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In the Court held for the County of Southampton the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1801 this will was presented on behalf by Willis Dole one of the executors therin named (the other refusing) proved by the oaths of John Bridges and Willis Stephenson the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said Edt who made <sup>and</sup> according to law probat is granted him on giving bond and security whereupon the said Willis Dole with Jacob Turner and Willis Stephenson his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars for the said Willis's due and faithful performance of the said decedent's will and administration on his estate.

Virginia S. Southampton County, h'ly. Test. Sam.Hello S.

I Samuel Hello Clerk of the County Court aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the testament and last Will of Benjamin Dole dec'd and of the probate — granted to Willis Dole one of the executors therin named.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and caused the seal of my office to be affixed this 17<sup>th</sup> of May 1814 and in the 38<sup>th</sup> year of our foundation — Sam. Hello S.

Seal  
Virginia Southampton, h'ly. I Benjamin Blunt sole presiding Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Southampton aforesaid do hereby certify that the above named Sam Hello whose name is signed to the foregoing certificate is Clerk of the County Court aforesaid, that due faith and credit ought to be given to his acts as such and that the foregoing is done in due form of law. Given under my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1814.

Benjamin Blunt

Southampton June bract 1814. This attested copy of the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Dole dec'd as proved in Southampton County Court Virginia was exhibited into Court and ordered to be recorded whereupon Ipe — Ipe one of the executors therin named was qualified a punctually to draw —

Test. A. Holloman S.

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Elizab'th Bridger's Will. In the name of God Amen, I Elizabeth Bridger wife of James Bridger dec'd of the County of Southampton and State of Clark bearing being in perfect health in body and of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following viz: I lend unto my daughter Tabitha Bridger all my property that I may or shall be possessed with or entitled to at my decease to her and her heirs lawfully begotten of her body — during the life of the aforesaid Tabitha Bridger and also during the life of the said Tabitha Bridger heirs. Out of the said Tabitha Bridger aforesaid die without having a lawful heir or heirs as mentioned — aforesaid, then I bequeath my property as follows: —

I give unto James Bridger son of Joseph Bridger one negro girl named Anna, also one feather bed & furniture, to him and his heirs forever. — Also my will and desire is that after all my just debts are satisfied and finally adjusted that all the remaining part of my property which I have not already given away, shall be equally divided between Helen Gizzard, Phoebe Gizzard, Sarah Parker and Mary Mongar — also including Dolly Cutley, Charlotte Williams and Nancy Williams daughters of Robert Williams dec'd to receive as a legacy —

four legatees above mentioned to them and their heirs forever, except the part of my property that Mary Mongar is entitled to, that part of property my will and desire is at the said Mary Mongar death for her part to descend and be equally divided between the other four mentioned legatees as above stated, including the three daughters of Robert Williams above mentioned as one legatee. And I distinctly appoint Helen Gizzard my sole executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made — In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord 1812 —

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Signed sealed published acknowledge Elizab'th + Judges Good as the last Will of the Testator in the mark  
presence of Joseph Smith and W<sup>m</sup> Maddy Jr

Southampton September Court 1814. This last Will of Testator of Elizabeth Bridger dec'd was proved in open Court by the oaths of — Ipe Smith son of W<sup>m</sup> Maddy Jr: Whereupon Helen Gizzard the executors named was qualified. Ordered to be certified & recorded — Test. Holloman S.