

Northampton County, 1st Jan. 1798.

The following Bill of Abraham Noyes, of Northampton County, was presented and read by the Court of such persons as of the subscription witnesses thereat at the same time. Being a Noyes qualified Executor thereof. Ordered to be certified and recorded.

Witness

A. Noyes, Clerk

Abraham Noyes's Will

In the name of God Amen I Abraham Noyes of Northampton County and in the State of North Carolina being very low in State but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed unto me for at last to die, do make and declare this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give and bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it me and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive this same again by the mighty power of God and trusting my soul will go whithersoever I shall please God to bid me in one or this life I give and dispose of the same in the following manner. Item as follows First of all my debts is that all my debts be collected and all my just debts paid. Item I leave to my beloved wife Sarah Noyes one third of all my lands except my Negroes, Cattle, Hens, Pigs, and such during her life or widowhood.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son John Noyes two Negroes Harry & Ned, Cattle, Hens & Pigs after the death of my beloved wife Sarah Noyes and also my share and portion of the same and also my share and portion of the same.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Noyes two Negroes Cato & Lenny and all their increase to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item I leave the use of my Negro man Rasper to my Daughter Elizabeth Noyes to be held at the discretion of my Executors yearly during her life and also the use of my plantations and twenty five acres of arable Land of which I was part to her in it but not to rent it or sell it to make any other profit in it during her life and at her death to return to John Noyes my Executor.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Noyes two Negroes Ned and Lenny to her her heirs and assigns forever.

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Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Noyes one Negro Boy John to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give to my Daughter Sarah Noyes two Negroes Mary & Nancy to school her.

Item After the payment of all my debts I do bequeath the Negroes Ned, Ned and already given away I give unto my wife Sarah Noyes the third part of all my personal property and the remainder to be equally divided between my four Children now living.

Item I do give and bequeath to my Son John Noyes five shillings to be applied and constitute my Son John Noyes and my Son in Law John Noyes whole and sole executor of this my last Will and Testament according and decerning well or with satisfaction made by me. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10th of July 1798.

Signed, Sealed & Delivered
In the presence of us
Abraham Noyes

Mark Rogers

Mark Howell

E. Johnson

Abraham Noyes

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The will of Abraham Noyes is now exhibited into Court and proved by the Oath of Mark Rogers & Mark Howell two of the subscription witnesses thereat at the same time John Noyes and John Noyes qualified as Executors thereof, Ordered to be certified and recorded.

Witness

A. Noyes, Clerk