

Agnes Kersley's Will November 2nd 1823 — In the name of
Unto God Amen I Agnes Kersley of Southampton County and State of North Caro-
lina being infirm with the thoughts of death but in my right mind to
make this my last will and Testament.

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Cofield Kersley and to his heirs for
ever one hundred acres of land it being the land I now live on

I leave to my granddaughter Lyndallery Kersley eleven acres of land during her
natural life provided she doth Lyndallery Sidle and live on said land. If she
does not then it shall go back to the said Cofield Kersley. The said eleven acres
of land is to be taken on the Spring Branch so as not to interfere with the
House and Orchard. — I give to my said Granddaughter Lyndallery one
flock bed and one small iron pot. My desire is that all my just debts be
paid and then the balance of my personal estate go to the said Cofield Ker-
sley and his heirs. I appoint John Blythe my wife and sole executor
of this my will. — Benjamin ^{his} Harrison — Agnes ^{her} Kersley Seal
mark

Southampton County March Court 1824. This last will and Testament
of Agnes Kersley sealed was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form
of law by the oaths of John Blythe and Benjamin Harrison the Sub-
scribing witnesses thereto whereupon John Blythe the Executor therein named
was qualified as the law directs ordered to be certified and recorded
Dated John M. Harrison A.C. C.

Josiah Blanchard's Will. — In the name of God
Amen I Josiah Blanchard of Southampton County and State of North
(Carolina being) at this time very weak in body but of sound mind
thank be to God for it therefore calling to mind the mor-
tality 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 bless me with
I give in the following manner and form (Seal) I leave to my beloved
wife ^{honest} Blanchard all my lands also my gray slaves also
all my cattle except one cow and calf also all my working tools his nat-
ural life except my whip saw also I want all my hogs for the support
of the family except five of the best also I lend my four feather beds and
furniture to my wife her natural life also I give all my Crop of Corn Cotton
and Potatoes for the families support I give and bequeath all my lands to
my five sons namely Nathan Blanchard, Jonathan Blanchard, Septu-
agenarian Blanchard, Josiah Blanchard and William Blanchard at my wife's
death Blanchard's decree to be equally divided

Also I lend all my negroes to my beloved wife ^{honest} Blanchard except
three I give unto my wife and her heirs forever and Sir Isaac to be
sold towards paying my debts Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Martha Blanchard one negro girl named Rhode at my wife's decease
Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth one negro boy na-
med Hardy after my wife's decease Also I give and bequeath unto my
daughter ^{honest} Blanchard one negro boy named Jonas at my
wife's decease Also I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary
one negro boy named Sparrow at my wife's decease also I give
and bequeath unto my son Nathan Blanchard one bay mare one cow
and Calf also I give and bequeath unto my first son before mentioned
two negro boys named Tom and Joshua to be equally divided
at my wife's decease all the remainder of my property after tak-
ing enough to pay my just debts I leave unto my wife her natural life
and then all that I have left unto my ^{dear} wife that is now
yet given my will and desire is that at her decease that it shall
be equally divided between all my heirs namely Nathan Blanchard
Jonathan Blanchard Septuagenarian Blanchard Josiah Blanchard William
Blanchard Martha Blanchard Elizabeth Blanchard ^{her} son
Loren Blanchard and Mary Ann Blanchard Also my will
and desire is that if any of the boys should die under age of twenty one
without an heir that this part of the land should go to the other boy
I nominate and appoint my son Nathan Blan-
chard and my wife executors or Executrix my two executors to
this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this the 15th day of November
1823

Signed Sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us
William Hays, Jordan ^{his} Lepiter
J. Abigail ^{her} Lepiter mark ^{her} mark ^{his} mark
Josiah Blanchard Seal
Southampton