

Northampton County pt. December Court 1826 His last will and Testament of Catherine Pugh dec'd was exhibited into open Court and proved in due form of law by the Oaths of John H. Sedition and Benjamin M. Mather upon the subscribing witnesses thereto; whereupon Robert H. Jones one of the Executors in said Will named, was qualified as the law directs being being reversed for the qualifications of the others; and ordered to be certified and Recorded. *Teste James C. Harrison & Co.*

Rebecca Johnson's will. In the name of God I Rebecca Johnson being weak of body but of good mind and sound mind & memory do hereby beget so make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner as following, that is to say; my will & desire is that all my just debts should be paid & discharged.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Russell one bed and furniture one Basin one Dish one pair of linen boards one pair of wooden bowls and all the rest of my property to be equally divided between my Son Lewis Johnson & Mary Russell. I do hereby nominate & appoint my worthy friends Jacobus Martin & Giles Lester Executors to this my last will & Testament, discharging all others I have sealed & signed in the presence of us this 27th of April 1822.

— *Rebecca Johnson*
Witness

John H. Jacobus Martin

Northampton County pt. June Court 1822

His last will and Testament of Rebecca Johnson dec'd was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form by the Oath of John H. Sedition, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto; whereupon Giles Lester one of the Executors in said will named, was qualified as the Law directs, ordered to be certified and that the said will be Recorded.

Teste James C. Harrison & Co.

Fanny Howell's will. In the name of God I Fanny Howell of the County of Northampton & State of North Carolina being far advanced in age and weak in body but of sound mind and memory do hereby beget so make and publish and declare the following to be my last will and Testament. That I do give and bequeath unto my affectionate son Benjamin Howell for and during his life one tract of land lying in the said County of Northampton of acres, which I obtained from Henry Howell in exchange for another tract of land containing by Surveyors two hundred Acres more or less and all the rest of my property of land lying and being in the said County of Northampton

Northampton which I purchased of Ezzra Howell, containing one hundred and fifty Acres more or less and all the following things (to wit) Silver, Pew, Mirrors, Wagon and two provided that he give to Fanny Howell and Joseph M. Howell nephews of Henry Howell one hundred dollars each, and to Elizabeth Howell, Winney Howell, Fanny Howell & Stephen Howell orphan children of Ezzra Howell each fifty dollars each. Item. I give and bequeath unto my grand children Fanny Howell and Joseph M. Howell one hundred dollars each to them and their heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my grand children Elizabeth Howell, Winney Howell, Fanny Howell and Stephen Howell fifty dollars each, to them and their heirs forever. Item. After the death of my son Benjamin Howell I give devise and bequeath the land and Slaves (owned to him) to the next of him then living to them and their heirs forever. Item. I lend unto my beloved son John Howell during his life two negroes (to wit) Addison and Eliza, one barrel stove, two boxes & trunks, one Ward Robe, one pair of bellows, one chest, one feather bed and furniture. Item. It is my will and desire that at the death of my said son John Howell, the said negroes, Addison and Eliza go to the lawful legitimate children of the said John Howell to them and their heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto Benjamin James White one negro girl named Sylvia one herd of horned cattle, one feather bed & furniture, two chests, one table, one pot and one skillet to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Howell, Winney Howell, Fanny Howell and Stephen Howell children of my son Ezzra Howell each two negroes (to wit) Frank and Robt, to be equal to the property of them and their heirs forever. Item. I give devise and bequeath unto my first named son Benjamin Howell all the residue and Remainder of my Estate of what nature so kind soever except the profits which shall arise from the rents of the Ezzra Howell place the present year to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath the use and profits of the Ezzra Howell plantation the present year to my son John and his heirs forever. Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my beloved son Benjamin Howell my sole and sole executor to this my last will and Testament hereby declaring, void all other wills of me heretofore made. In Testimony whereof I have signed my name and have hereunto set my hand and seal in presence of