

Wm Atkinson
Wife

Now the name of God amen I William Atkinson of the County of Southampton and state of Virginia being very sick and weak in body but of perfect sound mind and memory thanks be to the great and almighty God for the same do make and contain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, first I recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it came, for my friends to bury in a decent and comely manner

I then I give unto my dearly beloved wife Nancy Atkinson the use of all my Plantations together with the following negroes namely Subler Amey, Paralepe Bob Cate Old Amey Seale Mary Jane and Albert & Bob Cotton and Mary which negroes was given to Polly Atkinson to her use until Polly comes of age the last to her use for the express purpose of raising my Children until my three Children shall arrived at the age of 21 years and then in that case it is my will and desire that equal division in all my personal property of every kind whatsoever take place - and that my wife Nancy Atkinson enjoy the profits of her one fourth part of the personal Estate during her natural life and after her death that the whole of the property be lent be equally divided between my three Children Polly Atkinson William and George Atkinson to them and their heirs forever. It is also my will and desire that as much of my personal property and also such as my wife can spare best be sold for the purpose of paying my just debts to gether with the Collection of all my outstanding debts then I give and bequeath to my two sons William Atkinson and George Atkinson all my lands that I now possess to be equally divided between them at the time they become 21 years of age and that the division take place by Commissioners appointed by the County Court of Southampton for the express purpose and that there be cast for the purpose of satisfaction to each one his proper right to them and their heirs forever.

Then I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly Atkinson the two negroes devised to her by the last will and testament of John Cotton deceased to her and her heirs forever.

And my will and desire is that my daughter Polly Atkinson share an equal division in all my personal property besides -

Then my will and desire is that two of my negroes namely Dick and Mary be sold and the profits to be added in my Estate to go in the Equal distribution that will be made among my wife and three Children.

And Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my dearly beloved wife Nancy Atkinson my whole and sole Executor to this my last will & testament hereby revoking and disannulling all other wills or wills by me made - In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of August 1785

Signed and declared to be his last Will and testament in presence of us } William Atkinson
James Jones
John Humphreys
Benja Jones
Samuel Corbett
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