

James Book's Will. I James Book of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina do make my last will and testament in manner following to wit  
 First I leave unto my wife Nancy Book during her natural life the following negroes George that come from my brother Thomas Book Nancy that come by her. Also Mary and their children Reb Lucy and Allen Charlotte Jane; also the sole use of the Land where I now live also Leas Wimber's tract of lands and the old place where I formerly lived also my rising shear and harrow also the Still and Cider Cask also two feather beds Furniture also two horses Terry and Nancy also a yoke of steers and Calf and whale tail Cow and pig first Calf two Cows and calves first calf two years and lambs first Calf also two acres and meadow-hire now granted her to one pair of iron wigs all her own choice also one year sufficient out of my crop and stock for her family.

Second - I give unto my son Henry Book the tract lands I purchased of Sarah D Bell also Sepo Lafayette tract where he now lives also Errol Lafayette tract of lands also their negroes Lucy, Betty and Albany with the wives with all the other property I have given him his heirs and assigns forever.

Thirdly I give down to my daughter Elizabeth Goodwin the following negroes Dick, Peter, Tom, & Ben son of Penny with their increase from the date hereof with all the other property I have given her and her heirs forever.

Fourthly I give and devise to my daughter Sarah Book Negro Charles, Estor, & Ben, being daughter of old Betty with their increase from the date hereof with all the other property I have given her and her heirs forever.

Fifthly I give and devise to my daughter Nancy Book the following negroes by Harry, Penny, Lucy, Lucy, Betty and Dick also one feather bed and furniture with their increase from the date hereof to her and her heirs forever.

Sixthly I give unto my son James Book the land I had of John F Vaughn also Nelly dog and tract also twenty acre of land I bought of Thomas Weston twenty acres being a part his part that fell to his wife also all the lands I have to my wife the dwelling house there of also their Negro Tom, Nelly, and Estor with their increase from the date hereof also one feather bed called his own also one feather bed Furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Seventhly It is my will and desire that all the negroes I have my wife be equally divided among my three daughters after the death of my wife Elizabeth Goodwin Sarah Book, Nancy Book to them I have and assigns forever.

Eighthly It is my further will and desire that all my property not within except of negroes and such like horses and my just debts and funeral expenses be paid out of it and the balance of any be equally divided among all my children and I do nominate and appoint Willis Frizzell Executor of this my last will and testament with full confirmation that he will carry the same into Execution and hurly acknowledge the same to be my last will and in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the sixth June 1828.

Witness present at the acknowledgment

James Longfellow  
Stephen Longfellow

James & Book *Petit*

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Northampton County Court March Court 1829

The last will and Testament of James Book deceased was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Steven Langford one of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to be read - Whereupon Willis Frizzell the Executor thereon named qualified as the law directs.

Test. John W Harrison Ck

John Edwards's Will. In the name of god amen I John Edwards of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being low in health but of a sound mind and memory, knowing that it is appointed once for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament by-

I give & bequeath unto my son Exum Edwards the sum of Lands adjoining his lands and bounded as follows beginning at a post oak standing in his line thence a line of marker to Silas Lafayette line thence along said line to the little swamp thence up said swamp a corner gun, to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Josiah Edwards the widow of my lands to wit the plantation where I now live also the Cider Mill and brick Still to take preference of the Still at year end to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Silas Edwards one negro boy named Bradley him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Joanna Edwards one bed and furniture.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Delilah Edwards one bed and furniture.

Item My will and desire is resolution of my property in doors and out and four negroes namely Africa, Mary, Dudley, and Riddick to be sold my just debts to be paid and rest to be equally divided between my daughters Mary Edwards, Delilah Edwards, Sally Vaughan, Rebecca Book, Joanna Edwards and Sarah Delilah Edwards to them their heirs forever.

I appoint and ordain my son Silas Edwards and Exum Edwards executors to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 16<sup>th</sup> of May 1829

Signed and Sealed in presence of  
 Willis Edwards, Jonathan Williams

John Edwards *Seal*

Northampton County, June Court 1829

This last will and Testament of John Edwards deceased was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Willis Edwards and Jonathan Williams the Subscribing witnesses thereto and sworn to be read - Whereupon Silas Edwards and Exum Edwards the executors thereon named qualified as the law directs.

Test.

John W Harrison Ck