

Peterson Brown's will.

In the name of God amen, I Peterson Brown of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina do make this my last will and Testament. — 1st I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret Brown the plantation on which I now live for and during the term of her natural life and no longer. — 2nd I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Brown the plantation on which I now live, after the death of my wife to him and his heirs forever. — 3rd I give and bequeath unto my son William Brown my plantation purchased of Henry Cotton and Esau Lawrence adjoining the lands of Miles Bruce, and others to him and his heirs forever. — 4th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary all my right title and interest in the tract of land called the marsh place adjoining the lands of Henry Wood and others to her and her heirs forever. — 5th I give and bequeath unto my daughter Margaret the tract of land called the York place adjoining the lands of Peter Brown Duke Lawrence and others to her and her heirs forever. — 6th I will the two last dispositions as to be taken with this restriction, that if either of my daughters die before they reach the age of twenty one years without an heir of her body then such portion of my real estate devised to her shall belong to the surviving daughter to her and her heirs forever. — 7th I give and bequeath unto my wife Margaret Brown the following slaves (viz) Jordan, Cupid, Edmund, Nathan, Matilda and her five Siddy and Simps to her and her heirs forever, also one hundred barrels of corn, ten stacks of fodder, four thousand pounds of pork thirty turkeys of wheat, one barrel of sugar one barrel of coffee, my carriage and harness all my house hold and kitchen furniture, all the money which I have at this time remaining in my house, six cows and calves two horses and one mule such as she may select from my stock and my single gigo to her and her heirs forever. — It is my will and desire that all the remainder of my personal Estate after paying all my just debts shall be equally divided between my four children, Thomas, William, Mary and Margaret share and share alike, to them and their heirs forever. — Finally — I nominate and appoint William E. Lockhart, as sole executor to this my last will and Testament and also empower him in the Guardianship of my children if the income of my Estate shall not be sufficient to educate my children in the best manner; — to sell some of my female negroes at private sale to such master as they may select to create a fund sufficiently great to give them such an education. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal to this my last will and Testament the 5th August 1823 Signed Sealed and delivered — in the presence of us Thomas D. Lawrence James H. Lawrence & Joseph D. White — P. Brown —

Northampton

Northampton County, Sept. 10th 1823. — This last will and Testament of Peterson Brown did was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form by the oath of Joseph D. White, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto; the executor in said will named refused to qualify and at December Term following Administration with the will annexed was granted to William Lockhart who entered into bond in the penalty of forty thousand dollars with John D. Amos and Joseph Penner Sureties and was qualified executor to law; Ordered that the same be certified and recorded. — Teste John W. Harrison C. J.

Stephen Josey's will.

In the name of God amen! I Stephen Josey being now sick, but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form as follows. — 1st I lend unto my beloved wife Martha Josey one third of my land including the dwelling house during her natural life. — 2nd I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife the following negroes, Ben Buck and Venus two beds and furniture and her choice of one my horse — my fagg with my kitchen furniture to her and her heirs forever. — 3rd I give and bequeath unto my son James Henry Josey all my land but if he should die before he comes to lawful age it is my will and desire that my wife Martha — shall have it during her natural life and after her death to John Josey my nephew son of William Josey to him and his heirs forever. — 4th I give and bequeath unto my son James H. Josey all the balance of my estate after paying my just debts. — It is my will and desire that my land shall remain undivided for my son James. It is also my will and desire that my wife and family have one year's provisions out of my stock and crop. It is also my will and desire that the negroes belonging to my son James Henry Josey do lie on the land belonging to him to be managed by my executor or his Guardian to till clear and cultivate. — I do hereby appoint my wife or William Josey and Bryan Randolph my executors, this being my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal October the 1st 1823. — Signed in the presence of John Nelson Junr & Joseph Hewitt Sr. — Stephen Josey —

Northampton County, December Court 1823. — This last will and Testament of Stephen Josey did was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form by the oath of Joseph Hewitt Junr: one of the subscribing witnesses thereto; the executor in said will named refused to qualify and at December Administration with the will annexed was granted to Martha Josey who entered into bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars with Bryan Randolph

Bryan Randolph and Benjamin Ward senties and was qualified
 great to say: ordered that same be recorded.

Attest John Williamson C. C.

Dempsey Edwards's will. — In the name of
 God amen I ^{of} Dempsey Edwards of the County of Northampton
 State of North Carolina being weak in body in sound mind and mem-
 ory thanks be to God for the same, knowing that it is appointed for all
 mortals once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testa-
 ment; And as touching what worldly estate which I have been blessed
 with I give devise and dispose of in the following manner. — Item
 I give bequeath unto my son William Edwards one negro boy called
 Shack one cow and calf with the increase of the sho kind, the ^{best} best to
 be reserved to the use of my wife and family also my arable land
 and all my lands on the North side of the Road to him and his heirs for-
 ever. Item. — I give unto my son John M. Edwards the balance of my
 land and plantation that I have not given away reserving the same
 to the use and benefit of my wife Sally Edwards during her natural life
 then the said lands to my aforesaid son John M. Edwards also one piece
 or bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever. The said he is to
 have immediately. I give unto my Daughter ^{Sally Edwards} one bed and furniture to
 her and her heirs forever. Item. — I give unto my three eldest children
 Littleberry, Allen Dawsey and Martha fifty Dollars each to them and
 their heirs forever. Item. I give unto my wife Sally Edwards three crown
 colors, one bed and furniture, one Table one chest and side Saddle one
 half dozen chairs and braided and large dish, one flax wheel some new
 working wheel to her and her heirs forever. — Item. — The balance of my
 estate after paying my just debts at the discretion of my Executor I shall
 I may hereafter appoint I lend the use thereof unto my wife Sally Ed-
 wards during her natural life or marriage or so long as she may be
 willing to keep my children free from charge and then at either of the pe-
 riods that may just arise to be equally divided between my three
 eldest children Littleberry, Allen Dawsey and Martha Edwards
 to them and their heirs forever. — And further I nominate and appoint
 my friend William Made my whole and sole Executor to this my last
 will and Testament making void all other wills may be made by me
 prior to this time. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
 seal this 10th day of November 1833. — Signed Sealed in the pres-
 ence of Attorney J. Barkley and Micajah Eodward.

Dempsey Edwards Seal
 (mark)

Northampton County for December Court 1833 this last will and tes-
 tament of Dempsey Edwards dec. was exhibited in open Court and proved
 in due form by the oaths of Henry C. Wardlaw and Micajah Edwards the
 subscribing witnesses thereto. Ordered that the same be recorded and ex-
 corded. (Witness given March 1834) Attest John Williamson C. C.

Jesse R. Foss's will. — In the name of God amen I Jesse
 R. Foss of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being in a
 body well of sound and disposing mind and memory thanks to Almighty
 God for those blessings; but as it is appointed for all men to die I think
 proper to make publish constitute and ordain this writing my last
 will and Testament in manner and form hereinafter written. First
 I recommend my soul into the hands of him that gave it and my
 worldly Estate as follows. Item the 1st. I give and bequeath unto my son
 Samuel ^{of} my grey horse saddle and bridle saddle and bridle ready
 in his possession. — Item 2nd I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac
 horse my bay colt called Isaac's and bridle and saddle also in his
 possession. Item 3rd. — I wish my son Cyrian to have four years
 schooling out of my estate and bond. — Item 4th I wish my four young-
 est children (viz) Isaac, Minstons, William and Agdelimony to be schoo-
 led out of my will at the discretion of my wife or Executor until my son Cy-
 rion comes to lawful age at which time I expect to say more hereafter
 Item 5th I hereby vest my executor with full power and authority to sell
 at public or private sale as they may think most advisable such part of
 my negroes or other Estate as can be most conveniently spared out
 of my family at the discretion of my Executor for the purpose of paying
 my just debts schooling my children and other necessary expenses I
 also empower and authorize my executor to pass a deed and convey a full
 and firm Title to that part of my land Estate belonging to the big
 mill purchased by Thomas Deane and myself of William B. Chatham agree-
 able to article of agreement of a late date made and entered into between said
 Deane and myself for the disposition of a partnership of said premises the
 proceeds of which when sold as directed I wish applied towards the payment
 of debts and to school and raise my children as before directed with any
 other Estate so devised. All the rest of my Estate real and personal I wish
 to remain in my plantation in possession of my wife and family until
 my son Cyrian becomes of lawful age and if in case my wife should
 die before my said son Cyrian comes to lawful age or before my wife
 in that case I wish my sons Samuel and Isaac with the advice of their
 friends to stay together in my plantation and keep my family together.