

James Briston's Will.

In the Name of God Amen I James Briston of Northampton County & State of North Carolina being in a low State of Health but sound mind & perfect memory do make this my last Will & Testament first I recommend my Soul to the Almighty God, & my body to the Earth from whence it came to be buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors. I give is that all my Just Ditts & General Charges be paid.

Item I give to my beloved Wife Mary Briston all my Estate & Personal during her natural Life as widowhood.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Warner Briston after the Death or Marriage of my Wife Mary Briston all the Land & Appurtenances Northampton County also one Negro boy & one Negro Girl & Furniture to him & his Heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Catherine Briston after the Death or Marriage of my dear Mary Briston one Negro Girl named Hannah also one father & Furniture to her & her Heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Penelope Briston one Negro Girl named Pella also one father & Furniture at the Death or Marriage of my dear Mary Briston to her & her Heirs forever.

My Wife & I give is that my two Daughters Catherine & Penelope Briston have the privilege & use of my House as long as they live unmarried. Also my Wife & I give is that the residue of my Estate that has not been before been given away to be equally divided between my three Children Warner Briston Catherine Briston & Penelope Briston after the Death or Marriage of my Wife Mary Briston at the discretion of my Executors to them & their Heirs forever. Also I appoint my Son Warner Briston & William Magers my whole Just Executors to this my last Will & Testament. At Witness whereof I have signed set my hand & affixed my Seal this 6th day of September 1799.

Signed & sealed in presence of

James Briston & Seal
Lawrence Daughtry

Northampton County 17th March 1800

This Certificate is given by the Clerk of Lawrence Daughtry a subscribing witness & Clerk at the same time Warner Briston qualified Executor Ordered to be Certified & Recorded

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Wm. H. H. H.

Thomas Boon's Will.

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Boon of the County of Northampton being in perfect Health but thanks to the gift of God disposing some of my Estate calling to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life am willing to make my last Will & Testament as follows

Item I bequeath to my dear Wife Mary Boon that gave it me & my body to be buried at the direction of my Executors my funeral Expenses discharged & my debts paid.

Item I give is that my son William Boon (Clerk) shall have the use of my two Negroes Robt & James until my Son William Boon's Children come to lawful age and then to be equally divided between his Children being the fact that I settle to give my Son William Boon.

Item I give is that my Son John Boon shall have the use of my two Negroes Gay & Bet until my Daughter Mary Boon's Children come to lawful age & then to be equally divided between my three Children Thomas Boon one of my Daughters Mary Boon, Gay is him and his Heirs forever. I set this because to be equally divided between my Daughter Mary (Catherine) & William Boon being the fact that I settle to give my Daughter Mary.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Martha Gay two Negroes Phillis & Pella they & their Heirs forever.

Item I give is that my Daughter Maria Whelan may have the use of one Negro woman named Pella during her life & then to be equally divided between my three Children Thomas Boon, Catherine Boon & William Boon.

Item I give is that my Son William Boon shall have the plantation upon which he now lives & the use of the Negroes now upon during his life & then to be equally divided between his three half brothers & sisters that is living at that time to them & their Heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son James Boon one half of the tract of Land that I bought of James W. Boon & three Negroes, Charles, Joseph & Dick & his Heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my son John Boon the other half of that tract of Land he now lives on & three Negroes Abby & Dick to him & his Heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son John Boon the tract of Land that I bought of John Thomas & two Negroes Phillis & Pella to him & his Heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath to my Son Thomas Boon the tract of Land that I bought of John Thomas & two Negroes James, Phillis & George to him & his Heirs forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Henry Boon the parcel of Land that I bought of William Boon & two Negroes Phillis & Pella to him & his Heirs forever.

Item I give is that my daughter Mary Boon shall have the use of the remainder of my Estate & then to be equally divided between my three Children Thomas Boon, John Boon & Henry Boon, consisting of House & Land & plantation & Negroes & Pella & Pella to them & their Heirs forever.

Item I give my Son Mary Boon & William Boon my Executors of this my last Will & Testament & my two Negroes & Pella & Pella to them & their Heirs forever.

Witness my hand & affixed my Seal this 6th day of September 1799.