

Northampton County 10 March 1770.

This Will of Thomas Matthews (deceased) was proved by the Oath of Thomas Short Esq. and ordered to be Certified & Recorded.
Jesse Miller Surs. C. C.

Joak Pridham's Will

In the name of God amen. the birth day of March 1759.
I Joak Pridham of Northampton County, South Parish, being very weak in body, but of perfect mind & memory, thanks be given to God, therefore, calling unto mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, Do make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say Principally & first of all I give & recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian Burial, at the Convention of my Executors, hoping at the general Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I give & devise & dispose of the same in the following manner & form.

I give & bequeath unto my beloved House keeper Mary Brewer my Plantation wherewith I now live, Dwelling House, Kitchen, Barns, Orchards, Woodland & all tenements belonging to the said Plantation

Item I give & bequeath to my House keeper Mary Brewer, her lawful Heir, of her body, one negro man named Eleckton his Woman named Rozothers in case.

Item I give to my House keeper Mary Brewer all my Household goods & furniture, all my Hogs, Cattle & Hogs & sheep & so hereby utterly, & forever revoke & annul all & every other Will & Testament ^{Wills} & Bequest by me in any ways before or since made & bequeathed, and I appoint the said Mary Brewer to be my sole Executor of this my last Will & other to be my last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal, this day & year above written.

published & approved of his last Will & Testament signed & sealed & delivered in presence of the Subscribers
Joak Pridham.

Thomas Kislip, Sarah Kislip, Sarah Brewer, Mary Brewer.

Northampton County March Court 1770.

This Will of Joak Pridham was proved by the Oath of Thomas Kislip & Sarah Kislip, and Mary Brewer was qualified as Just. Ordered to be Certified & Recorded.
Jesse Miller Surs. C. C.

Benjamin Davis's Will

In the name of God amen Benjamin Davis of Northampton County being very sick & weak in body, but of sound mind & memory thanks be to God, do make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament in the manner & form following, Vizt.

Item My Will & Desire is that my loving wife should have the use of my Plantation wherewith I now live, together with all my house hold furniture, also all of my Stock of Cattle & Hogs, & my negro Jack & Judy during her life & whereto, and further my Will & Desire is that when my sons William & John Davis should arrive to the age of twenty one years, then I desire my Executors should equally divide the Plantation wherewith I now live between my said sons & all my Estate of what kind so ever, allowing their mother a maintenance during her natural life, or until she should marry, and I desire that all my Land on the North Side of Meherrin River should be sold to the best advantage they can for to pay my debts & I also appoint my loving wife Elizabeth of John Crofford my whole Sole & true Executor of this my last Will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this 10th day of March 1770.

Benjamin Davis
Jesse Haward Edmunds, Sarah Edwards, Mary Davis.
Northampton Ct. Jan 1770.

This Will of Benjamin Davis (deceased) was proved on the oath of Haward Edmunds Esq. and Elizabeth Davis qualified as Exec. Ordered that the same be Certified & Recorded.
Jesse Miller Surs. C. C.