

John Cole Last Will & Testament

I John Cole being in a low state of health but  
being in sound mind do make this my last will  
and Testament I do begueth my soul to God who  
gave it me I wish & desire that my debts be paid  
as soon as possible after my death out of any money  
that may first come into my Administrators  
hands & I leave to my son William the colt that  
he now claims as his first I give to my son Joseph  
the colt that he claims etc & Give to my Daughter  
Emeline one hufn which she claimed as hers etc  
give to my daughter Nancy one hufn which she  
also calls hers / I give to my beloved wife  
Nancy the entire use and control of my  
plantation to enable her to maintain  
herself and children & children during her  
natural life I also give to her all my corn  
bacon my horses cattle & sheep hogs and work  
ing tools house hold and Kitchen furniture my  
intention is that she have the use & benefit  
of all my property except what has been here to  
fore mentioned provided for my request is that  
after the death of my wife my administrator  
shall proceed to sell all my real estate  
and the appertaining theron on such terms  
as the law directs & also such other property of  
mine as may be in his hands at his death  
and he shall as soon as possible divide the  
proceeds equally among my lawful friends inc.  
In Testimony whereof I do to this will set my  
hand and seal this 3 day of June 1804

John Cole

Josiah Norwood  
Witness

The following will was proved & admitted to be recd  
at the Just Term 1804

Henry Robertson Last Will

I Henry Robertson of Lincoln County Tennessee do  
make and publish this my last will and testament  
1st I direct that my funeral expense and all my debts  
be paid as soon after my death as possible out of my  
money but I may die possessed of or which may first  
come into the hands of my executors  
Second I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth during  
her natural life three hundred and twenty acres of  
land in one tract the same to be divided by her out  
of any of the land of which I may die possessed of  
deed whenever partitioned  
Third I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth  
during her natural life twenty slaves being an  
average lot of such slaves as I may die possessed  
own at the time of my death to be set apart  
by my executors at the death of my wife I give  
and bequeath said twenty slaves and their increase  
together with said three hundred and twenty acres  
of land to my children Lucy R. Bonner David & Robt  
= son Henderson & Robt Bonner Ann & Robt Bonner Eliza  
b. Robertson and Mary Robertson to be equally divided  
amongst them and to be held by them respectfully dur  
ing their natural lives and at the death of any of  
them their share in said property and its increase to  
be equally divided amongst the children of the deceased  
parent and should any of my said children die leaving  
no issue living at the time of his or her death the share  
of such deceased child shall be equally divided amongst  
my said other children and should any of them further  
leave the issue of such deceased child shall take the  
share of such deceased child in case property share  
any of my children die in the lifetime of my wife the  
issue of such deceased child shall take  
the share to which the deceased parent if living  
remained

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Proportion whereof I do to this will set my  
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Test.

Josiah Norwood  
Kinsey's PatentThe following will was proved & admitted after being recorded  
at the City of New Bern 1804

John Cole

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my other children and should any of them die  
leaving the issue of such deceased child shall take the  
share of such deceased child in said property should  
any of my children die in the lifetime of my wife the  
issue of such deceased child shall take  
the share to which the deceased parent if living  
would have been entitled