

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 2nd 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 3rd 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.

Tertle, Robt. G. Farham
John B. Peckles, 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. Peckles 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 Danitt entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of four thousand dollars, conditioned as the law directs.

Tertle, James L. 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 land 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 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 (Seal)
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.

Tertle, James L. 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

Elizabeth A. Russell of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being in health of body and of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament. I recommend my body to the mother earth, to be buried in a decent manner. I give and bequeath to my son Howell A. Russell and my daughter Nancy all my estate whether real or personal it is my desire that every thing that I am possessed of after my just debts are paid it is my will and desire that if my daughter Nancy should die without a lawful heir of her body all she receives of my estate shall be returned to my son Howell and if Howell Russell should die without a lawful heir of his body all he receives of my estate shall be returned to my daughter Nancy and her heirs forever at the same time I do appoint my son Howell A. Russell executor to this my last will and testament to which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30th of September 1815 - her

Signatures sealed & delivered in presence Elizabeth A. Russell (Test)
of us. Richard A. Mays, Judge & Burgess Angelina Mays (Test)
At a Court held for Northampton County the first Monday in March 1817 the preceding will of Elizabeth A. Russell was exhibited into Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Richard A. Mays and Lady Burgess two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded; and the executor in said will named not appearing to qualify thereto, it was ordered by the Court that administration of all and singular the goods and chattels rights and credits of the said Elizabeth A. Russell with her will annexed be granted to Jerry Russell, whereupon the said Jerry Russell together with Hinckley B. Pettway and John Snipes entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of five thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs - Attest James C. Harrison Clerk

Jonathan Crew's Will. In the name of God Amen I Jonathan Crew of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being sick and weak but in sound disposition of mind the Lord be praised and calling in to mind the mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is first of all I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body I recommend unto the earth to be buried in a decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors whom I will hereafter nominate and as touching such worldly estate which it hath pleased the Creator to bless me with in this life I give devise and bequeath of in the following manner and form. I bequeath unto my beloved wife all my estate both real and personal to raise and educate my children on, except the lands of these which I consider

that is during her widowhood; my will and desire is the lands I fear in - charred of the above named bequest to be immediately sold by my executor for the payment of my just debts and if there is any surplus of the said lands after paying my just debts the said surplus to be paid over to my wife to spend in raising and educating my children; and at the second marriage of my wife my will and desire is that all my estate be equally divided between all my children. I nominate my father and dear brother friend Andrew Crew sole executor to this my last will and testament. I hereby revoke all former wills and executors by me made or made ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament signed & sealed this seventh day of January 1817 Attest Wm. Fox, Jas. B. Daniel & Jonathan Crew (Test)
Hambleton P. Jones

North Carolina. At a Court of pleas and quarter sessions begun & held for the County of Northampton on the first Monday in March A.D. 1817 the preceding will & testament of Jonathan Crew deceased was exhibited into Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Daniel and Hambleton P. Jones two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and was ordered to be recorded, whereupon Andrew Crew the executor named in said will qualified according to law -

Attest. James C. Harrison Clerk

Joseph Smith's Will. In the name of God Amen I Joseph Smith of the County of Northampton being of sound and perfect mind and memory do hereby bequeath to God do this 12th of August 1816 make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following. that is to say, first I wish all my just debts to be paid I bequeath unto my beloved wife all my land during her widowhood or widowhood to be sold and the money that is sold for to be equally divided between my son Simeon Smith and my daughter Leahy Smith and my daughter Elizabeth and my grandson Larry Smith and my grandson Joseph Parker and Mary Parker to draw one share between them both and my supposed daughter Mary Battell and my supposed son Isaac Battell and my son Isaac and my daughter Nancy & my daughter Deborah Smith to share by this will forever. Now I give to my daughter Leahy one share and her heirs forever. Now I give and bequeath to Leahy Smith one share