

my last will & Testament I give with my soul to almighty
 God that gave it hoping to receive a joyful Resurrection
 of the same my Body to be buried at the Discretion of my
 Exors, hereafter mentioned with my worldly goods I
 have pleased God to bestow on me I Dispose of them as follow
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- Item I give my son Griffin Lewis five Shillings pro^r money
- Item I give my Daughter Mary Hart five Shillings pro^r money.
- Item I give my son David Lewis five Shillings Pro^r Money.
- Item I give to George Stark one Cow & Cow horse & all their Increase
- Item I give My wife Roper the best Bed & Furniture I have I send
 unto my Daughter Ann Roper the use of every thing I am
 poss^d with during her Lifetime or a Widowhood and after either
 Death or marriage I give to Thomas Roper all my Land
 that I am poss^d with.
- Item I give Charles Roper son of Richard Roper one Colt Bridle
 Saddle, & every thing to be sold & Equally divided amongst
 their youngest Children of Richd Roper.
- I do appoint Ann Roper to be Ex^r to this my last will & Testament
 in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this
 2th day of January 1780. Angelica Lewis ^{my wife} ~~Daughter~~
 Benjaⁿ Chokor John Ephs, Sylvia Chokor
 Northampton County September Court 1780.
- The preceding will of Angelica Lewis was proven by the oath
 of Benjaⁿ Chokor one of the subscribing witnesses, Ann Roper
 Qualifies Ex^r to the same. Ordered to be Certified
 Recorded Test Joseph Atterton C^l

John Roper's Will

March the first day One thousand seven hundred & eighty eight
 In the name of God Amen I John Roper of Northampton County being
 sick & weak of body. But of sound judgment & memory thanks be to
 almighty God for his mercies & caring to answer the Certainty of Death
 nothing more uncertain than the manner & time thereof am will
 ing to settle my worldly affairs & so make this my last will

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- & Testament in manner & form following Viz
- In the first place I Recommend My soul unto almighty God
 into his hands a faithful Creator humbly hoping to be saved by his precious
 Mercy through the merits & mediation of Jesus Christ my only Saviour & Re
 demptor and as to such worldly goods as he hath been pleased to bestow
 on me I give & Bequeath in manner & form following
- Item I give & Bequeath unto my son John Roper all my lands lying on the north
 side of the river pond Creek & my branch containing by Estimation
 one hundred Acres more or less to him his heirs or assigns forever
 I give & Bequeath unto my son John Roper all my goods & effects by me
 I have & have by me & by my wife Sarah Roper during his life & after his death all
 the remainder to be divided among his sons & daughters
- Item after the death or marriage of my wife my intention
 that the lands above given to my wife be equally divided
 between my two sons & Martin & John Roper to them & their
 assigns forever
- Item I give a feather Bed & Furniture Chair of my House and all my
 kitchen Furniture during her life or a Widowhood & after the
 Death or marriage of my wife my will is that the above
 stock of furniture be sold & the money arising therefrom
 Equally divided between my sons, James, John, Benjamin, Martin
 William Roper & Grand son Robert Shot.
- Item I bequeath unto my wife my Negro woman & child, during her
 life or a Widowhood & after the death or marriage of my wife
 my will is that the said Negro together with her increase be
 sold & the money arising therefrom to be equally divided between
 my four sons & Grand son Robert Shot.
- Item I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecca Shot forty Pounds
- Item I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Roper forty Pounds & a
 feather Bed of furniture.
- Item I give & Bequeath unto Daughter Deborah Roper forty Pounds & a
 feather Bed of furniture
- Item I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Catherine Roper forty Pounds
 & a feather bed of furniture
- Item I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Roper forty Pounds
 & a feather bed of furniture or of Twenty pounds.

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of the same my Body to be raised at the discretion of my
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hath pleased God to bestow on me I dispose of them as followeth

- Item I give my son Griffin Lewis five shillings proe money
Item I give my Daughter Mary Hart five shillings proe money.
Item I give my son David Lewis five shillings Proe money.
Item I give to my George Mark one Cow & Cow house & all their appurtenances
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Item I give Charles Roper, son of Richard Roper one or more
Saddles, & every thing to be sold & Equally divided amongst
their youngest Children of Richd Roper.

I do appoint Ann Roper to be Executor to this my Last will & Testament
in all things whereof I have herunto set my hand & seal this
20th day of January 1788. Angelica Lewis ^{mark & seal}
Benja Choker John Eps. Sylvia Choker
Northampton County September Court 1783.

The preceding will of Angelica Lewis also proved by the oath
of Benja Choker one of the subscribing witnesses Ann Roper
Qualifies Executor to the same. Ordered to be Certified
Recorded Test Jephth Whitham C.C.

John Roper's Will

March the first day One thousand seven hundred Eighty eight
In the name of God Amen John Roper of Northampton County being
sick & weak of body. But of sound judgment & memory thanks be to
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Nothing more uncertain than the manner time there of am will
ing to settle my worldly affairs & so make this my last will

& Testament in manner & form following. Viz

In the first place I commend the command my soul unto almighty God
into the hands of a faithful Creator humbly hoping to be saved by his precious
mercy through the merits & mediation of Jesus Christ my only Saviour & Re-
demptor and as to such worldly goods as hath been pleased God to be-
stow on me I give & Bequeath in manner & form following

First I give & Bequeath unto my son John Roper all my lands lying in the north
side of the river pond Creek & my branch containing by Estimation
one hundred Acres more or less to him his heirs or assigns forever.

Item I give & Bequeath unto my son John Roper all my lands lying in the south side
of the river pond Creek & my branch containing by Estimation
one hundred Acres more or less to him his heirs or assigns forever.

Item I like wise bequeath unto my wife eight head of Cattle six sheep & a horse
to her & a feather bed of furniture Chaise of my House and all my
kitchen Furniture during her life or as she shall live & after the
Death or marriage of my wife my will is that the above
stock & furniture be sold & the money arising therefrom be
Equally divided between my sons, James, John, Benjamin, Martin
William Roper & Grand son, Robert Shot.

Item I like wise bequeath unto my wife my Negro woman Phillis, during her
life or as she shall live & after the Death or marriage of my wife
my will is that the said Negro together with her increase be
sold & the money arising therefrom be Equally divided between
my five sons & Grand son Robert Shot.

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecca Shot forty Pounds

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feather bed of furniture.

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Deborah Roper forty Pounds & a
feather bed of furniture.

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Catherine Roper forty Pounds
& a feather bed of furniture.

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Anna Roper forty Pounds
& a feather bed of furniture or of Twenty pounds.

I fear the creek above & remove by the name of shot containing by Estimation

Item I give Hingham unto my son James Rook one of my head of horses the choice 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 beaith 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 & 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 old line to a hickory mill swamp then down the mill swamp to the first station to him & his heirs forever.