

that I have had the care of, her in her life time
I also nominate constitute and appoint my
son John Walcott to John Patterson Executors
of this my last will & Testament ratifying
and confirming this and no other to be my
last will & Testament In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
1st day of September in the year 1781

Signed Sealed published & declared by the
Said Richard Walcott as his last will &
Testament in the presence of us the Subscrib-
ers

Joseph Patterson
Martha Patterson
son his wife
Mark
Mittcheil Walcott
Mark

Northampton County, December Court 1781
This will was proved by the affirmation of
Joseph Patterson, and at the same time
John Walcott and John Patterson quashed
Executors to the same Ordina to be Certified
and recorded. Test. C. Kaynes C. C. C.

John Richards's will

In the name of God Amen, I John Richards
of the County of Northampton in the State
of North Carolina being in perfect mind and
memory thanks be to god for the same but
calling to mind the mortality of my body and
that it is appointed for all men once to die
do make to remain this my last will & Testa-
ment first & principally I give & bequeath my
Soul to Almighty God my Creator on whom

I trust through the meritorious Death and
passion of my Redeemer Jesus Christ
that my Soul shall be saved and my body
I desire may be buried in a Christian
burial at the discretion of my
Executors hereafter named and as to my
estate goods which it hath pleased God
to bestow on me in this life I give and
bequeath as follows.

First My will and desire is that all my
Just debts and funeral expenses be paid and
discharged.

Item I find unto my loving wife Mary Richards
all my estate both Real & personal except
three hundred to forty nine Acres of Land
which I shall hereafter give unto my son John
and one negro man named Phill which I
shall hereafter give unto my son William
during of her widowhood.

Item I give & bequeath unto my son John Richards
his heirs and assigns forever three hundred
& six nine Acres of Land together with
the plantation whereon he now lives.

Item I give and bequeath to my son William
Richards his heirs and assigns forever four
hundred and sixty Acres of Land together
with the plantation whereon I now live and
also one negro man named Phill.

Item My will and desire is that all the residue
of my estate that I have not before given
away be equally divided of at the discretion
of my Executors hereafter named and equally
divided between my sons & Daughters all
shall be hereafter mentioned after the ex-
piration of my Son's times well understood as

before mentioned and then be divided
between John Richards William Richards
Elizabeth Mary Sarah Anne Martha
Moore and Anne Moore.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint
my Son William Richards whole and sole
Executor of this my last will & Testament
and I do by these presents acknowledge
this to be my last will and Testament
reaching all other wills or wills by me here
before made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal this 20th day of December in
the year 1753

In the presence of
John Short John + Richards
William Short. Mark Dastral

Trampten 4th December 1751

This will of John Richards deceased was exhib-
ited in Court & duly proved by the oath
of John Short a witness thereto and at
the same time William Richards qualified
as Executor thereto, Ordered to be certified
& recorded. Test

C. Haynes Ck. Clk.

Robert Melons Will.

In the name of God Amen I Robert Melon
of the County of Northampton & State of
North Carolina being of sound and disposing
mind and memory but of weak and debili-
tating health & ready do make this my last
will & Testament in the manner & form
following;

Item It is my Will and ^{desire} ^{honest} desire that my Executors
hereafter to be mentioned do first pay all my
Just debts.

Item I send unto my Loving wife Abigail Malone
the Land & plantation whereon I now live
during her natural life also I send my living
wife my negro fellow slave for the use &
benefit of my three youngest children here
after mentioned vizt. Ann Elizabeth & John
Mason Melon until the youngest arrives
to the age of twenty one years & is
married and at the expiration of which
time the said negro to be sold and equally
divided amongst all my then surviving
children my wife and desire also is that at
the death of my living wife that the Land
be sold at the discretion of my Executors
and divided amongst my then surviving
children or their Heirs if any such there
be.

Item I give and bequeath to my Living wife
Abigail Malone two feather beds & furniture
half a dozen Pewter Plates half a dozen knives &
forks & one Iron Pot 1 Kettle 1 Chest three
Cows & Calves one Sow & pigs four head of Sheep
one Horse ^{Colony Stafford} & ^{one English} ^{one English} ^{one English}
one dozen ^{one English} ^{one English} ^{one English}
one cloth pump one Book called Basket &
any other of my Books she may choose to keep
one Colored Linnen one glass dish two pewter
Dishes two basins one set of foot Cards one
Bottle pot one Large Pitcher to be at her own
disposal; also all of my corn and one thousand
pounds of Pot.

Item My Will and desire is at the division of my
Estate herebefore mentioned there be deducted
out of my two sons William & Charles