

Elisha Atkinson

Will

In the name of God amen. I make this my last Will and Testament. Item. I leave unto my wife Ann Atkinson, my whole estate to dispose of as she pleases between my two children half-brothers, James and Joseph Atkinson: and she is also at liberty to sell my lands and purchase others of she chooses. Witness my hand & seal, this 18th day of January in the year of our Lord 1808.

Teste.

Elisha Atkinson

Richard Porter.

Jos. H. Barnes.

Robert H. Rees.

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 15th day of May 1807

This last Will and Testament of Elisha Atkinson decd was proved by the oath of Richard Porter and Jos. H. Barnes two of the Justices of the Peace and oaths to be recorded. And there being no executor named in said Will, on the petition of Ann Atkinson who made oath and together with David James and Richard Porter his executor, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of ten thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs, his executor is granted her for obtaining letters of administration on the estate of said Elisha Atkinson decd with his said Will annexed in due form.

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Matthew Joyner

Will

As well as I recollect before brother Jervison's day, Grandfather Mills made a Will, dividing his estate among his living grand-children so that I've shares no part of it. — I heard my father speaking of it several times in the course of his life and it seems to be his will and desire that he should be made equal to his other children out of his estate. A few evenings previous to his death, myself and several other persons were sitting at his bedside, and he advised me if I did not think it right that Jervison should be made equal to his other children, I told him that I thought it perfectly right. He uttered enough to satisfy me that he wished Jervison to have such a part of his estate that would make him equal to his other children, so I feel it my duty to inform the last of it. From his mode of expression, I so conscientiously believe it was his desire, well as intention to make him equal to his other children as I believe in my own conscience.

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 15th day of May 1807

On the petition of Jervison Joyner an infant, by Josiah Joyner his next friend to establish the nuncupative will of Matthew Joyner decd — It is ordered that Jane Joyner the widow of Josiah Thomas Elisha's son of John Joyner, William Poole, who intermarried with Mary another child of the Estate, be summoned to contest the same. Whereupon the said widow and children appeared in Court, by their attorney, and dispensed with the summons. Whereupon Josiah Joyner & Thomas Joyner were sworn and examined: the Court upon consideration of the evidence is of opinion that the said Willing be established and recorded as and for the nuncupative will of said Matthew Joyner.

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Gregory Paulings

Will

In the name of God, amen, I Gregory Paulings of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit. My will and desire is that all my just debts be paid and after the payment of my debts, I leave the whole of my estate both real and personal, to my Wife Phoebe Paulings during her natural life or widowhood, for the purpose (purpose) to enable her to raise and educate all my children: But in the event of the death of my wife Phoebe before my children are educated it is my further will and desire that my executor hereinafter mentioned shall hold my estate undivided until such child or children shall be educated. And in the event of the marriage of my Wife Phoebe that she be entitled to that portion of my estate devised by Law, and the balance of my Estate in the hands of my Executor as mentioned above. The balance of my estate after educating my children, to be equally divided between the same, all of which I