

no timber to be cut except for the improvement of the place after five years if he settles on it I give it to him and his heirs forever. The land whereon I live I leave for the use of the family as long as they remain single after their marriage or removal I give the whole of the land to Solomon if he is alive, but he be dead to the surviving part of the family. I give to my beloved wife Betty forever. Betty and her increase I give to Tempy Grant, Betsey Brewer, Nancy Brewer and Peggy Brewer and their heirs forever. It is my desire that my beloved wife should have full use of that land whereon I live during her life. I give to Solomon his choice of horses and the flower colt. Respecting my Summer tract of land after as much of it is sold as will pay all that I am bound as security for William Sikes deed if the should be any balance I give it to Martha Sikes and Bryant Sikes orphans of William Sikes to them and their heirs forever. I appoint William Grant and my wife Sary Brewer my whole and sole administrators, signed and sealed and delivered in the presence of us this first of July 1816.

Test, Shadrach Grant

William Brewer Seal

James Wheeler &
Northampton September Court 1816. This last will and testament of William Brewer deed was proved in open Court by the oaths of Shadrach Grant & James Wheeler the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon William Grant the executor therein named was qualified as the law directs, time being reserved for the executing therein named to qualify trusts accordingly — Test, James C. Harrison Clerk.

Nathan Strickland's will. In the name of God Amen, whereas I know there is a time sooner or later for men to depart this life as such I make this my last will and testament I being very sick but in perfect sense and memory. Item, I leave my body to be buried in a christianlike form and bequeath my soul to him who gave it. Item I leave to my beloved wife Almira Strickland all my land and possessions of land during her life or widowhood. Item, I also lend my beloved wife before mentioned all my stock of all kinds consisting of horses hogs cattle &c during her life or widowhood. Item, I also lend my beloved wife before mentioned all my household furniture during her widowhood. Item, I also lend my beloved wife before mentioned all my plantation utensils during her life or widowhood. Item my will & desire is that if my beloved wife Almira Strickland should die or many then all the above mentioned property I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ann Strickland. Item my further will & desire is that if my daughter Mary Ann Strickland should die before she arrives to the ripeness of maturity and without lawful

issue then my will and desire is that the above mentioned property belong to my beloved wife forever to have and to hold and dispose of as she pleases. Lastly I do hereby constitute appoint and ordain William Underwood and Benjamin Barnes my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament revoking and disannulling all former wills, this 17th of May 1816.

Acknowledged in the presence of us, Nathan Strickland Seal
Charles Edmunds, Benjamin Bulley &

Northampton September Court 1816. This last will and testament of Nathan Strickland deed was proved in open Court by the oaths of Charles Edmunds, Benjamin Bulley, and Janima Strickland widow &c of said Nathan appeared in open Court and refused to accept the provision made therein and by said and William Underwood one of the executors therein named qualified according to law, time being reserved for Benjamin Barnes the other executor to qualify trusts accordingly — Test, James C. Harrison Clerk

Lucy Martin's will. In the name of God Amen I Lucy Martin of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being at present in perfect sound mind and memory thanks be to God but calling to mind the mortality of my body do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth vizt. Item I give unto all my children that are now living five shillings a piece to them and their heirs forever. Item I give unto my son Israel Martin all the use and labor of all my negroes, to wit, Peter, Abram, Randall, Jack, Datt, Jacob, Tom, Charity also all the remainder of my property within doors and without to him and his heirs if he has an heir if not I give the same to be equally divided amongst all my children. I do nominate and appoint my son Israel Martin my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all other wills heretofore made by me in witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 17th day of December 1808 her
Signed Sealed & acknowledged in presence of Lucy Martin Seal
of Luke R. Wade, John Wade just & mark

Northampton December Court 1816. This last will and testament of Lucy Martin deed was exhibited into Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Richard Wade one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, whereupon Israel Martin the executor therein named was qualified according to law — ordered that said will be certified & recorded.
Test, James C. Harrison Clerk

Sarah Moore's will. In the name of God Amen I Sarah Moore of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God and calling to mind the mortality of body and knowing it is