

shank one pair fire Irons and one half of my household furniture except one bed that is not already given away, until she marries, if she should marry and not marry within ten years than I give the aforesaid property to her her heirs & assigns forever, otherwise I give the aforesaid property to my three great-grand children viz Elizabeth Sidney Nicholas, Mary Frances Nicholas and Martha Ricks Bell Nicholas to them & their heirs forever. Item I give unto my grand-daughters Mary Ann Nicholas the balance of my household furniture that is not already given away & except one bed to her & her heirs forever. Item It is my will and desire that all the rest of my property that is not already given away be sold to raise money to discharge my debts, the balance if any to be equally between my two grand-daughters viz Mary Ann Nicholas and Sally P. Bell. Item I nominate and appoint John Nicholas and Richard Whitaker to be executors to this my last Will and Testament. I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1816 —

Mary Ricks, seal

Signed sealed in presence of us

Samuel Wootton, Charthy Wootton, Mary Braswell.

Nathampton March Court 1816. This last will and testament of Mary Ricks aforesaid was exhibited into Court and proved by the oaths of James Clements, and [redacted] subscriber unto her, and was ordered to be recorded: whereupon Robert Nicholas one of the executors in said will named was qualified according to law, time being reserved for the other executor to qualify accordingly —

Teste,  
James C. Harrison Clerk

William Clement's Will. In the name of God Amen I, William Clements of the County of Nathampton and State of North Carolina do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following viz, Item I bequeath to my beloved wife Abby Hannah Clement during her natural life or underneath the following articles viz all the tract of land wherein I now live and the following negroes Jacob from Suckey and Rachael of Willis two feather beds and furniture one bay mare called Lucifer filly, one black horse by the name of Dob, ten head of cattle first choice ten head of sheep first choice twenty five head of hogs first choice one safe eight setting chairs six pewter plates one pewter dish two earthen quiches six earthen plates one loom

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three large peacock bassins two candle sticks and cupboard three iron pots and a Dutch oven two spinning wheels one flea wheel three killing hoes & four weeding hoes all of the fish choice one pair flat hoes one pair and hoes one sugar box ten cedar Casks one cask of Steele two pairs of cards four chairs one pair of warping boxes two tables thirty barrels of corn and as much fodder as comes off that quantity of corn ten bushels of wheat one ox East and yoke. Item I bequeath my daughter Sally Bourne one tract of land called Bills tract containing twenty five acres more or less during her natural life and after her death to be equally divided among all her children to them and their heirs forever. — Item I give unto my daughter Charity Chambell one negro woman named Lucy and her child Parbony to her & her heirs forever. — Item I give unto my daughter Capy Chambell one negro woman named Easter and her child Anthony and her child Sam. Item I give unto my son Benjamin Clements one negro named Field one sorrel horse called Ephraim three head of cattle to him and his heirs forever — Item I give unto my daughter Dorothy Walpole two hundred acres of land she now lives on called Wickenford one negro girl named Lilly to her and her heirs forever — Item I give unto my son William Clement four hundred & fifty acres of land joining the old store coming down the road to the Bear Branch one negro man named Isaac one mare called Black Mare & her colt and five head of sheep to him & his heirs forever. — Item I bequeath unto my daughter Patsy Vining one tract of land called [redacted] tract to her & her heirs forever — Item I give unto my daughter Betty Clement two hundred acres of land joining Jackson's tract over the road one negro woman named Charlotte one negro girl named Hannah one negro boy named Charles to her & her heirs forever — Item I give unto my son David Clement the tract of land I now live on two hundred acres more or less one tract called Salineys tract one hundred and twenty eight acres one negro man Abram one negro called Jimny one negro woman called Lucy one negro called Savioth one negro called Candy one negro called Sivry one horse colt called Potomack one sorrel mare called Vincent one mare one stall the set of blacksmith tools six head of cattle six head of sheep the bed that stands in the big room one cream colored filly called Teachers Tilly to him and his heirs forever — Item I give unto my grandson Weston Clement two hundred and fifty acres of land on Jordan's road beginning at the Bear Branch thence up the said road to Petersys for then right sub until it takes two hundred and fifty acres and one negro called Ted one negro called Saul one mare called Patney mare and one hundred dollars to him & his heirs forever. Item my will is that the rest my estate not already given away nor shall be sold and equally divided among my following children viz Benjamin

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Clement William Clement and David Clement and my grandson Carlton Clements to them and their posterity: my will and desire is that after the death of my wife Abby Hannah Clement that the personal property I have her be sold and equally divided amongst my last mentioned children. I do nominate and appoint my son Benjamin Clements and William Clement Abby Hannah Clements and my son David Clements to this my last will and testament and last of all I do former renounced disavowed and revoke all other wills here before by one more and do acknowledge this to be my last Will and Testament. In witness I have hereunto set my hand and this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1815.

William Clement [initials]

Signed sealed by action & dated in presence of us

Northampton March Court 1816. This will was exhibited at a former term for probate and a caveat being entered to the probate thereof by Henry Chamberlin and Franklin Vincent the ipsel of Davis and re no<sup>o</sup> was ordered to be made up by the court, and at this term the following day to wit John Edwards Shriver Sonny Leonard Upas William Edwards William Underwood John Nichols Edwin Rickels David Rutland William Hoadley Thomas Delano & Sels Sofister and Noah Adams being sworn and examined to try the issue joined between the parties upon their oaths see the paper whereof exhibited is the last will and Testament of William Clement senior deceased; therefore it is considered by the court that the said will be recorded: whereupon William Clement junior one of the executors in said will named was duly qualified, time being reserved for the others to qualify accordingly —

Clerk, James C. Garrison Clerk

Abraham Nelson's Will. In the name of God amen I Abraham Nelson in the County of North Carolina being at the time very weak in body but of a sound mind and memory thanks be to God for it therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all flesh once to die as for all the worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bestow me either give in following manner and form. I give and bequeath unto my son William Nelson the land that he lives on is him and his heirs forever, also I give to my grand child William Nelson one negro boy by the name Isaac his forever, also I give to my son Jacob Nelson the tract of land where he lives on to him and his heirs forever and also one negro by the name of Solomon to him and his heirs, also I give to my grand child Abigail Allen one negro by the name of Bell, also I give to my son Hezekiah Nelson the tract of land that I now live on to him and his heirs forever and also one negro by the name of Pats to him and his heirs forever, also I give to my son John Nelson one negro boy

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by the name of Anthony to him and his heirs forever, also I give to my son Abraham one negro by the name of Bowles, also I give to daughter Patsey Vaughan one negro by the name of Venus to her and her heirs forever, also I give to my daughter Lucy one negro by the name of Beck to her and her heirs forever, also I give to my grand child Nelson Hayes one negro negro by the name of Teller to him forever, also I give to Barbara my grand child one feather bed, also I give to Hezekiah Nelson one negro by the name of Joe to take care of Barbara to him and his heirs forever, for all the rest of my property after my executors to be equally divided amongst my children I execute this to be my last will and testaments I set my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 1816 to my will and desire that John Nelson and Hezekiah Nelson should settle my estate —

Abraham Nelson [initials] mark

Clerk Joseph Johnson Editor Rickels

Northampton Jan Sepriors 1816 This last will and Testament of Abraham Nelson deed was exhibited and offered for probate and Joseph Underwood entered a caveat to the probate thereof whereupon the spouse of devisor et al cum was ordered by the Court and the following jury to wit James Wheeler James Mungo James Bonn John McPherson John Allenger John Summerville Harwood Dukes Wimberly Odum goat Lafeats Williamson H. Hardie Peter Chaddry and Moses Nowood being empannelled and sworn to try the issue upon their oaths do say it is the last will and Testament of Abraham Nelson deed: therefore it is ordered by the Court that the said Will be entered of record, whereupon John Nelson one of the executors in the said Will named came into Court and acknowledged the same according to law, Hezekiah Nelson the other executor refusing to qualify —

Clerk

James C. Garrison Clerk

John Hardings will. In the name of God amen I John Hardin of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this the tenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say. First I send unto my daughter Judith Daniel during her natural life two negro women named Ellery and Cherry with all their future increase but after her death it is my will and desire that they be equally divided with their increase between the lawful heirs of her body sheer and shear alike to them their heirs and after her death I send unto Susan Harding widow of my son Crawford Harding the during life or widowhood four negroes to wit Robin Lewis Rachael and Cynthia with all their increase but after her death or marriage to her surviving children by my son Crawford Harding same and share