

as their guardian or to be suffered by the guardians of my said Children to rent their lands to hire their negroes or to have any thing to do in any manner whatever with my Children or their property and their dinctives in case my said wife shoula again marry, I wish also to retain both unto estates to their person of property to all the relations of such Father in law, and 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 direct the representatives of my Estate & the Guardians or guardians of my said Children or any person or persons acting under this will at all time to see the same fully executed & carried into effect in every way whatever, and the Courts in which this shall be probated or the guardian of my said Children qualify are requested to see that the same is carried into effect in all its parts & bearings.

Now I hereby nominate & appoint Henry Smith Esq of Southampton County  
of Abrahams B. Smith of Northampton County State of North Carolina, my executors and also my beloved wife Eliza A. Smith as my executors, in conditions that either one or both of my executors having the pointed qualities with her, to see 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 shoula, she has equal right to qualify with them or either of them, and I particularly request of my worthy friend & relation the said Henry Smith and Considerable trust, for which he can render me to comply with my wish should my wife however again marry her power as executrix under this will be to cease and be at an end from that time.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1834

A. B. Smith *(Read)*

Signed, sealed & published as

his last will & Testament in  
our presence

James T. Hayley

Wm. Bottom

Thos. S. Phillips

The following were interlinied before signed  
I declare that the words which follow  
on the first that the words to children, their wife,  
also on the second that interlinie the words or less  
the above interlinie in presence of us. A. B. Smith *(Read)*

James T. Hayley

Wm. Bottom

Thos. S. Phillips

Northampton County December 1st 1834

This last will and Testament of A. B. Smith was rehabetited in open Court and proved in due form of law, by the oaths of James T. Hayley & Wm. Bottom being subscribers witnesses thereto and ordered to be certified and recorded at Newbern A. B. Smith one of the executors therein named qualified as the law directs

Titus Richff Mavor Esq

### Abigail Lapham's Will

In the name of God Amen I Abigail Lapham of the County of Northampton and State of North Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind & in my perfect sense & knowing that it is appointed for all persons to make & execute their last will & testament I do make & execute this my last will & testament Item I give & Bequeath to my son Ermin Lapham one Cow & Calf one feather Bed Furniture & one Chit & my Clock to him and his heirs forever Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Catharine Lapham one Cow one feather Bed Furniture & one Chit to her & her heirs forever Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Eliza Lapham one Cow one feather Bed and furniture and one chit to her and her heirs forever Item It is understood that Catharine Lapham will pay to a certain Note against me now in the hands of Jordan Beck then present Guardian Item the Balance of my other property I leave to be sold and after paying my just debts the Surplus if any to be equally divided among the above named heirs Item having had only twenty five Dollars of the legacy from my husband Henry Lapham the balance in Goodwill goes to her Adair Lewis and Bequeath to my son Ermin Lapham to him & his heirs forever & goods as presents of us the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 1835

Abigail Lapham *(Signed)*  
mark

Henry A. Payne

Northampton County March 1<sup>st</sup> 1835

This will was exhibited in open Court & pronounced by the Court of Attorney of Payne, the subscriber being Notary Public because the same be certified and no notice

Titus Richff Mavor Esq

### Colony 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 in body but of sound mind & desirous to make & execute this my last will & testament in the following manner Item I give and Bequeath unto my oldest Son Walling W. Barkley ten Dollars to him & his heirs forever & my will & desire is that my executors hereof appointed sell in such terms as he may think best any part or all of my estate both real & personal & out of the money arising therefrom pay all my just debts and then if he thinks proper to 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 widowhood and the balance I leave unto my said wife during her natural life or widowhood on condition that she will raise & educate my three youngest children namely William Henry, Addison Ann, and Abbott Thomas But should she prefer a division of my estate then my will & desire is that all my estate not given away be equally divided between her and my three youngest children above mentioned them to remain in common stock until the oldest arrives to lawful age or otherwise marries But should my wife not prefer a division it is my will & desire that all the property remain to her be equally divided at her death between my said three youngest children before mentioned