

Thomas D Brown's Will. In the name of God amen I Thomas D Brown of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being weak in body but in sound mind and memory do make and declare this my last will and testament in manner and form following (to wit)

Item 1st In the first place I wish all my just debts to be paid.

Item 2nd I give unto my son Samuel Brown Brown my gold watch to him this being given

Item 3rd I give unto my son John Lewis Brown Brown my smallest rifle to him this being given

Item 4th I wish Nathaniel Brown to become Guardian to my children and also it is my wish that Mrs Sarah W Moore should keep my children & should Mr Nathaniel Brown refuse to become their Guardian then it is my wish that Mrs Sarah W Moore should become so. It is also my wish and desire that my property should not be divided until one of my children becomes of age or gets married, then it is my will that it be equally divided among them, & it is my will and desire that each of them to be equally supported out of the proceeds of my estate until one becomes of age or gets married.

Item 5th I give unto my worthy friends Arthur Parks my best pair of pants (to wit) best pantaloons waistcoat my best pair of jeans socks & my best pair of shoes and my blue Satinet frock coat

Item 6th I give unto my brother John Lewis Brown two pair of pantaloons, one pair white ducking and the other pair yellow and one pair of trousers

Item 7th I have a parcel of cotton gins on hand eight or ten more or less which are not completed & I wish for them to be completed, and it is my will and desire that my executor should dispose of them either public or privately as he may think most advantageous for the benefit of my estate.

Item 8th I do constitute and appoint my friend Henry W Jory Executor to this my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of August 1829 A.D.

Witness,
Deputy Clerk,
Arthur Smith
Benj^r Marks

T D Brown

Northampton County September Court 1829

This last will and testament of Thomas D Brown deceased was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of William Smith and Benjamin Marks two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and stands to be recorded - Whereupon Henry W Jory the Executor therein named qualified as the law directs.

Test. John W Harrison clk

Matthew Fowells's Will. In the name of God amen I Matthew Fowells of Northampton County and State of North Carolina being at this time very weak in body but of a sound mind and memory thank be to God for it therefore Calling to mind the mortality of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all flesh once to die, as for the worldly goods it hath pleased God to bless me

with I give in the following manner and form

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Elizabeth Fowells the sum of five Dollars to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Fowells the sum of twenty Dollars to her and her heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Fowells the sum of five Dollars to him and his heirs forever

Item I send unto my son Luke and his wife Rebecca Fowells a negro man by the name of Sam during their lives and after their death my will and desire is for the said negro Sam to be sold and the money to be equally divided between the lawful begotten children of my son Mark Fowells to them and their heirs forever

Item My will and desire is if there is any part of my property remaining after the legacies above mentioned are taken off & my just debts paid my will and desire is for the said money to be equally divided between the lawful begotten children of Sam Fowells, Rebecca Fowells, William Fowells, Mark Fowells, Luke Fowells, Lewis Fowells and Anne Fowells to them and their heirs forever

and I do nominate and appoint my three executors Collieth Fittell James Fowells & William Fowells whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament discharging all other wills heretofore made by me as Witness my hand and seal this

17th day of December 1828

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged

In presence of us

Maliche Fittell,

Proctor & Fowells

mark

Matthew Fowells

Northampton County September Court 1829

This last will and testament of Matthew Fowells dec^d was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of Maliche Fittell one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and stands to be recorded - Whereupon William Fowells one of the executors therein named qualified as the law directs. Time being reserved for

Test. John W Harrison clk

Benjamin Hook's Will. In the name of God amen I Benjamin Hook of Northampton County State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make this my last will and testament in manner as follows.

First I send unto my son James Hook during his natural life the tract of lands of lands he now lives on called Thomas's tract, and I also send unto my son James Hook one other tract of land called Thinks tract beginning at the road a corner between Samuel Moody and myself & straight line to the head of a branch in Thinks fields and down the branch to Cannon Creek, likewise I send unto my son James Hook the following Negroes during his life, Fanny, Will, little Lucy, Chloe, Joshua, little Bob, Susan, Mary, Henry, Fowells, Richards and little Lucy's young child the name not known, Howard, Isaac, and

Item

Alphred, the last then named, I give unto my son James Rock to him and his heirs forever - also I give unto my son James Rock my black Smith tools I lend unto my daughter Tabitha Vincent the following Negroes, Fenty, Selva - Hannah, Wenny, Motty, Gato, Tom, Sarah, Brother, Maria, Pholles, Nina - Mose, Casswell, Manule, and Emma, and after the death of my daughter Tabitha Vincent, I give the said last Negroes to her living children to share and share alike; and after the death of my son James Rock I give the said lands and Negroes that I lent him to his living children to share and share alike -

Item

I give unto my daughter Sarah Putney, old Gato, Peter Mary, Caroline, Rebecca Betty Harbours to her and her heirs forever - I also lend unto my daughter Sarah Putney the following Negroes during her life and to dispose of them at her death to her nearest relations as she thinks proper, Harriet, Nancy, Susan, Emma, Jaffer, Frances & William

Item

I lend I lend unto my wife Lydia Rock the tract of lands I now reside on during her life, beginning at Corner Rock at a mouth of a branch, that leads up into Thorps field to a Corner tree on North side of the road, thence down along my line to a Corner thence along my line to Corner Creek, thence down Corner Creek to the mouth of the branch, I also lend unto my wife Lydia Rock during her life the following Negroes, Kelly, big Tom, Saut, little Tom, Willowdy, Pollet, Fild, Martha, and Lucy, little Susan, old Susan and Amy, and after the death of my wife I lend the tract of land to my daughter Sarah Putney during her life, and to dispose of it at her death to her nearest relations as she thinks proper. I also lend unto my wife all my household and kitchen furniture two Cow past chairs two beds of horses, Dolphin, Kato, two show Hays, one thousand weight of fresh Liberty five barrels Corn, Liberty five pounds Sugar, fifteen pounds Coffee, five Hacks blades, fodder and shucks sufficient to feed her Stock -

Item

I give unto my son James Rock after the death of my wife, big Tom to him and his heirs forever -

Item

I give unto my two daughters Tabitha Vincent Sarah Putney after the death of my wife one Negro man Jacob to be equally divided between them. I also give unto my daughter Sarah Putney after the death of my wife the following Negroes, old Susan, & Pollet to her and her heirs forever -

Item

I give unto my grand daughter Mary Vincent the following Negroes after the death of my wife, little Susan, little Tom and Amy to her and her heirs forever -

Item

I give unto my grand daughter Lucy Vincent after the death of my wife the following Negroes, Fild and Martha, to her and her heirs forever -

Item

I give unto my grand son William Vincent after the death of my wife one Negro girl named to him and his heirs forever -

Item

I give unto my grand son Michael Vincent after the death of my wife one Negro boy called to him and his heirs forever -

Item

I give unto my daughter Tabitha Vincent all my little Island lying in Annasoke river to her and her heirs forever. I also give unto my two daughters Tabitha Vincent Sarah Putney, one Negro man James to them and their heirs forever - and the balance of my estate to be sold and the money to be equally divided between my three children

James Rock, Tabitha Vincent and Sarah Putney after paying my just debts, I also appoint my friends James Vincent, John B. Putney and James Rock Executors to this my last will and testament - In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands and seal the seventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred twenty nine In presence of

Benj^r Rock *Test*

Northampton County December Court 1829

This last will and testament of Benjamin Rock dec^d was exhibited in open Court answered by the oath of Robert Lewis John B. Ingram and Walcott officers as to the hand writing of the testator and ordered to be recorded, Whereupon James Vincent John B. Putney two of the Executors therein named qualified as the law directs - (James Rock the other Executor named in said Will refused to qualify) The parties James Vincent John B. Putney and James Rock being present in Court waived all issues in probate of said will and consent to be bound thereby - *Test* John W. Harrison clk

Thomas Martin's Will. In the name of God amen. Knowing that it is one appointed for all men to die I Thomas Martin of Northampton County N.C. being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this writing to contain my last will and testament in manner and form following, wishing and disannulling heretofore made by me

Item I lend unto my beloved wife Amy Martin during her natural life or widowhood Fifty acres of land including the Manors houses & other houses &c one bed and furniture also one Negro boy named Annelle, one horse one Cow and Calf one pair chairs and spinning wheel all the Silver household dozen sitting chairs, one fine Table -

Item It is my will and desire that the residue of my estate shall be sold and after paying my just debts, equally divided among all my children living to the years of twenty ones years to and Stephenson, Polly, Selby, Dorothy, Marianne, Randolph, Amy and James Thomas Martin Martin Stephenson to have one my horse saddle and saddle extra to them and their heirs forever -

Item After the death or marriage of my beloved wife Amy Martin the part then remaining shall be sold and the proceeds of said sale be equally divided among the above legates - Also I do appoint and nominate my beloved son Stephenson Martin my whole and sole Executor to this my last will and testament - Witness my hands and seal this 7th day of September One thousand eight hundred and twenty nine

W^m Larie *Test* *Seal* *mark* *Seal* *mark*

Thomas X Martin *Test*

Northampton County December Court 1829

This last will and testament of Thomas Martin dec^d was exhibited in open Court and proved in due form of law by the oath of William Lane one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, Whereupon Stephenson Martin the Executor therein named qualified as the law directs - and ordered to be recorded -

Test John W. Harrison clk