

Mathew Mashborne's Will

In the name of God Amen. I Mathew Mashborne of the County of Northampton & Province of North Carolina, being sick & weak in body but of sound & perfect mind & memory, make by given therefore to almighty God, do make & declare this my last will & Testament, in manner & form following that is to say, first & principally I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God, hoping through the merit & death & Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon of all my sins & to inherit ever lasting life, & my body I commend to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, & as touching the disposition of all such temporal Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me I give & dispose thereof in manner & form as follows.

- First. I will that my debts & funeral Charges shall be paid & discharged.
- Item I give unto my beloved Wife Sarah Mashborne the bed & headstead of furniture belonging to it and myself usually lay on & my black horse named Jack & my riding saddle and bridle & two Pairs of shoes.
- Item I give & bequeath unto my grandson James Mashborne son of Samuel Mashborne, now and in his father's life and two year old nephew.
- Item I give & bequeath unto my son Edward Mashborne my Mill.
- Item I give & bequeath unto my son David Mashborne one bed of furniture.
- Item I give & bequeath unto my Children Mary Penson Anne Mashborne, Martha Mashborne, James Mashborne, Edward Mashborne, Sarah Lassiter, Priscilla Mashborne, Elizabeth Mashborne, Charity Mashborne, Rachel Mashborne, David Mashborne, Petho Mashborne, Samuel Mashborne, William Mashborne, all the rest of my Estate not given out in Legacies & to be equally divided amongst them, I likewise desire my Executors to have a care and see my three young

Children brought up as well and Christian like as possible in reason. I do hereby appoint my Sons Mathew Mashborne and James Mashborne Executors of this my last will and Testament and I do hereby revoke & annul and make void all other Wills and Testaments by me heretofore made & I do witness, which I the said Mathew Mashborne to this my last will and Testament do hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of July in the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred and eighty Mathew Mashborne & seal signed sealed acknowledged to his last will & Testament

Daniel Dickinson, John Dickinson, John Dismore, N.ampston (County) February (A.D. 1781)
The preceding will of Mathew Mashborne and was exhibited into Court and proved in the oath of Daniel Dickinson one of the subscribing witnesses thereto at the same time Mathew Mashborne, James Mashborne, & as Qualifier & witnesses thereof which on motions & oaths were to be certified & recorded.
John Edwards Clerk.

John Lewis's Will

In the name of God Amen the nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty seven I John Lewis of the County of Northampton in the Province of North Carolina being sick & weak but of good & perfect memory thinking late almighty God, & calling to remembrance the uncertainty of this transitory life, and that all flesh must yield unto death, when it shall please God to call I do make & declare this my last will & Testament in manner & form following, first being Penitent & sorry for all my sins, most humbly desiring forgiveness for the same & commending my soul