

John Lawrence's Will

Know all Men by these presents that John Lawrence of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being fully of sound mind and memory and calling to mind that he is appointed for all Men to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Mary Lawrence all my House hold and Kitchen furniture my four wheel carriage four of my best Horses thirty head of Cattle all of her cows eleven all my Sheep and Hogs and all my Tree goods to her and her disposal.

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my son John Lawrence the plantation and Land purchased of John Smith to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my son Richd Lawrence the plantation and Land purchased of William Kiffin and the piece of Land adjoining it that I purchased of my father in law John Duke and the Land I had of adjoining said Land of Kiffin to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my son Ezra Lawrence the plantation and Land purchased of George Newberry and the plantation and Land purchased of William Willfield to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my son David Lawrence the plantation and Land purchased of Thomas Bullard and One hundred pounds current money of Virginia to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my son Jonathan Lawrence the Land purchased of William Bridges and One hundred pounds current money of Virginia to him and his heirs assigns forever also I give devise and bequeath unto my said son Jonathan Lawrence the piece of Land purchased of James Cotton to him his heirs and assigns forever.

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Also I give devise and bequeath unto my son Thomas Duke Lawrence the Land and plantation whereon Charity Bullard now lives in the County of Hanover and Virginia also the Land purchased of Thomas Rose of this County to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item I give devise and bequeath unto my son Joseph Lawrence my Land and plantation called Roanoke also the plantation called Naamun both in the County of Hanover and Virginia to him his heirs and assigns forever. — All the rest of my estate I leave to be equally divided amongst my Children, my Daughter Mary Scott is exempted for what she has already received. And my will and desire that no public executor shall be on any of my property if it can be avoided and Lastly I certify and affirm and ordain my beloved wife my son John Richd Lawrence my whole and sole executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 7th day of January 1796. Thomas seven hundred and ninety six.

David Kiffin
In presence of

John Lawrence, Esq. Seal

Northampton County 2^d December Court 1796

Then this Will was proved by the affirmation of John Duke & Benjamin Jordan who proved the same writing of the Testator whereupon John Lawrence & Richd Lawrence his Executors therein named was duly qualified. Ordered to be Certified and Recorded.

Witness
E. Haynes Esq.

3rd Note

For further proof of this Will see Will Book C page 33-