

their Shares until they arrive at the age of twenty, thereafter, unless they sooner graduate. Item, My Will is, that my Daughters receive their parts of my Estate, when they arrive at twenty one, or marry; Item, My Will is, that if either of my Sons should die, before he receives his portion, then his part of the land shall belong to my surviving son or sons, & their heirs

Item My will is that my wife receive my Daughter Sarah's Estate at my death as Guardian to said Sarah. Item, My will is that if my Wife should die, from this Will, her Estate given her shall be absolutely paid. Item, My will is that my friend Eaton Pugh act as Guardian to Lewis and Priscilla; my nephew William M. Edwards as Guardian to Samuel and Benjamin; also my son Lewis, when he arrives at twenty one as a joint Guardian of Samuel and Benjamin and Priscilla. Item, My Will is that my personal and Real Estate be set apart and allotted according to the provisions of this my Will by my Executors, if there are, otherwise my Executors to appoint an executor so as to have three persons - Lastly I constitute and appoint my friend Eaton Pugh, Benjamin Lashley, and William M. Edwards and my son Lewis Executors to this my last Will and Testaments, to act and do with my Estate and Children as they may think most beneficial to their Intestates.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and
declared to be his last Will
and Testaments in presence of us.

Patrick A. Edwards, Nathaniel Harrison,
Benjamin Harrison, W. M. Williams.

Ben. Williamson

Northampton June Court 1819

This last Will and Testaments of Benjamin Williamson dec'd was exhibited into Court, and proved by the Oaths of Nathaniel Harrison, Benjamin Harrison and William M. Williams, three of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, also the Land writing of Patrick A. Edwards the other subscribing Witness was duly proved by the Oath of Matthew M. Harrison, whereupon Eaton Pugh and William M. Edwards two of the Executors therein named were qualified agreeable to Law, Ordered to be certified and Recorded.

Attest J. L. Harrison Clerk. Ct.

John M. Edwards's Will. In the Name of God Amen I John M. Edwards of Northampton County State of North Carolina being sick but in perfect sense & memory but knowing there is an appointed time for all men to die and knowing how uncertain the time is I do make this my last Will and Testaments (Sole) I do commend my Soul to the Lord of Almighty God that gave it

me and my body to the Pastor to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and as to what property I have given and bequeathed it as follows (Sole) My debts and funeral expenses to be first paid and discharged then the remainder of my Estate I give & bequeath as follows (Sole) I give and bequeath to my brother John P. Edwards after my death one share brother and sister all my lands, negroes & Bonds and a covenant to him his heirs & assigns forever then I give and bequeath to my Brother John P. Edwards the Legacy left to me by my deceased brother B. Edwards to him his heirs and assigns forever & I do hereby constitute John P. Edwards my sole & full Executor to this my last Will and Testaments & I do hereby discharge and make void all other wills heretofore made in respect of me & my estate whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this one day of January 1819. & of American Independence the forty third.

In the presence of
Patrick A. Edwards, Nathaniel Harrison,
Ben. Harrison

W. M. Edwards

Northampton June Court 1819
This last Will & Testaments of

John M. Edwards dec'd was exhibited into Court and proved by the Oaths of Nathaniel Harrison & Benjamin Harrison two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon John P. Edwards the Executor in said will was qualified as the law directs, Ordered to be certified & Recorded.

Attest J. L. Harrison Clerk.

Mary Ann Edwards's will. The Justice probate.

Northampton June Court 1819. The Justice probate of the last Will of Mary Ann Edwards executed as to the hand writing of Robert Washington one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto, was duly proved by the Oath of Benjamin Harrison, and Ordered to be certified and recorded - Attest J. L. Harrison Clerk.

James Adkinson's Will. In the Name of God Amen I James Adkinson of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory (Sole) do this the 17th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen make and publish this my last will and Testaments in manner following. I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Adkinson, all my lands whereon I now live, to him and his heirs and assigns forever
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Pugh's one share and assigns forever, to her her heirs and assigns forever
I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Adkinson all my

Stock of every kind and those property, not before given away
to him his heirs and assigns forever him & his heirs
make and Ordain my Son Joseph Atkinson executor of
this my Last Will and Testament assembling all those Witneses
made by me in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Seal this the day and date above written.
Signed Sealed & Subscribed
In presence of us
A. B. Gary & Richard H. Weaver

James Atkinson

Northampton September 18/19

This Last will and Testament of James Atkinson deceased
was exhibited into Court and proved by the Oaths of Richard
B. Gary & Richard H. Weaver, the subscribing witnesses thereto
whereupon Joseph Atkinson the executor in said Will
named, was qualified as the Law directs, Ordered to be
certified and Recorded.

Teste James B. Harrison C. C. C.

John Howells Will. In the Name of God Amen,

I John Howells of the County of Northampton and State of North
Carolina being in a late State of Health at present but in
sound sense and good memory think be to Almighty God
for this same, do make and Ordain this my Last Will and
Testament in manner and form following: (Signed)

I give unto my supposed son Abner H. Howells all my
Land that I am possessed with provided he lives to the age of
twenty one years, should he die before that time, my will is
that John Howells son of Benjamin Howells should inherit as
the case may be to him and his heirs forever. I give
unto my supposed son Abner H. Howells all my negroes and
future increase to him and his heirs forever. I give unto
my supposed son Abner H. Howells all the remaining part of my
Estate whatsoever to him and his heirs forever. I am my will
and desire is that all my negroes should be kept on my
plantations untill my supposed son Abner H. Howells comes
to the age of twenty one years by my Decree, all my desire
is that if my Decree should be of opinion that the stock should
be more than necessary they should sell it at the best market
price they can conveniently and the money arising from such
Sales, I give unto my supposed son Abner H. Howells after
paying the expenses of it to him and his heirs forever.

I do hereby enjoin and appoint my supposed son Abner
H. Howells my sole and sole Executor of this my last Will and
Testament whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal
this 18th of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and Nineteen.

Signed Sealed, and
Subscribed in presence of
E. Hollamson, Humphrey R. Jarvis

John Howells

Northampton September 18/19

This Last Will and Testament of John Howells deceased was
exhibited into Court and proved in due form of Law by the
Oaths of E. Hollamson and Humphrey R. Jarvis the Subscrib-
ing witnesses. Ordered to be certified & Recorded.

Teste James B. Harrison C. C. C.

Henry Peters's Will. In the name of God Amen, I Henry
Peters of Northampton County & State of North Carolina being
in a sound mind & memory do make & Ordain this to be
my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following: (Signed)
I give to my wife Charlotte Peters my riding chair, Trunk and the
Batterway make to her & her heirs forever. I give to my said Wife
all my lands in Northampton County during her life & after her
death to be equally divided between my two sons Richard & Henry
Peters & John William Peters which I give to them and their heirs
forever. I give to my son James Peters all my lands in Fanninville
County Virginia to him & his heirs forever. I give to my daughter
Alice Ann Peters for Landed estate to her and her heirs forever.

It is my Will and Desire that all my negroes be kept together
to work on the plantations as formerly and the profits arising therefrom
to be equally divided between my wife and four children, James
Peters, Richard Henry Peters, John William Peters & Alice Ann,
Peters. It is also my will if either of my children should die
before they come of age or leave a lawful heir, then the same part
should be left after paying my debts, then the balance to be divided
between my said children. As at the death of my Wife all the
Balance of my Estate be equally divided between my 4 children,
Lastly I enjoin & appoint my said wife, John Peters and
James Burnett, my Executors to this my Last Will & Testament.