

Washington Banks until he is twenty-one years old he was eight  
years old the first day of last July.  
Witnesse my affiancement *Whataley Banks*  
of Southampton County October 1st 1821.

The paper writing purporting to be the last will  
& Testament of Alpheus Banks alias was exhibited in open Court  
and in the form of having the father executed thereon the  
Subscribing witness testifying before the court that the paper  
writing was recorded as the Will of said Alpheus Banks died.

Test - *Ezra Lapham Esq.*

### Silas Lapham Will

In the name of God the Father & the Son I Silas Lapham of the county of Hampton  
& State of Virginia on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July A.D. one thousand eight hundred  
forty one make and publish this my last will and Testament that at  
some time remote all other made or re-made upon following to act.

I first I leave unto my daughter Martha Allen one negro  
man named Andrew during her life and at her death I will that  
she ought to be sold to me to my daughter Martha Allen one  
son of mine called Peter Lapham her due to her children.

Secondly I give unto my slave one black Lapham one negro name  
Randolph one bond that I hold against him at the time to him  
and his heirs forever.

Thirdly I give unto my wife one little boy Lapham one negro  
man named Peter and one negro girl named Barbara to him and  
his heirs forever.

4<sup>th</sup> I give unto my daughter Esther Allen one negro man named  
Silas one negro girl named Rachel one bond horse which she has  
in her lifetime also all the stock of every description in  
household & kitchen furniture which she herein intend presents to  
her and her heirs forever.

5<sup>th</sup> I give unto my son Ezra Lapham one negro boy named  
John negro girl named Lucy & the one Bed & Furniture set  
& outfit for a lamb one Negro horse one chest to him and his heirs forever.

6<sup>th</sup> I give unto my son James Lapham one negro boy named Mull  
one black filly horse & outfit one bond & the furniture also the  
tract of land where I now live above that to him and his heirs  
forever.

7<sup>th</sup> I give unto my Grand son Henry Lapham one negro boy

named Jack & him and his heirs forever.

8<sup>th</sup> the balance of my negro that I have not sold away I leave to  
my daughter Martha Allen one fourth part of the negro that I have not  
sold away above & give to said Lazarus Sally Allen Lapham after  
the marriage of the above named negro and wills away to them and  
their heirs forever.

9<sup>th</sup> My will is that the land on the line between Branches called Sally  
Allen's land & mine and all my house holds kitchen furniture  
& my Calf and Stock of all kinds to pay my just debts of any balance  
after pay my debt to be divided between my children.

10<sup>th</sup> Furthermore I do hereby make and ordain my sons David  
Lapham and Ezekiel Lapham by contract that my last will and  
testament of which witness I do & Silas Lapham have hereto  
set my hand and seal the day and year last written above  
Signed sealed in the present off. E. Lapham Esq.

At this place,

Southampton County October 1st 1821.

See last will and Testament of Silas Lapham  
for see was exhibited in open Court and found in due form of  
Law by the side of Esther Lapham and the Subscribing Witnesses  
Testified by the court that the will be recorded hereupon David  
Lapham & Ezekiel Lapham by the Collector having signed and  
sealed the last direction.

Test - *John Bottomell Esq.*

### Erasmus Lapham Will

Know all men by these presents that I Erasmus Lapham of Southampton County  
and State of South Carolina being weak in body of sound mind and memory  
doe constitute and appoint the first will and Testament in manner  
form following - That is to say -

First of all I leave to my beloved wife Meriam Bell and all the tract of  
land on which she except what I shall name as bequeath in this my  
will also two cows and calves five goats and hounds two sheep  
three hogs and furniture and all my plantation utensils have  
held and kitchen furniture during her natural life.

Secondly I give and bequeath unto my son Erasmus Lapham one hundred  
acres of land wherein I now live to be laid adjoining my brother  
Williams Battalands land and will to him over the land I leave  
my wife three lots that runs across my plantation between my  
life and death unto him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Buffin the land lying west of the new road and south of the old road that is to lay what lies between my son in law Ervine Buffin and the old road his son being a part of the land I leave to my wife to her and her heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my son Erine & Cutland Buffin of one hundred dollars which I have already paid to him and his heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rachel Pule fifty acres of the tract of land I purchased of Elenga Pitt adjoin-  
ing the land of my son in law Thomas Pule to her and her heirs forever. I give and bequeath unto my son Erine Buffin the residue of the tract of land I purchased of Elenga Pitt to  
him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Buffin and her husband Pittland one bed and five chairs each to their use and their heirs forever. It is also my will that my Executor be called Nameless and shall call it my  
Orchard Stock as much as he shall think fit to me manufac-  
ture and furnish. It is also my will that the residue of my orchard stock  
give away a third to be sold and after paying my just debts to be equally  
divided among all my children and both of my wife shall have the option  
by which I leave to my beloved wife the land to be sold and the proceeds  
be equally divided among all my children and after the death or marriage  
of my two daughters Margaret and Deborah Pittland the land also shall  
belong to my wife to be sold and the money arising from such sale to be equally  
divided among all my children - I the leave my my beloved wife my dear  
wife Bessie.

I give and bequeath unto my son in law Erine my boy house come to him  
and his heirs forever. Be witnesson Nameless and I, present my  
son in law Thomas Pule Executor of this last will and Testament  
August 29<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1821.

Erine Buffin Esq.  
Signed sealed and acknowledged this

29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1821  
William Pittland, John Pittland, the Testator and his wife  
Sarah Buffin have a bed and furniture all  
the mentioned before signed.

Southampton County Court House 1821  
Testament of Erine Buffin Esq. was exhibited in this Court and proved  
in due form of law by the affirmation of John Pittland and William Pittland  
two of the subscribing witnesses. Ordered by the Court that it shall  
be recorded, Southampton Thomas Pule the Executor thereunto certified  
as the last testament.

John H. Pittland Atty

*Robert D. Fraiser's Will* — Robert D. Fraiser  
of the County of Southampton and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind and memory had  
considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and declare this my last Will  
and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

I first that my Executor (Name of Nameless) shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the  
value of my estate and expenses and pay all funeral expenses, together with my just debts  
hereon and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may justly come into his hands as a  
part of a portion of my estate.

Item I give and leave to my beloved wife Martha C. Fraiser an negro girl Rachael to have and to  
belong to her during the term of her natural life and to her  
children at her death. In the event of her the said Martha C. Fraiser dying childless I then  
give and bequeath said negro girl Rachael to my well beloved friend Freeman Wimberly  
and his wife Martha A. Wimberly to have and to hold to them and their personal representatives  
forever.

Item It is my will and desire that my executor (having his name) shall keep in his possession  
as my total chattel and personal property of the Testator house in the Town of Tarboro  
Southampton County North Carolina and the same attaches to the same, the household  
and kitchen furniture of all kinds and descriptions together with my Stock of Horses, Cattle  
Hogs and poultry and slaves Continue to keep a house of Tester until deceased - The total  
provisions of which shall be applicable to the liquidation of the bonds given by me for the  
purchase of the slave Tester horses and attendances as the same shall be sold down

Item After the above mentioned property shall have been paid for as aforesaid, I then give  
and bequeath to my beloved wife Martha C. Fraiser two thirds of the whole value of  
said property to have and to hold to her the said Martha C. Fraiser for and during  
the term of her natural life and to her children at her death, in the event of her the  
said Martha C. Fraiser dying childless I then give and bequeath as the property of  
my kind and affectionate, which I have bequeathed to my well beloved friend  
Freeman Wimberly and his wife Martha A. Wimberly - to have and to hold to them  
and their personal representatives forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved friend Freeman Wimberly and his wife Martha  
A. Wimberly one third of the whole value of the above mentioned Tester horses and cattle  
attached thereto in the Town of Tarboro Southampton County North Carolina as well as one  
third of the whole value of the household and kitchen furniture of every kind and descrip-  
tion, Stock of horses, Cattle hogs and poultry - to have and to hold to them dur-  
ing their natural life, and after their death to their daughter my beloved wife  
Martha C. Fraiser and her heirs. I do hereby constitute and appoint my trusty  
friend Freeman Wimberly my lawful Executor to account and pay to  
execute the my last will and testament, according to the true intent and meaning of  
the same in every just and clearm thereof (of whom he deeming shall be appointed) being  
considering and desiring utterly to set aside all other wills and testaments by me hitherto made to be