

to her the hire for ever  
 That the my will and desire is that my executor herein after  
 named erect a house of comfortable dimensions upon the land which  
 I have leased to my wife upon such terms as he may deem  
 most expedient and that he be authorized to sell out of my estate such  
 part as he may think <sup>best</sup> proper for the purpose of paying the expenses  
 incurred in the erection of the said building my further will & desire  
 is that my two old negro girls Tab be supported jointly by my  
 Wife & my Son James & my Daughter Mary  
 And lastly I do by these presents constitute nominate and appoint  
 my friend Callen W. Barnes whole and sole executor to this my last will  
 and Testament writing all other wills by me heretofore made declaring  
 this to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto  
 set my hand & seal this 17<sup>th</sup> of Oct 1836.  
 Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of  
 Aug. Moore      Northampton County December Court 1836  
 Saml. W. Warner

Witness my hand & seal  
 Crossed by Sign. (Red)  
 mark

Witnessed in open Court & proved in due form of law by the oath of Callen W. Barnes  
 Moore one of the Subscribing witnesses. This at Northampton Callen W.

to be Certified & Recorded

Teste Alfred Bellows Clerk

John Boykins Will

I John Boykin being in a low state of health but thanks be to almighty God  
 in perfect mind & memory do make this my last will & Testament in  
 and form following to wit. I give and bequeath unto my wife Catharine  
 Boykin the following negro woman known by the name of Mamm Charlotte  
 also five hundred pounds of bacon twelve winter Charis one horse  
 one brace fifty barrels of Coal, one thousand pounds of fodder, five  
 large dining tables of Cherry or maple, two beds & bed clothes, I also give  
 to my wife Catharine Boykin Twenty Dollars for the purpose of buy-  
 ing such kitchen furniture as she may stand in need of the above  
 named property. I give and bequeath unto my wife Catharine Boykin  
 and her heirs forever in fee simple. It is my will and desire  
 that after selling a part such proportionable parts of my estate as  
 will be agreed my wife, that the balance or remaining part.

of my estate both real & personal goods and chattels of an estate shall be sold  
 the sale of my estate I leave it discretionary with my executor and further  
 Consideration hereby my intent will be made like by to enhance the value of  
 my estate. It is my will and desire that after all of my just  
 debts is paid that one thousand dollars shall be set apart for the  
 education of my son Simon Davis Boykin It is also my will and  
 desire that the then remaining part of my estate shall be equally divided  
 between my daughter Mary Harrison my son William Huntington  
 my son John Pittman Boykin my son Emory Boykin Boykin and my  
 said Simon Davis Boykin the above mentioned part of my estate I  
 give and bequeath to the said Mary Harrison or daughter William W.  
 Boykin John P. Boykin Emory W. Boykin and my son Simon W. Boykin unto  
 them and their heirs forever in fee simple. I will do hereby nominate my son  
 John P. Boykin William W. Harrison of Southampton County Virginia  
 and James Robt. of Abbeys County of Mississippi my heirs and assigns  
 if this my last will and Testament whereof I have hereunto set my  
 hand and affixed my seal this the tenth day of November in the  
 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six  
 Signed sealed in the presence of  
 Alfred Bellows  
 Josiah W. Parker

John Boykin (Red)

This last will & Testament of John Boykin was proved in open Court  
 of persons in due form of law by the oath of Alfred Bellows  
 & Josiah W. Parker witnesses. This at Northampton it is ordered by  
 the Court that the same be Certified & Recorded.

Teste Alfred Bellows Clerk

Willie Lenters Will

In the name of God - Amen - I Willie Lenton of Northampton  
 county & state of North Carolina being this day sound in mind tho'  
 weak in body have thought it advisable to make & ordain this as my  
 last will & testament in manner & form to wit  
 First - It is my will & desire that when I depart this life that  
 my body be interred in a decent & Christian like manner  
 Secondly - I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Lenton  
 my side board, bedstead, one feather bed & furniture one looking  
 glass, one set of silver teaspoons & one gill & harness to her & her  
 heirs forever  
 Thirdly - I give & bequeath unto my beloved daughter Martha

I am Lewis one negro girl Sawyer by the name of Maria one Bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever

Fourthly - I give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Mary Louisa Lewis one negro woman known by the name of young City to her & her heirs forever

Fifthly - I give & bequeath unto my beloved Daughter Susan Elizabeth Lewis one negro woman Darcas to her & her heirs forever Item 5th It is my will and desire that the land & plantation whereon John Wood formerly resided, as also one negro man known by the name of Bone be both sold to the highest bidder on a credit of six months and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between my wife Mary Lewis and Daughters Martha Ann, Mary Louisa & Susan Elizabeth Lewis & sons John Thomas & James Madison Lewis to them & their heirs forever

Item 7th I do now unto my beloved wife Mary Lewis the one third part of all the rest of the land (including the dwellings whereon I now reside) that I am at this time in possession of, for & during her natural life or widowhood, and at her decease or marriage then the said land to be equally divided between my two sons John Thomas & James Madison Lewis to them & their heirs forever

Item 8th I do now unto my beloved wife Mary Lewis the one sixth part of all the negroes that I am possessed of after the sale as before named during her natural life or widowhood, & at her decease or marriage to return to & be equally divided between my two sons John Thomas & James Madison Lewis to them & their heirs forever

Item 9th It is my will & desire that the remainder of all the Lands which I am at this time in possession of together with my mill & pond be equally divided between my sons John Thomas and James Madison Lewis to them & their heirs forever

Item 10th It is also my will & desire that the land & plantation whereon Sally Lewis formerly resided shall at the decease of the said Sally Lewis be equally divided between my two sons John Thomas and James Madison Lewis to them & their heirs forever

Item 11th It is my will and desire that all the rest residue and remainder of my negroes not before mentioned shall be equally divided between my five children say Martha Ann, Mary Louisa, Susan Elizabeth, John Thomas & James Madison Lewis to them & their heirs forever

Item 12th I give & bequeath unto my son John Thomas Lewis my brandy still &c. to him & his heirs forever

Item 13th I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Lewis my gagg mare to her & her heirs forever

Item 14th It is my will & desire that all the rest of my stock of horses, hinds, Cattle, Hogs &c. as also my crop of corn (with the exception of twelve months support for my beloved wife Mary and

my five children as before named together with the rest of her stock to be sold & the money arising from such sale to be applied to the use of satisfying my just debts, and the rest of my to be equally divided among my beloved wife Mary and my five children as before named to them & their heirs forever

Lastly - I do hereby constitute and appoint my worthy friend Benjamin Powell my whole & soul executor to this my last will & testament revoking all others heretofore made by me. In witness whereof I have hereunto signed my name & affixed my seal this second day of October in the year of Christ one thousand eight hundred & thirty six

The interment was made before this will was signed  
Signed sealed, published & declared by the above testator to be his last will & testament in the presence of us  
William Johnston  
Thomas McDrewry  
William Johnston  
in due form of law by the oaths of Thomas McDrewry & William Johnston the subscribing witnesses whereupon Benjamin Powell the Executor in said will named was qualified as the law directs, at the same time Mary Lewis widow of the testator appeared in open court & entered her dissent to said will, ordered to be certified & that the said will be recorded  
West Northampton 1836

James Sowings Will

In the name of God Amen I James Sowing, being of the county of Northampton & state of North Carolina being of sound & perfect mind & memory blessed be God do this the 11th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty six make and publish this my last will & testament in manner following, to say

1st I lend to my beloved wife Rebecca the tract of land on which I now live during her life and at her death I give the said tract of land to my Daughter Sarah & to her heirs forever. My other two tracts which I bought of Collier and Ingram I give to my Daughters Martha & Mary to be equally divided between them.

2d I give to each of my Daughters one Bed of furniture of which I have already given Mary hers  
3d My five other Beds & furniture I lend to my wife during her life and at her death I give to each of my Daughters one more bed & furniture and the other two to be sold & equally divided between my Daughters

4th I lend my wife one horse Charles one bay mare Elizabeth three cows & calves, three sows & Pigs, three yokes & lambs all of my household & kitchen furniture one horse cart & wheels one large steer all of my fowls of every kind three acres three