

land and was the twenty second day of June 1837

Signed and acknowledged

Love Ferguson (Sd)

In presence of

Ray. Cornwell

Abalom Harris, James Woods

Northampton County September Court 1837

This last will and testament of Love Ferguson was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of Benjamin Cornwell and Abalom Harris two of the subscribing, witnessed thereto and ordered to be entered and recorded - whereupon Margaret Ferguson the executrix therein named qualified according to law

Teste W. Polhem (Sd)

Thomas Garner's Will.

In the name of God amen I Thomas Garner of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina knowing it appointed unto me now to die do make and ordain this my last will & testament in manner & form following to wit -

Item 1st It is my will & desire that my brother Bradford Garner shall have my half of a fishing place called & known as the high Islands fishing place in the another River or Bradfords falls - also my shot gun. which he is to take possession at my demand

Item 2nd It is my will and desire that my wife Nancy Garner shall have the portion of her fathers estate which is due me in right of her also my cow & calf and her and she are to have her husband & assigns forever

Item 3rd It is further my will and desire that my wife Nancy Garner shall have the tract of land (called the Arrowood ^{place}) situated to me by my uncle Wm Garner, at the death of my father during her natural life or widowhood and if she dies without an heir by me begotten, it is then my wish that my brother Bradford Garner should have the said land

Item 4th It is my wish & desire that my executrix hereafter appointed shall sell my crop of cotton now on hand, and together with what money I have by me pay all my just debts and retain the overplus if any in her hands for the benefit of my said wife Nancy Garner as she may need it

Item 5th It is my wish that my wife Nancy Garner shall have all the rest of my estate which I have not disposed of during her natural life or widowhood & if she dies without a lawful heir by me begotten it is then & in that case my will and desire that my brother Bradford Garner shall have it -

Item 6th And lastly I do hereby appoint David M. Matthews Executor to

this my last will & testament revoking by this all other wills heretofore by me made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 23rd day of March 1837

Testament in two places -

Signed sealed & acknowledged

In presence of us

John J. May - Wm. B. Matthews

of his
Thomas L. Garner (Sd)
mark

Northampton County September Court 1837

This last will and testament of Thomas Garner was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oaths of John J. May & Wm. B. Matthews the subscribing, witnessed thereto and ordered to be recorded whereupon David M. Matthews the executor therein named qualified according to law

Teste W. Polhem (Sd)

Meritt L. W. King's Will.

In the name of God amen I Meritt L. W. King of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being weak of body but of disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament for the disposal of such worldly goods as it has pleased almighty God to bestow upon me

Item I give to my sister Jemmy all my stock of horses Cattle Hogs household & kitchen furniture of every description together with all my plantation tools & utensils with my present stock of provisions together with the crop now on the grounds to her and her heirs forever - Item I lend to my sister Jemmy for my natural life, my two negroes Mary & Sam - Item I lend unto my sister Jemmy, Joseph Dalby Canthon and his wife Sarah Canthon during their lifetimes for them to have a comfortable home so long as they may live the tract of land whereon I now live -

Item After the death of my said sister Jemmy Uncle Dalby Canthon and his wife Sarah I give to the youngest surviving daughter of my said Uncle Dalby Canthon and his wife Sarah my tract of land and the two negroes above mentioned to her and her heirs forever

Item I give to my sister Jemmy and she had former my crop of cotton now on hand and all the debt owing to me and all other species of property that I own after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses -

It is my will & desire that there be no inventory or sale. I hereby nominate and appoint my sister Jemmy Canthon of this my last will and testament - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this first day of May one thousand eight hundred

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 commit 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 bind 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 bind 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 bind unto my daughter Sally Bonds 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 bind 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