should die under age or unmarried that then his or
their part or parts be equally divided among the survivors
to them their heirs & assigns forever.

Lastly I hereby constitute & appoint my truly friends the Drack Rutland
& Allen Cotton of what state theutors of this my last will & Testa-
ment hereby revoking all wills by me heretofore made