

188 Thomas Rives's will. In the name of God Amen I Thomas Rives of Northampton County state of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory blessed be God for the same do this 20th day of November in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following this is to say: Item 1st my will and desire is my executor whom I shall hereafter appoint shall pay all my just debts. Item 2^d my will and desire is that my executor purchase a negro woman named Judy now the property of George Sykes which I sold him and emancipate her for meritorious services after the death or widowhood of my sister Minnie G. Blow who is to have her during her natural life or widowhood. Item 3^d I lend to my sister Minnie G. Blow during her natural life or widowhood all my estate. Item 4th I give and bequeath to my niece Sarah Blow after the death or widowhood of her mother Minnie G. Blow all the above estate land her mother (except the 2^d Sarah Blow should die before she arrives to the age of twenty one years of leave a lawful heir of her body in which event my will and desire is that my estate be equally divided among all my brothers and sisters. Lastly I nominate and appoint my worthy friend James T. Sykes executor of this my last will and testament, in witness whereof I the said Thomas Rives have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Teste, Robert G. Farham
John B. Peebles, A. H. Walker &

Northampton December Court 1816 This last will and testament of Thomas Rives dead was exhibited into Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Robert G. Farham John B. Peebles and Andrew H. Walker the subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded: time being allowed the executor therein named to qualify. And at a Court held for the County of Northampton the first Monday in March 1817 James T. Sykes the executor named in the preceding will came into Court & renounced his right of qualifying thereto: whereupon administration of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said Thomas Rives dead is granted to the said James T. Sykes and John Lockhart, who together with Payton Maughon and James Barrett entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of four thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs.

Teste, James C. Harrison Clerk

189 Elise Dole's Will. In the name of God Amen I Elise Dole of Northampton County and state of North Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory blessed be God do this fifteenth day of February in the year of our lord eighteen hundred and seventeen make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say. First I give and bequeath unto Littleberry Long my black mare called Nancy Battle. Item I give and bequeath unto Polly Long daughter of John Long and one negro woman called Mimma to her and her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Willis Dole's two eldest children namely Williams Dole and Willis Dole each twenty five dollars a piece. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Willie Dole's two children namely Demarkus Dole and Joe Dole each twenty five dollars a piece. Item I give and bequeath unto my brother Epam Dole's two children namely Arthur James Dole and Sally Dole twenty five dollars each or a piece. It is my will and desire that all my estate not heretofore given away should be sold at public auction on a credit of twelve months by my executors whom I appoint, and after paying all my just debts I desire that my whole estate that I have not given away above should be equally divided between the above eight children namely Littleberry Long Polly Long Williams Dole Willis Dole Demarkus Dole Joe Dole Arthur James Dole and Sally Dole and my will is if either of the aforementioned children should die without a lawful heir the surviving ones should heir his or her estate, and I hereby make and ordain my worthy friend Epam Hollamon just and my nephew Littleberry Long executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I the said Elise Dole have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Elise Dole (Decd)
Signed sealed & declared by the said Elise Dole the testator as her last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof. John B. Jordan, Ira W. Baykin Just: Baykin.
At a Court held for Northampton County on the first Monday in March 1817 the preceding will of Elise Dole dead was exhibited into Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of John B. Jordan and Ira W. Baykin two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded: whereupon Epam Hollamon just and Littleberry Long the executors in the said will named came into Court and qualified thereto according to law.

Teste, James C. Harrison Clerk.

Elizabeth A. Rowell's Will. In the name of God Amen the thirteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and fifteen I Elizabeth