

along with me to the beginning, my negroes, I do and all their children and their increase during her natural life, provided she leaves no more upon my land; and if any three children die before my said wife leaving no child or children of her own and in that case give the property but as aforesaid to my said wife and her heirs forever, but if of my said daughters or either of them should have a child or children I give the said property to them and their heirs forever. I lend unto my three daughters Elizabeth Linda & Nicholas Mary Francis Nicholas and Martha Riels & Nicholas the following property and estate to wit, old Abby young Abby young Betty Suckey Lewis Daniel John Rosetta and Harry Hannah Jacob Charity Lucy Rob Matt Rachael Beck Jim Sarah Rebecca Eady Charles & Peggy Dixy and if there be any more of my said negroes not now recollecting or included it is my will that they be included with those last as aforesaid to my said three daughters, all which said negroes I lend as aforesaid till my youngest daughter be married or arrive to the age of twenty one years. It is my will and desire that old Abby with the rest of my expensive negroes remain on the same side of the branch where they now reside in order to try to make what support they can for themselves, and that my executors do for them as they think best. If my said children should die before the youngest arrives to twenty one years of age or marries and leave no child or children and my wife should still be living I then and in that case give devise and bequeath the whole of my estate of what kind soever to her and her heirs forever; but if my said daughters or either of them should survive till my said youngest daughter arrive to the age of twenty one or marries or until the same she would be twenty one years old if living I give devise & bequeath unto such survivor or survivors child or children or their issue all the said property but as aforesaid to them and their heirs forever. Item it is my will and desire that my executors herein often named sell all the remainder and residue of my estate and out of the proceeds of the same pay all my just debts and if any money left in hand after the payment of my said debts it is my will that it be equally divided between and among my wife and children. Item I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Richard Whitaker and my wife Mary Ann Nicholas my whole and sole executors to this my last will and testament hereby revoking and declaring null and void all other wills by me heretofore made. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 27th day of March in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixteen.

Signed sealed & acknowledged by the said I Nicholas *Test*

John Nicholas as his last will & testament

in the presence of W. Goolley, C. Edmunds Hardy Cobb.

A Nathampton Court 1816 This last will & testament of John Nicholas died was exhibited in Court and proved by the oaths of William Goolley Phoebe Cobb two of the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon Richard Whitaker the executor therein named qualified according to law, time being reserved for the

The executor to qualify accordingly.

Test

James C. Harrison Clerk

John Milliken's will. In the name of God amen I John Milliken of Northampton Nath Carolina being weak of body but strong of mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner & form following to wit. Item first. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid. Item second. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife one feather bed & furniture and one small horse and gig which I gave to her and her heirs forever, also I give her one negro man named Nelson which I give to her during her life or widowhood. Item third. I give to my son Henry D. Milliken the land and plantation whereon I now live, also I give him three hundred dollars in cash which I give to him and his heirs forever. Item fourth. I give to my daughter Abigail the Milliken one negro man by name Lannon also I give her the land I bought of Philip Brattle whereon Abigail Brattle now lives and I give her one feather bed and furniture which I give to her and her heirs forever. Item fifth. I give to my daughter Mary Milliken one negro boy by name Luke which I give to her and her heirs forever. Item sixth. It is my will and desire that the balance of my estate both real and personal be equally divided among my three children herebefore mentioned. Lastly I appoint my friends Thomas Branch and Collier W. Barnes executors to this my last will and testament. dated this 12th of March 1816.

Signed sealed & acknowledged in presence John Milliken *Test* of res. William Woodrooff Edwin Davis.

Nathampton June Court 1816. This last will and testament of John Milliken died was exhibited in Court and proved by the oaths of William Woodrooff and Edwin Davis the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon Collier W. Barnes one of the executors therein named qualified thereto according to law, time being reserved for the other executor to qualify.

Test,

James C. Harrison Clerk

William Brewer's Will. In the name of God amen I William Brewer of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, or you may say this considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being of so old an age and memory blessed be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first. I desire that all my just debts should be paid, for which I set apart my half of the mill and all the land I own on both sides of the creek up to the upper saw line, if that should fail any part of the property that the family should please to dispose of. I lend to Solomon Brewer the Deacon and son of Shadrach Grants line and down the white pine branch to the same

no timber to be cut except for the improvement of the place after five years if he settles on it I give it to him and his heirs forever. The land whereon I live I leave for the use of the family as long as they remain single after their marriage or removal I give the whole of the land to Solomon if he is alive, but he be dead to the surviving part of the family. I give to my beloved wife Betty forever. Betty and her increase I give to Tempy Grant, Betsey Brewer, Nancy Brewer and Peggy Brewer and their heirs forever. It is my desire that my beloved wife should have full use of that land whereon I live during her life. I give to Solomon his choice of horses and the flower colt. Respecting my Summer tract of land after as much of it is sold as will pay all that I am bound as security for William Sikes deed if the should be any balance I give it to Martha Sikes and Bryant Sikes orphans of William Sikes to them and their heirs forever. I appoint William Grant and my wife Sary Brewer my whole and sole administrators, signed and sealed and delivered in the presence of us this first of July 1816.

Test, Shadrach Grant

William Brewer Seal

James Wheeler &
Northampton September Court 1816. This last will and testament of William Brewer deed was proved in open Court by the oaths of Shadrach Grant & James Wheeler the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon William Grant the executor therein named was qualified as the law directs, time being reserved for the executing therein named to qualify trusts accordingly — Test, James C. Harrison Clerk.

Nathan Strickland's will. In the name of God Amen, whereas I know there is a time sooner or later for men to depart this life as such I make this my last will and testament I being very sick but in perfect sense and memory. Item, I leave my body to be buried in a christianlike form and bequeath my soul to him who gave it. Item I leave to my beloved wife Minna Strickland all my land and possessions of land during her life or widowhood. Item, I also lend my beloved wife before mentioned all my stock of all kinds consisting of horses hogs cattle &c during her life or widowhood. Item, I also lend my beloved wife before mentioned all my household furniture during her widowhood. Item, I also lend my beloved wife before mentioned all my plantation utensils during her life or widowhood. Item my will & desire is that if my beloved wife Minna Strickland should die or many then all the above mentioned property I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ann Strickland. Item my further will & desire is that if my daughter Mary Ann Strickland should die before she arrives to the ripeness of maturity and without lawful

issue then my will and desire is that the above mentioned property belong to my beloved wife forever to have and to hold and dispose of as she pleases. Lastly I do hereby constitute appoint and ordain William Underwood and Benjamin Barnes my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all former wills, this 17th of May 1816.

Acknowledged in the presence of us, Nathan Strickland Seal
Charles Edmunds, Benjamin Bulley &

Northampton September Court 1816. This last will and testament of Nathan Strickland deed was proved in open Court by the oaths of Charles Edmunds, Benjamin Bulley, and Janima Strickland widow &c of said Nathan appeared in open Court and refused to accept the provision made therein and by said and William Underwood one of the executors therein named qualified according to law, time being reserved for Benjamin Barnes the other executor to qualify trusts accordingly — Test, James C. Harrison Clerk

Lucy Martin's will. In the name of God Amen I Lucy Martin of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being at present in perfect sound mind and memory thanks be to God but calling to mind the mortality of my body do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth vizt. Item I give unto all my children that are now living five shillings a piece to them and their heirs forever. Item I give unto my son Israel Martin all the use and labor of all my negroes, to wit, Peter, Abram, Randall, Jack, Datt, Jacob, Tom, Charity also all the remainder of my property within doors and without to him and his heirs if he has an heir if not I give the same to be equally divided amongst all my children. I do nominate and appoint my son Israel Martin my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all other wills heretofore made by me in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of December 1808 her
Signed Sealed & acknowledged in presence of Lucy Martin Seal
of Luke R. Wade, John Wade just & mark

Northampton December Court 1816. This last will and testament of Lucy Martin deed was exhibited into Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Richard Wade one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon Israel Martin the executor therein named was qualified according to law — ordered that said will be certified & recorded.
Test, James C. Harrison Clerk

Sarah Moore's will. In the name of God Amen I Sarah Moore of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God and calling to mind the mortality of body and knowing it is