

Elizabeth A. Rowell 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 R. Rowell 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 Rowell 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 R. Rowell executor to this my last will and testament to which I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1815 - her

Signs sealed & delivered in presence Elizabeth A. Rowell (Real) of us. Richard C. Mosey & Burgess Angelina Mosey & Nancy Mosey

At a Court held for Northampton County the first Monday in March 1817 the preceding will of Elizabeth A. Rowell was exhibited into Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Richard C. Mosey and Judy 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. Rowell with her will annexed be granted to Jerry Rowell, whereupon the said Jerry Rowell together with Hinckea B. Pettway and John Snipes entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of five thousand dollars conditioned on the law made - Test 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 executor 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 kinship Cousins,

that is during her widowhood; my will and desire is the lands I have charred of the above named kinship 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 or 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 beloved 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  
 Test. Wm. Fox. Jas. B. Daniel & Jonathan Crew  
 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 -  
 Test. 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 blessed to God do this 12<sup>th</sup> 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 wideness after her death or wideness to be sold and the money that is sold for to be equally divided between my son Sobe 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 Bostell and my supposed son Isaac Pettell and my son Jesse 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

and calf and one head and further to him and his airs forever. Item I give to my daughter Sally Parker the sum of ten shillings for her full part of my <sup>sole</sup> estate. Item I give to my grand son and grand daughter Joseph & Mary Parkers one cow and calf and one feather bed which is at Britton Parkers and all the rest of my property that is there at Britton Parkers after their mothers death, to them and their airs forever. Item I lend to my beloved wife three cows and calves & one black mare and two feather beds and the gears and all my tools of all kinds & four beese hives & eight head of hogs and one sow and pigs and all my house hold & kitchen furts and all my crop of all kinds during her natural life or widowhood and then to be sold and divided between her own children and all the rest of my property to be sold and equally divided between my son Sape Smith and Joseph Parkers and Mary Parkers to draw one share between them both and my daughter Elizabeth and Henry and Bary Smith. I hereby make and ordain my worthy friends Amos Parker and Lucabus Viraubin executors of this my last will & Testament the day and year above written, whereunto I have set my hand and seal.

Signed sealed in the presence of us Joseph Smith (Seal)  
 Malachi Randolph, Lucas Randolph Dolly & Randolph -  
 Nath Cardin. At about of pleat & quarter of seven o'clock and held for the County of Northampton the first Monday in March A<sup>d</sup> 1817 The preceding last will and Testament of Joseph Smith dec<sup>d</sup> was exhibited into Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Lucy Randolph and Dolly Randolph two of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded, whereupon Lucabus Markinly Amos Parker the executors in the said Will named were qualified according to law.

Attest, James C. Harrison Clerk

Michael Warren's Will. In the name of God amen I Michael Warren of the county of Northampton and state of North Carolina being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of man and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die and wishing to dispose of such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bestow on me with do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. 1<sup>st</sup> I give to my beloved wife Jane Warren the following slaves Henry, Cherry, Anthony, Peter, Jacob, S. Bell and her two children Nancy and Clara and their increase forever, also two horses and riding chairs such

such as she shall choose of mine; two feather beds, sheets and furniture of her own choice two square black walnut tables one black walnut desk two cows and calves one blue painted chest like her and her heirs forever. 2<sup>nd</sup> My will and desire is that my executors shall pay such sums as they may think proper from the money arising from the sale of my estate as they may think necessary for the support of my old negroes Daniel and Stony during their lives. 3<sup>rd</sup> After the payment of my just debt I lend to my said wife all the rest of my estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood if she should <sup>marry</sup> I then lend to my s<sup>r</sup> wife for and during her natural life the land and plantation known by the name of Rays place, and the balance both real and personal to be sold by my executors and if at any time the estate lent my s<sup>r</sup> wife should in the opinion of my executors hereafter named be liable to be waisted or spent that in such case they are authorized to take proper and legal means to secure it for the benefit of the legates hereinafter named. 4<sup>th</sup> The whole of my estate herein lent to my s<sup>r</sup> wife so soon as her interest therein shall be determined I leave to be sold by my executors herein after named at public sale giving such part as my said executors in their discretion shall think best, and the money arising from such sale to be disposed of in the following manner, vizt. to my nephew Henry Dupree three hundred and thirty three dollars, to William W. Barnes two hundred dollars, to Daniel Mason one hundred and thirty three dollars, to Elizabeth Justice daughter of John Justice one hundred dollars and the balance of the money to be divided into five equal parts, one fifth part thereof I give to the grand-children of my brother Henry Warren one fifth part I give to the grand-children of my brother Joseph Warren one fifth part I give to grand-children of my sister Sarah Smith one fifth part to the children and grand-children of my sister Mary Day and one fifth part to the children of my sister Elizabeth Dupree. 5<sup>th</sup> My will and desire is that my executors sell for the payment of my just debts such part of my personal estate as they may think can be best spared and least injury to the estate having regard to specific legates. 6<sup>th</sup> The estate herein given and lent to my said wife is in lieu of her dower in my said estate. 7<sup>th</sup> And lastly I hereby nominate and appoint William W. Barnes and William H. Hardee executors of this my last will and Testament hereby revoking all other wills heretofore