

and thence signed.  
Test. Edward Bromgole  
Jesse Bradley

Merik L. King Esq.

The words "home & wife" interlined before signed  
Test. Edward Bromgole  
Jesse Bradley

Northampton County September Court 1837

This last will and testament of Merik 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 being  
the executing therein named qualified according to law -  
Test. Wm. Bottom Esq.

## 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 followeth

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 deceased will  
and I also wish all the debts due me at my deceased 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 deceased all my just debts paid. and I appoint  
Richard Moon Esq. to this my last will and testament in  
witness I hereunto set my hand and seal this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of Sept  
1837 -

Nathaniel Harris Esq.

Signed and acknowledged

In presence of us.

W. B. Matthews, Peter J. Park

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. Park one of the subscribing  
witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded - Whereupon I being  
the executing therein named qualified according to law -  
Test. Wm. Bottom Esq.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> I wish my will I desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses should be paid
- Item 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Blasney  
Nancy & Elizabeth in during of his natural life & after his deceased 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> I stand the use of all my Land and plantation to my son George W.  
Pledger after my wife deceased in during of his natural life & after

his death it is my will and desire that my lands shall be equally divided between Wille Pledge & Henehem Pledge - my grand sons to them & their heirs forever

Item 5<sup>th</sup> It is my will and desire that Sally Matilda & Charity Pledge my two grand daughters shall have my negro girl named Mammy and if either of them die without lawful heirs the surviving one have the sole right of the girl to them and their heirs forever

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I give my daughter Sally Sumers one dollar to her and her heirs forever

Item 7 I give my son John Pledge one dollar to him and his heirs forever

Item 8 I give my son Silas Pledge one hundred and fifty dollars to him and his heirs forever

Item 9 I give unto my grand son William Love fifty dollars to him & his heirs forever

Item 10 I give unto my grand son Silas Love fifty dollars to him & his heirs forever

Item 11 I give unto my grand daughter Lucy Pledge fifty dollars to her & her heirs forever

Item 12 It is my will and desire that my stock of horses cattle and hogs & household & kitchen furniture be sold after my wife's death to pay off their legacies above given

Item 13 I do movenat & appoint my friends Henehem Powell my whole and sole executor to this my last will & testament disannulling all other wills hereafter made by me in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May in the year of 1836  
Signed sealed & acknowledged  
In the presence of us

Elliot Kitchell J. Pratt  
Jonathan Blanchard

John Pledge (Seal)  
mark

Northampton County September Court 1837

At a Term Term last of the said this paper writing pur-  
porting to be the last will and testament of John Pledge Sen<sup>r</sup> de-  
was offered in open court for probate a caveat was entered thereto by  
Humphrey Sumers trustee whether the paper writing offered be the last  
will & testament of the said John Pledge Sen<sup>r</sup> or not - and at the  
term of our said court came the following jury to wit: Francis DeLoach  
Jesse Hunter Blake M. Daniel, Daniel Ellis, Eli Cook, Silas Edwards  
E. Childred Edwards, Joseph Park, Abraham Joyner, Jacob Riaz, Joseph  
J. Hume, Joseph M. Rogers who being sworn & examined sworn to say the  
paper as offered upon their oaths do say the paper writing offered  
is the last will and testament of the said John Pledge Sen<sup>r</sup> de-  
which is ordered to be certified and recorded - whereupon Henehem Powell  
the executor therein named qualified as the law directs

Test M<sup>rs</sup> Bottom (Seal)

### Good Gardens Will

In the name of God Amen knowing that it is once appointed for all  
persons to die I Sarah Garden of Northampton County N.H. being of sound  
and memory do make this Writing to contain my last Will and testament.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I give and bequeath unto Nathan & Eliph all my lands which was given  
to me by my father also one negro woman by the name of Rachel one  
feather bed and furniture on chest also one horse and gig & harness  
sitting chair one earthen plate and one dish one cow and calf one sow  
& pig &c. to her & her heirs forever.

Item 2<sup>nd</sup> I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth & Eliph one feather bed &  
furniture on chest and fifty dollars to her & her heirs forever.

Item 3<sup>rd</sup> I give and bequeath unto my sister Elizabeth Writton twenty five  
dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I give and bequeath unto Jesse Thomas Writton one horse bridle and  
saddle to him and his heirs forever.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> It is my Will and Desire at my Death after paying all my just  
debts the remainder of my property to be sold and Equal Division  
between my Brothers viz. John Writton, Nathan Writton & Eli Writton  
to them and their heirs forever.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> and lastly I do appoint my Brother Nathan Writton my Exec<sup>r</sup> to this  
my last Will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> of October 1837.

Test

E. C. Powell  
Henry P. Gile

Sarah & Garden (Seal)  
mark

Northampton County December Court 1837

This last Will and testament of Sarah Garden Sen<sup>r</sup> was exhibited in  
open court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Henehem Powell  
one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, ordered that the said Will be recorded  
whereupon the said Henehem Powell was permitted to qualify as adminis-  
trator with the will annexed, who entered into bond in the penalty of  
three thousand dollars conditional &c. with James D. Wood and John  
Edwards securities.

Test Henehem Powell (Seal)