

King, Shins. Item: Give unto my son William Riches my negro
(maid) Sampson and Lucy. Item: Give unto my son Charles
two negroes (his wife) Tom and Hannah. Item: Give unto my son
Edwin Riches three negroes (his wife) Henry, Sarah & William.
Item: Give unto my son David Riches three negroes (his wife) William, John
and Sarah. Item: Give unto my son Abraham Riches my negro
Mary, Daniel and one beautiful and large bay horse. Item: Give
my lands to be equally divided amongst my four sons (to wit) William,
James, Edwin Moses, and Abraham Riches.

Item: I leave the balance of my ^{half the} cattle, sheep and hog, house
hold and kitchen furniture and plantation, intended to be sold
for the purpose of discharging my last debts. Item: Give my
wife twenty barrels of corn and five hundred pounds of pork.

Item: The residue of my estate give to be equally divided amongst my
five sons to them and their heirs forever. Lastly, I appoint my
friend, John A. Gray my executor to this my last will and testament
to discharge the same according to my mind, I being fully of sound mind.

This 22nd day of October 1826
Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of
James Taylor, George A. Gray, Amos Packer
Northampton County, 22nd December 1826

This last will and testament of Edwin Riches that was exhibited into
open court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Henry
Taylor and Amos Packer two subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon
John A. Gray the executor in said will named was qualified according
to law, ordered to be certified and recorded.

Teste James C. Harrison C.C.C.

Martha Folke's will. In the name of God Amen I Martha
Riches of the County of Northampton and State of N. H. being of
sound and perfect mind and memory, do hereby declare as this 22nd day of
May 1826 I have signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of four
witnesses, this my last will and testament in manner following,
that is to say: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha
Hendley one third in fee simple of the whole of my land and interest
to have and to hold forever. She said Martha Folke has to this my
last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year
above written. Signed, sealed and delivered by the said Martha Folke
in her last will and testament.

In the presence of us who were present at the time of signing,
and the said Henry, Thayer, Deane, Clayton, Deane
Northampton County 22nd December 1826. This last will and
testament of Martha Folke that was exhibited into open court and proved
in due form of law by the oath of Henry Taylor, George A. Gray & Clayton Deane the subscribing
witnesses thereto, and ordered to be certified and recorded.

Teste James C. Harrison C.C.C.

John Russell's will. In the name of God Amen I
John Russell of Northampton County and State of N. H. being of sound
sense and memory do hereby declare as this my last will and testament in
the presence of witnesses. Item: Give and bequeath unto my sister Eliza
Russell all my plantation known as the consisting of one hundred
and fifteen acres, be the same more or less to her, her heirs and assigns
her death to her other two brothers, William Russell and Robert
Russell to them and their heirs forever, and the balance of my
property sold and my just debts paid; the residue of my estate to my
married sister and her descendants and I do hereby appoint Benjamin
Lester my executor of this my last will and testament. Witness my hand
Signed, sealed in presence of
Witness, Henry, Lester, December 22nd 1826. John Russell

Northampton County 22nd December 1826. This last will and
testament of John Russell that was exhibited into open court and
proved in due form of law by the oath of Benjamin Lester one of the sub-
scribing witnesses thereto, whereupon Benjamin Lester the executor
named was qualified as the law directs, ordered to be certified and
recorded.

Teste James C. Harrison C.C.C.

Eaton Pugh's will. In the name of God Amen I Eaton
Pugh of the County of Northampton in the State of N. H. being in my
usual state of health, mind and memory do hereby declare as this my
last will and undivided judgment, make known and establish this will
to be and contain my last will and testament, hereby revoking and an-
nulling all other former wills and testaments by me made.

Supra. I give and devise to my dear wife Mary A. Pugh the whole of
the negroes that I acquired in marriage with her together with her
the carriage, dress, jewelry and money, the latter of whom I purchased
of Martin Rich with the present and future increase of the said female
to her, her heirs and assigns forever. Item: Give and devise to my
wife, aforesaid, Mary A. Pugh, all the lands I purchased of General
Allen Jones, Russell Packer and John Packer, lying in the County
of Northampton in the State aforesaid, upon the mountain foot of
tract of land, which belongs in part to my said wife, her heirs and
assigns forever. Item: Give bequeath and devise to my said wife Mary
Allen Pugh, the one half of all my stock of horses, cattle, sheep and
hogs, and every other kind of stock, of which I may die possessed,
including such horses as I may at the time of my death have and
use as carriage horses, with my carriage or such carriage and
may own and my said wife may use, at the time of my death
together with the whole of my house hold and kitchen furniture
(except such articles as may hereafter be differently disposed of)
to her, my said wife, her heirs and assigns forever.

I leave also to my beloved wife Mary Allen Pugh during her life or widowhood all my lands lying on Bear Oak River included in the following bounds and limits: that is to say, beginning at the mouth of Bear Kill Creek, thence up the creek to the corner Williamson line thence along and with said line to the old breeding place called and known by name, 'The Flat Rock,' thence a South course to the Little River, thence down the Little River to the Bay dam River, thence down said river to the lane, thence along the course of said lane as it now runs, to the Big River, thence down said River, as as to include the lower fields in the Island thence across the Little River to the first station and the beginning. Item: I give, bequeath and devise to my nephew John I. Davis the one half of all my lands lying in the County of Halifax in the State of North Carolina, and also the following negro Slaves (Servants) Subolog, Temple, Pace, Henry, Peterson, Brannan, Tapa, Peter and Jane, Children of Joseph with the sum of one thousand dollars, to him my said nephew his heirs and assigns forever. Items I give, bequeath and devise to my nephew Thomas H. Davis, the other half of all my lands lying in the County of Halifax aforesaid in the State of North Carolina, and also the following negro Slaves (Servants) Stephen H. Biscup, Jones, Lydia, Peggy, Haywood, Andrew, Francis, Daniel (Doll) Annica Benton and William Children of Annica, with the sum of one thousand dollars, to him my said nephew his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my friend Robert H. Davis's eldest son Edward, the sum of one thousand dollars. Item: I give and bequeath to my friend Williams A. Johnson's son George, the sum of one thousand dollars.

Item: I devise to my Executors herein after appointed, the real and personal of my Estate real and personal including Bank Stock, Money due upon Bonds and other specialties, and whatever else that is not herein specially devised otherwise, and two beds, two Stairs and furniture for the same, and also the fixtures, inclosures of such of the female Slaves as may fall, and be comprehended in this devise, together with the other half of all the Stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Sheep of which may be possessed, and also one half of all the bulk of every denomination that may be growing or on hand at the time of my death, subject nevertheless to the charges, expenses and disbursements herein after stated, that is to say, that it is my will and desire and I accordingly direct, that in the event of my death before my dear wife Mary Allen Pugh dies, that my money that there arises in such case my said Executors or the Executors or Successors of them, shall hold and retain the possession of all the property and Estate devised to her under and by this will, appearing to her my said wife, a liberal and decent support, out of the interest and profits resulting from the Estate hereby devised, until she shall

die, whereupon it is desired and I do hereby direct that the same be thereby created, shall cease and terminate and the property and Estate aforesaid shall vest absolutely in her as it would have done had this devise been to my said first husband and assigns forever. And it is further my will and desire in the premises of this devise that in the event of my said wife dying without marrying then this and every other devise herein contained as relating to my said wife shall be void, and the property and Estate intended for her, and the limitations and conditions expressed shall vest and belong to my said nephews John Davis and Thomas H. Davis in Absolute Fee Simple, Share and Share alike as Tenants in Common, Subject nevertheless and always, and I do hereby direct, devise and declare that the Equity or devise, real and personally devised to my Executors in trust for my wife, shall be subject, and changed with the payment of all the pecuniary legacies herein before given, and with the payment of twenty five dollars amount to my old and faithful servant James Holt so long as he shall live. Item: I desire and request my dear wife, to pay to my faithful and faithful servant John annually so long as he lives the sum of Twenty five dollars. Item: I give and devise the one half of my bulk of any and all denominations that may be growing or on hand to my beloved wife. Item: Being anxiously desirous to place my real Estate in those who have the greatest or equal claims upon me, and while paying the same to my wife or to her Executors it did not occur to me that she might marry and die leaving no issue to inherit her real Estate devised under this will, whereby it would descend in and vest in her half brothers and sisters, who have none of my blood, for precaution whereof, I do devise order and direct, that in the event of my said wife dying without leaving issue alive, that then and in such case the real Estate, as well that which is dependent on my beloved wife's widowhood or life, as that which is not so dependent, herein before devised to my said wife, shall vest and take effect in my said nephews John P. Williams and Thomas H. Davis, share and share alike as Tenants in Common in Fee Simple, and I do make this devise for the express purpose of retaining and holding said real Estate in the event aforesaid and for no other purpose or intent whatever. Finally: I nominate constitute and appoint my nephews aforesaid John P. Davis and Thomas H. Davis and my friends Robert H. Davis Executors to this my last will and testament which I have caused to be written on five pages of Letter paper, taking Care to sign my name with my own hand at the foot of each Page on this 27th day of November A.D. 1858. I do hereby declare and declare in presence of

John P. Davis, Robert H. Davis, } Executors

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. Sedgwick and Charles M. Allen - 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 bands 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. Witness my hand sealed & signed in the presence of us the 27th of April 1822.

— Rebecca Johnson
John H. Sedgwick
Giles Lester

John H. Sedgwick

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. Sedgwick 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, Mirrors 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, Wm. 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, Wm. 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 bowls & plates, one wash basin, 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, Wm. 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