

in their Guardian or to be suffered by the Guardian of my said Children to rent their lands or to hire their negroes or to have any thing to do in any manner whatever with my Children or their property and their estates in case my said wife should again marry, I wish all to relate both as to relate to their person & property to all the relations of such Father in Law, as it is my full intention that neither he nor any of his relations shall have any Control over any of my said Children or their property in any manner whatever, and I hereby dissent the Representations of my State & the Guardian Guardians of my said Children or any person or persons acting under this will at all time to sue the same fully executed & carried into effect in every way whatever, and the Courts in which this will be proven or the partition of my said Children qualify are requested to see that the same is carried into effect in all its parts & branches.

I hereby nominate & appoint Henry Smith son of Landen Smith County Alabama, Abraham B. Smith of Northampton County State of North Carolina, my Executors and also my beloved wife Eliza A. Smith as my executrix, in Conventions that either one or both of my Executors having the qualified qualify with her, to this my will & Testament, but should neither of the said Executors qualify, it is no appointment on the part of my said wife Eliza A. Smith, but if they should, she has equal right to qualify with them or either of them, and I particularly request of my worthy friends & relations the said Henry Smith and Considerable last favor which he can render me to comply with my wish should my wife however again marry, her powers as executrix under this will are to cease and be at an end from that time.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 18th day of August A.D. 1834

A. B. Smith (Seal)

Signed, sealed & published as his last will & Testament in

our presence
James J. Hayley
Wm. Bottom
Thos. S. Phillips

The following words interlined before signed or drawn that the words (which, &c.) on the third that the words &c. children, this wife, also on the second that interlined the words, or wife, the above interlines in presence of us
James J. Hayley
Wm. Bottom
Thos. S. Phillips

Northampton County December Court 1834
This last will and Testament of A. B. Smith was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of Law, by the Oaths of James J. Hayley & Wm. Bottom being subscribing witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded and recorded at Northampton A. B. Smith one of the Executors therein named qualified as the Law directs

John Richd. Massey Clerk

Margaret Lapsiter's Will

In the name of God Amen I Margaret Lapsiter of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being weak of body of a sound mind & in my perfect senses & knowing that it is appointed for all persons once to die do constitute make and appoint this my last will & Testament in this manner I give & bequeath to my son George Lapsiter one Cow & Calf one feather Bed & furniture one chest & my Clock to him and his heirs forever I give & bequeath to my Daughter Catharine Lapsiter one Cow one feather Bed & furniture and one Chest to her and her heirs forever I give and bequeath to my Daughter Eliza Lapsiter one Cow one feather Bed and furniture and one chest to her and her heirs forever It is understood that Catharine Lapsiter when she comes of the age of twenty one year pay to Catharine Lapsiter her full part of a Centum Note against me now in the hands of Jordan Bird (her present Guardian) Item the balance of any other property I have to be sold and after paying my Just debts the surplus if any to be equally divided among the above named heirs Item having but only twenty five Dollars of the legacy from my deceased husband Henry Lapsiter the balance in Debt outland here & there admit him and Eliza Lapsiter to him this heirs forever signed in presence of us the 19th day of February 1835

Margaret Lapsiter (Seal)

Henry S. Payne

Northampton County North Carolina 1835

This will was exhibited in open Court & proved by the Oath of Henry S. Payne, the subscribing Witness thereto, and ordered that the same be recorded and recorded

John Richd. Massey Clerk

Henry P. Barkley's Will

In the name of God Amen I Henry P. Barkley of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being weak of body of a sound mind & in my perfect senses & knowing that it is appointed for all persons once to die do constitute make and appoint this my last will & Testament in this manner I give and bequeath unto my eldest son William P. Barkley Ten Dollars to him and his heirs forever Item my Will & desire is that my Executors hereafter appointed sell me such lands as they may think but any part or all of my Estate both real & personal and out of the money arising therefrom pay all my Just debts and then if he thinks proper he may with the advice of my beloved wife buy a place or plantation not to exceed in value one Thousand Dollars for the benefit of my said wife during her natural life or if she should die and the balance I lend unto my said wife during her natural life or widowhood on Condition that she will raise & educate my three youngest Children namely William Henry, Adeline Ann, and Abbot Thomas - But should she prefer a decision or get married then my Will & desire is that all my Estate not given away be equally divided between her and my three youngest Children above mentioned then to remain in common stock until the oldest arrives to lawful age or enters into marriage - But should my wife not prefer a decision it is my Will & desire that all the property owned by her equally divided at her death between my said three youngest Children before mentioned.

and thereby nominate and appoint & children & I Publicly
recites to this my last will & testament in witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th day
of Decr 1834. the words of said last will & testament before signed
signed & acknowledged in presence of

James W. Warding

W. C. Baskley Esq

Northampton County, March (April 1835)

This will was exhibited in open Court and proven by the oath
of James W. Warding who in the presence thereof named
witnesses, Ethel and J. Publicly qualified as the law directs

Teste
John A. Weaver, Clerk

Josephus & W. Lawrence & Will

In the name of God Amen. I Josephus & W. Lawrence of the County of
Northampton and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and
reasonable memory do hereby declare that I have hereunto set my hand
knowing that all mortals at one time to die, do make & ordain this to be my
last will & testament hereby making no others.

I do wish all my just debts to be paid

Item I am aware that my dear negro man Jeph should be left to the care of
my Brother, that Lawrence and his representatives and it is my wish that he
should be supported in his old age but of some portion of my property
an amount of his being a faithful and dutiful servant I reserve my mind
ing that the old man should be supported when he becomes unable to support him
self

Item I leave to my dear wife Elizabeth R. Lawrence during her life
all my life or widowhood all the property which I may die seized and
possessed of for the support of herself and my beloved son William
Lawrence and should I have no lawful descendant who may
arrive at mature age (viz) should my child die without a lawful
issue or before he arrives at the age of maturity, at the death of my
dearly beloved wife Elizabeth R. Lawrence it is my will that my
property should be equally divided between my three nephews, sons
of my brother, Thomas Lawrence (viz) John Thomas Lawrence,
William Joseph Lawrence and James Herand Lawrence to
them & their heirs forever.

Item I wish my beloved brother Thomas Lawrence to act as Guardian for my
dearly beloved son William Thomas Lawrence, and in the event of my
not leaving a lawful heir whom my arrival at the age of maturity, or
in the event of my child's death it is my will that my dear brother
Thomas Lawrence should act as agent for my nephew his three sons, viz
John Thomas Lawrence, William Joseph Lawrence, and James
Herand Lawrence.

(Lastly) I hereby appoint my dear beloved brother Thomas Lawrence
executor of this my last will & testament

signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us
the undersigned, the last day of December one
thousand eight hundred & thirty four.

Teste
Thomas Brown
James Vaughan

Josephus & Lawrence Esq

Northampton County, March Court 1835

This will was exhibited in open Court & proved in due form of
Law by the oath of James Vaughan son of the subscribing testator
thereof, whereupon it was ordered to be entered and recorded
I Thomas & Lawrence one of the Decretes therein named qualified
as the law directs

Teste Richard Weaver, Clerk

John Putrell Will

In the name of God Amen John Putrell of the County of Northampton
State of North Carolina being weak of body but of sound mind & memory
thanks be to God for the same & knowing that it is appointed of God for
all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will & testament
in manner of form following (viz) I leave unto my daughter
Susan Putrell the house which my son Willie Putrell now lives in
together with the lands lying on the west side of the branch running
through my plantation or so much thereof as she may think proper
to cultivate. Also the two rooms in the west end of my house with
one fine place so long as the way, two single and no longer I also
leave unto my daughter Susan Putrell my two negro slaves Henry
during her natural life I also give & bequeath unto daughter Susan
Putrell my three negro slaves Anderson & Jerry with their increase
Also two feather beds of furniture two Caskets & trunks one horse saddle
saddle five head of sheep two cows & pigs one riding pig & harness
one trunk one chest one table one flay wheel one barrel wheel
three Windsor Chairs three common Chairs & one fifth part of
all my pewter & cups & earthen ware six knives & forks, fifteen barrels
of Corn six hundred pounds of bacon one iron pot & one first chain
to his three heirs forever. Also my will & desire is that my executor see my
negro man Jeph to some person within the limits of his life & the money coming
from the sale of said negro man Jeph & bequeath unto my son John Putrell
together with all the property I have heretofore given him to him & his
heirs forever it being his full share of my Estate. Then I leave unto
my daughter Mary Lambertson the lands & plantation that I purchased
Thomas Boone & my negro girl named Margaret during her natural
life & at her death to be equally divided amongst all the living chil-
dren I also give & bequeath unto my daughter Mary Lambertson
all the property that I have heretofore given her to her & his heirs forever
I also give & bequeath unto my daughter Putrell my negro man Jacob together
with all the property that I have heretofore lent him to him & his heirs
forever in his share in full of my Estate

Item I give & bequeath unto my son Elijah Putrell my negro boy Moses to him
& his heirs forever I also leave unto my son Elijah Putrell my chow negro
dog & one mare, Mary & Hannah & their increase during his natural
life & at his death to his heirs lawfully begotten of his body, but if my
son Elijah shall die without a lawful begotten heir my will & desire is
that my four said negroes to wit, one little Mary & Hannah be equally
divided between my two grand daughters Susan Putrell & Susan
Putrell daughters of my son Willie Putrell to them & their heirs forever
that being my son & Elijah Putrell share of any Estate