

and thence signed.

Test. Edward Bromgole
Jesse Bradley

The words "home & wife" interlined before signed

Test. Edward Bromgole

Jesse Bradley

Northampton County September Court 1837

This last will and testament of Merit L. King
deceased was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by
the oath of Edward Bromgole and Jesse Bradley the subscribing
witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded - Whereupon I certify
the executor therein named qualified according to law -

Test. Wm. Bottom

Nathaniel Harris's Will.

In the name of God amen I Nathl Harris of the County of Northampton
and State of North Carolina being weak and infirm in body but in perfect
mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament
in manner and form as followeth to wit

First I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried in
a decent and Christian like manner and my soul I return into the hands
of God who gave it and as for my worldly goods I give and bequeath
in manner and form as follows

First I leave to my beloved wife Mary Harris Christ Cow and calf during
her life or widowhood. I also leave to her all my household furniture
as it stands at this time during her life or widowhood, except such
articles as is of no use to her except one feather bed and furniture. I
give to my daughter Jane Harris at the age of twenty one years
or sooner if she marries I wish my stock of hives at my deceas will
and I also wish all the debts due me at my deceas collected and the
money put out or lent for the support of my family so far as it
will go, and at the end of the life or widowhood of my wife Mary
Harris I wish all the above property with its increase to be sold
and equally divided among my living children and my son Harris
I wish him to school until he arrived to the age of fifteen years and
then put out to the Taylor's trade until he arrived at the age of
twenty one year and at that time if my wife is living and unmarried
I still wish her to retain the property I have bequeathed her, & the bal
ance of the money if any I wish divided equally between my
daughter Jane Harris - and all the property that belongs to me

that I have not named I wish sold and the proceeds appropriated
as above I also wish my family supported and provided for in the
best manner that the circumstances of my estate will admit I
also wish at my deceas all my just debts paid. and I appoint
Richard Moon Executor to this my last will and testament in
witness I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17th day of Sept
1837 -

Nathaniel Harris

Signed and acknowledged

In presence of us.

W. B. Matthews, Peter J. Poch

Northampton County September Court 1837 -

This last will and testament of
Nathaniel Harris deceased was exhibited in open Court and proved in
due form of law by the oath of Peter J. Poch one of the subscribing
witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded - Whereupon I certify
Moon the executor therein named qualified according to law -

Test. Wm. Bottom

John Pledger Senr's Will.

In the name of God amen I John Pledger Senr of Northampton County &
State of North Carolina being at this time weak in body but of sound mind
and memory thanks be to God for it therefore calling to mind the mortality
of my body and knowing that is appointed for all flesh once to die as for
the worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give in the follow-
ing manner as follows

- Item 1st I wish my will I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses should be paid
- Item 2nd I stand unto my beloved wife Lucy Pledger during her natural life or widowhood
all my lands and tenements all of my negroes all other kind of property what-
soever that I may be in possession of at my death after my just debts &
funeral expenses are paid. but in case my beloved wife Mary again dies
I stand unto my son George W. Pledger the use of my negroes named Blessing
Nancy & Elizabeth in during of his natural life & after his deceas it is my
will & desire that the above named negroes shall be equally divided between
all my son George W. Pledger boy children to them and their heirs forever
- Item 3rd I stand unto my daughter Sally Bums if in case she should be left with-
out any home a piece of land from the road along the ditch up the road
found in during of her natural life or widowhood
- Item 4th I stand the use of all my Land and plantation to my son George W.
Pledger after my wife deceas in during of his natural life & after