

Bertie County Wills:

In the name of God Amen I John Lawrence being sick & in low condition tho in perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God for it calling unto mind that it is appointed for all men once to die do recommend my Soul unto almighty God that gave it & my Body to the Earth to be buried in a christian like manner doe make and ordain this my last Will & Testament as follows

I Lend to my beloved wife Jane Lawrence my whole Estate During her widowhood but in case she marries or removes of then for my Executors to divide the Estate as follows.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Son Abner Lawrence the Land & plantation whereon I now live to percuss & occupy as he may think proper but in case he should die before he come of age then I give it to my beloved Son Robert Lawrence but if he should not live to poscess it then I give & bequeath it to my Younger Son Obediah Lawrence to poscess and occupy as may think proper.

Item I lend to my beloved Son Abner Lawrence one Negro Garle named Vilet while such times as there shall be a Division of my Movable Estate then for each and every one of my children to have an equal share. John Lawrence

I also Leave my son John and Samuel Moore and my wife Jane Executors sined seld and deliverd in the presence of Elisabeth Griffen; William Flood; Joshua Lawrence