

Wine and spices, glass, &c. &c. I give to my daughter, Miss Griffin one bed and furniture also one box and half one box and one box one soap one dressing wheel, to have her dress and other things. I leave all my property not herebefore given away after paying my just debts to be sold and equally divided amongst all my children, them and their heirs forever. I nominate and appoint William Outland to execute this my last will and testament in full thereof whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal the 5th day of the 1st Mo., 1818.

Signed and acknowledged in presence of
 John Outland, William Outland, Thomas Outland, James Outland, &c.

William Blanchard

Northampton County for James Short 1823

This last will and testament of William Blanchard, dec'd was exhibited into Court and proved in due form by the Oath of John Outland & Robert Short two of the subscribing witnesses thereto whereupon William Outland the executor in said will named, was qualified as the law directs, & ordered to be certified and recorded.

Teste James Harrison Clerk

James L. Harrison's will. James L. Harrison of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being in good health and possessing my usual understanding, do declare, testifying, to be my last will and testament, I give and bequeath unto my dear wife Molly all the property that I may be possessed of after the payment of my debts. I nominate and appoint my brother John L. Harrison and my wife Molly Executors and executioners to this my last will and testament with power to dispose of such part of my property for the payment of my debts (if necessary) as my said wife may direct. Having thus made my last will and given away all species of property that I may have in possession or in action at the time of my death unto my much beloved and affectionate wife Molly I have thought good to sign the same with my own hand this second day of June in the 18th 1821.

Signed and acknowledged to be the last will and testament of the testator in the presence of

J. L. Harrison

Northampton

Northampton County for September Court 1823. This last will and testament of James L. Harrison dec'd was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form by the Oath of John Outland and Robert Short two of the subscribing witnesses thereto. Whereupon Molly Harrison the executrix named was qualified as the law directs, ordered to be certified and recorded. Teste John L. Harrison Clerk

William D. Short's will. In the name of God amen, I William D. Short of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being sick and weak but of perfect mind and recollection, thanks be to God, do hereby make and establish this my last will and Testament most revoking all other wills by me made in manner and form as follows (to wit). I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Martha D. Short all my estate both real and personal after paying all my just debts, subject however to the personal maintenance of my Mother Rebecca Short during her natural life (as hereafter named) except two hundred and twenty five and a half acres of land hereafter given to Mary D. Williams to her and her heirs forever. I then I give and bequeath unto my cousin Mary D. Williams two hundred & twenty five and a half acres of land, adjoining the lands of the orphans of Elishah Short dec'd and was formerly the property of my brother John L. Short dec'd to her and her heirs forever. I then I in my will that my Mother Rebecca Short shall have and enjoy her personal maintenance during her natural life out of any estate herebefore given to my wife in first clause. I then I appoint my wife wife Martha D. Short Executrix to this my last will and Testament. Signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us the subscribing witnesses this 5th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

W. D. Short

Northampton County for September Court 1823. This last will and Testament of William D. Short dec'd was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form by the Oath of Rodolph Wilgus one of the subscribing witnesses thereto: whereupon Martha D. Short the executrix named was qualified as the law directs, ordered to be certified and recorded.

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 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