

my will and sole Executor and administrator of this my last will and Testament and my will and desire is further that my said Executors shall prosecute persons and collect every debt that they shall find in my name and all such notes that shall arise from my debt as much as possible only one note against Joseph Ireland and another against the estate of Doctor Randal which notes I bear in favour of my Sister Mary Bliften M^{rs} Withers whom I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this 4th day of February 1797—

Signed Sealed & pronounced
to be her last will and Testament } Benjamin Bliften Esq. Seal
In presence of us —

Edw^d Thomson
Chauncy Jerboan
David + Wison
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Edy + Wison
mark

Northampton County Jst
March Court 1797

This Will was proved by
the oath of Edw^d Thomson one
of the subscribing witnesses thereto and
declared to be testifical and executed whereupon
Jesse Woods one of the Executors therein named was duly
qualified.

Teste:
C. Wiggins Esq^r

James Cotton's Will

State of North Carolina }
Northampton County } I James Cotton of the State of North
Carolina being aged and informed of being though of a sound and
disposing mind and memory and calling to mind that by God it
is ordained for men to die do make this my last will and Testament
in manner and form following as followeth viz^t

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Dickinson Cotton my lands
and plantation lying and being in the Town of Newmarket also
the land and plantation whereon I now live, the land and
plantation I bought of Charles Taylor also a tract of land
I bought of John McDaniel lying and being in the County
of Currituck, all of these three last mentioned plantations or tracts
of land my wife to enjoy during her natural life, and for her to have
the use and benefit during her natural life, also I give and
bequeath unto my Son Dickinson Cotton six Negroes viz^t
Anna, Mrs. Dennis, Ellick, great Jude, Fann and her
increase, and Judy increase from this time, also three
Horses viz^t The white Mare, Tickles picher, and the
Whisper ally filly, six Oxen viz^t two Oxen viz^t two
yoke Oxen, viz^t the old yoke belonging to the meadow together
with the best Oxen belonging to them and the young yoke
five head of Sheep, my silver hand buckles & spurs, my Coffee
Mill and lead iron which is on the plantation in the meadow
also all the plantation utensils belonging to the plantation on the
meadow, also my large Steel traps, also after my wife's death
I give unto my Son Dickinson Cotton my salt brine Mill, my will
and desire is that my Son Dickinson Cotton shall yearly
furnish my wife with fifty pounds of sundry Indian Corn
to be delivered her at the plantation in the meadow and
for him my Son Dickinson Cotton his Heirs and
assigns to have and enjoy forever.

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I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Polly Cotton the Negroes viz.
Simon, Coder, Milton, Jerry, Sally, Rose, and three more, one bed and furniture and three chest, also I give bequeath unto my Daughter Polly Cotton the Land and plantation I bought of James Cotton which formerly belonged to James Campbell lying on the North side of Cuttyhunk Bay swamp and adjoining Peter M'Daniel's land and two Saw Mills on said plantation to her and her heirs forever.

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I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Cotton two Negroes viz. Ned, Charles, Sam, Amy & little slave also I lend to my wife Elizabeth Cotton the use of all my Lands except my Land in the meadow during her natural life, also I give to my wife Elizabeth Cotton three head of Horses viz. the bay Horse called Titimon, the bay Horse one bay Horse called Thougat at Bridgers Sale two years or next Spring, eighteen head of cattle, One yoke Oxen which I bought of Sucky Parker and the Cart and wheels which are at home, fifteen head of sheep, six Saw Mills and all the remaining part of my stock of Hogs about home. My will and desire is that all the rest of my estate not already given away consisting of Bonds Notes & other accounts be equally divided between my beloved wife Elizabeth Cotton my son Dickinson Cotton and my Daughter Polly Cotton; My will and desire is that my Hybridilly Horse be sold, my large Side Saddle & still tub and the remainder part of my Cattle not already given away. I give all the remainder part of my estate not already given away consisting of the perishable property to my beloved wife Elizabeth Cotton to her and her heirs forever. My will and desire is that all the money arising from the sale of the property left to be sold be equally divided between my Wife, my son Dickinson Cotton & Daughter Polly Cotton.

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I do constitute and appoint my truly friend Samuel Parker and my beloved wife Elizabeth Cotton my whole and sole Executors and Executrix to this my last will and Testament revoking and disannulling all others heretofore made and do establish and confirm this to be my last will and Testament As Witness I have hereunto set and affixed my Hand and Seal this Seventeenth day of January One thousand seven hundred and Ninety Seven.

Signed and Sealed In
the presence of us

James Cotton & Seal
C.C.

Jonas Wood
David Dickinson
Peter M'Daniel

Northampton County N.H.
March Court 1797

This Will of James Cotton du.
was proved by the Oaths of Jonas Wood and Peter M'Daniel two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and Ordered to be Certified and Recorded, whereupon Samuel Parker the Executor therein named was duly qualified.

Test.
C. Haynes. C.C.