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I Give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Randolph and Frances Randolph
the sum of five hundred and five shillings

I Give and bequeath unto my loving wife Bathshela Randolph one third
of the remainder of my land and three shillings named Great Light and
given to her and her heirs forever

I Give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Randolph and Frances Randolph
the remainder of my land and three shillings named Great Light and
given to her and her heirs forever

I Give and bequeath unto my wife Bathshela Randolph the remainder
of my estate except what will discharge my debts which I leave to the
direction of my Executors to sell to her for the support of my poor young
children

I do nominate and appoint my loving wife Bathshela Randolph
Executrix and John Spenser and Executors of this my last Will and
Testament executing all that will by me made hereafter and as then
but this to be taken for my last will and Testament In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and that this third day of
March 1792

John Randolph
James Lambson
Peter M. Daniel
Angerican London

John Randolph for that

Richampton County, Va.
June Court 1792

That this Will was exhibited into Court of Record
before the Court of James Lambson and Peter M. Daniel one of
the subscribing Witnesses thereto, at the same time Bathshela Randolph
produced as Executrix thereof which was Ordered to be testified
and Recorded

Test

James M. Daniel

John Shorts Will

North Carolina November 9th 1792

In the name of God Amen I John Shorts of the County of
Richampton in the State of North Carolina as aforesaid, being in perfect
mind and memory thanks be to God for the same, but willing to meet
the uncertainty of this transitory life and that it was appointed me for all
time to die as unto and obtain this to be my last Will and Testament
in manner and form following Give and bequeath unto my
son John Shorts first my Estate in which I have through the
merciful Death and passion of my beloved Son John Shorts
that my son shall be saved, and my body I leave to be buried
in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter
mentioned and as to my worldly goods which it hath pleased the
Almighty to bestow on me in this life I give and bequeath as follows

First my Will and desire is that all my just debts and several expenses be
paid and discharged

I Give and bequeath unto my son John Shorts his share and apportion from
the Land and Plantations whereon I now dwell including Birds Island
and what dead Lands in Mother Island and what dead Lands on the
West side of my Mill run known by the name of Carver's Run and my Mill
and twenty acres of land be the same more or less in the East side of the
mill run bounded as follows to wit Beginning at the Mill tail where
the mill waste runs into the mill tail running an East course the distance
of fifty yards then running and surveying up the mill waste and back from
the distance of fifty yards from the head of the waste and the same
distance from the head at high water mark of the said waste into
Mother Short's line

I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Betty Shorts one fourth part
of my Estate consisting my wood stacks and the
half of my House consisting what School hereafter gives unto my son John
Shorts and fifty pounds Virginia Currency or as much specie money
as is equal in value to it and one half of a barrel of salt that
I have salt

John

Mem

I give and bequeath unto the children of my deceased daughter Sarah
 Moore to be equally divided amongst them whenever the first of them comes
 to the age of twenty one years or marries eight years and their increase
 viz. Saml, William, great John, John, Mark, John, and Ned
 no further but and provision, no fourth part of my estate excepting
 my word share one half of my share after my son John Root hath his
 share of three of them which I shall hereafter give him, and one half of my
 loved still that is now in the possession of Samuel Root and further
 my will and desire is that my Executors hereafter mentioned sell all one
 third to the first side of my will can that I have not given to my son
 John Root and give the purchase credit until my eldest grand child
 comes to the age of twenty one years or marries in giving Bond with
 sufficient security to pay the Interest yearly and the principal at the
 expiration of the time above mentioned that is when my eldest grand
 child comes to age or either of them marries, and the Interest to be paid
 to my executors the one half of it I give together with the half of the
 principal to the children of my deceased Daughter Sarah Benson
 to be equally divided as aforesaid. and after my death and
 Executors have divided the Legacy as above given in them to my
 Grand Children as aforesaid my will and desire is that they be
 sold together with the still as aforesaid and the money put to
 interest for them at the discretion of my Executors. —

Mem

I lend unto my Daughter Betty Benson eight Negroes and their increase
 during of her natural life viz. George, Mary, John, David, Polly, Hannah,
 Abner, and Celia; and if in case my aforesaid Daughter should die
 and have a Child or Children born of her body then the aforesaid
 Negroes and their increase to him or them during of his her or
 their natural lives and at the day of marriage of the Child or Children
 if she should have more than one I give and bequeath the aforesaid
 Negroes and their increase to the Child as aforesaid or the children
 as aforesaid if there should be more than one to be equally divided
 amongst them — and if in case my Daughter Betty Benson should
 die and have no children as aforesaid then my will and desire is
 that the aforesaid Negroes be equally divided between my son John
 Root or his heirs, and the children of my deceased Daughter Sarah
 Benson together with the half of the principal that the lands will

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for in the first side of my will can that I have devoted to be sold by my
 Executors and if the Child or Children of any of my aforesaid Daughter
 Betty Benson should not arrive to the age as is before specified then
 my will and desire is that the same division be made between my son
 John Root and the children of my deceased Daughter Sarah Benson
 that is one half to my son John Root or his heirs and the other half
 to the children of my deceased Daughter Sarah Benson as aforesaid

Mem

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Betty Benson the Interest of one
 half of the principal money that my lands will for that I have devoted
 my Executors hereafter mentioned to sell which said Interest she shall
 be entitled to yearly by the purchase, giving of his Bond for the
 payment of the one half of the Interest to my Daughter Betty Benson
 during of her natural life, or until the time of payment of the
 principal is expired, and then my will and desire is that my Executors
 shall put the money to Interest on Bond and good security as is usual
 and the Interest of one half of the principal money the Bond shall be
 taken in my aforesaid Daughter Betty Benson's name and deliver
 to her yearly that she may collect the same without troubling of my
 Executors with the collection and the other half to be collected by my
 Executors and paid to the Children of my deceased Daughter Sarah
 Benson their proportionable part both principal and Interest as they
 come of age as is before specified

Mem

I give and bequeath unto my son John Root eleven Negroes and their increase
 to him his heirs and assigns forever, I also give and bequeath unto my
 son one share of three of my Negroes four work share one half of the
 residue of my Cattle all my stock of Hogs one large still all my household
 goods except two further beds that I have before given away in this my
 last will and Testament plantation articles of all and every kind
 whatsoever — The names of the Negroes as I gave to my son John Root
 as in this clause as above I mention which are as followeth to wit, Solomon,
 James, Lewis, Rochester, Anthony, Bob, Aggy and her child, Edy,
 Ann, William, and Nell. —

I do nominate and appoint my son John Root my
 Brother David Root and John M. Wainwright to Grant this my
 last

last Will and Testament and his freely consent and make and all
former Will or Wills by me heretofore made; and acknowledging that and ac-
cording to be my last Will and Testament

Signed Sealed Acknowledged
in presence of us
this 13th day of December 1792

John Short Esq. Test

Not signed hereby J^t
James Court 1792

Then the above Will of John Short was

submitted into Court and proved by the Oath of John Short and John Short
James McDougall & John Short who proved it by the hand writing
of the testator at the same time John Short qualified as Executor thereof
Ordered to be testified and Recorded

Test

A. Vaynes Esq.

Mary Cace's Will

In the name of God Amen

I Mary Cace of the County of Northampton and State of New Hampshire being
in a due state of health but of sound and disposing mind and memory thank be
to Almighty God for the same; and calling to mind the certainty of death and the
uncertainty of the time thereof do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament
in manner and form following First I recommend my Soul to Almighty God
who gave it and my body to the Earth to be decently interred at the dis-
cretion of my Executors hereafter named and touching such worldly estate
which it hath pleased God to bless me with I will and dispose as followeth

First I Give and devise unto my Son William Richard Cace two hundred
and eighty four acres of Land lying in slavery this person before me
has to a Slave bearing date the 3rd day of September 1778 I say to him
and his Heirs and Assigns forever

Item I Give and devise unto my Son Thomas Cace the main plantation whereon
I live with this reserve that my wife Mary Cace is to have the use of said

plantation

plantation during her life; also I Give and devise unto my said son Thomas Cace
a tract of land adjoining the main plantation containing six hundred and
thirty acres I say to him his Heirs and Assigns forever. Likewise I Give
and devise unto my said son Thomas Cace the said plantation whereon
Mr. Perkins lives with this reserve that my wife Mary Cace is to have
the use of one third of said plantation during her life. I say to him his Heirs
and Assigns forever

Item My Will and desire is that all my Negroes Frederick, Jack, Bob, Walter,
Frank, Dick, Sam, Melley, Peter, Peter Agnes, Senah, Sam, Sam,
March, Lavinia, Sam, John, Isaac, Benjamin, Nancy, Peter, Brucella,
Annie, George, Stephen, and their increase be equally divided between my
wife Mary Cace and my Children Richard Cace, William Richard Cace,
Elizabeth Cace and Thomas Cace.

Item My desire is that my House, Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, Hens, & other furniture
plantation utensils, wearing my Dress which I give to my wife, all the rest to
be equally divided between my wife and Children but if my Executors should
be contrary for the benefit of my wife and Children. I say to him with power
to arrange more suitably

Item My desire is that the plantation on the Hill can be sold to discharge my debts

Item My desire is that if my wife should happen to be pregnant that child is to
inherit the plantation where Mr. Perkins lives and an equal part of my
personal estate

Item My desire is that if Negro Frederick is not willing to work under my Children
my Executors may sell him and place another in his stead, if there is any thing
has escaped my memory to dispose of it as he thinks most suitable

Lastly I do constitute and appoint Thomas Cace whole and sole Executor of this
my last Will and Test. and I Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this 1st day of March 1793

Signed Sealed Acknowledged and
acknowledged in presence of

Samuel Cook
Edward Cook

Mary Cace Esq. Test

Northampton County N^h June 1st 1793

This Will of Mary Cace deceased was submitted
into Court and duly proved by the Oath of Samuel Cook &
acknowledging William Perkins, I ordered to be testified & Recorded

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