

The last will and testament of John Norfleet 10 September 1753, probated in Chowan County, North Carolina in April 1754.

" ... I dispose thereof as follows: first I give to my son Abraham Norfleet All the Land and Plantation That I bought of Henry Syles, Lieing on Bockahock Creek to him his Heirs and Assignees for ever.

"Item. I give to my said son Abraham Two Red Pine Stears about five Year Old. Also, I give to my said son Abraham five Sheep to wit one Ram and four Ewes.

"Item. I give to my loving Wife Elisabeth Norfleet The Plantation whereon I now Live with all my Lands thereunto belonging. Also, my Grist Mill and the Land belonging thereunto, together with my Island and all the marsh & Land thereunto belonging. To Hold to Her during her Widowhood.

"Item. I give the use of all my Negroes and other Estate of what Nature and Kind so ever not before given to my Wife Elisabeth Norfleet During her Widowhood. Item. I give the Houses Plantation and all the Lands there unto belonging, after my Wifes deceas to my son Jacob Norfleet and to his heirs and Assignees for ever.

"Item. I give my Island and Marsh being Three hundred and Sixteen and a half acres After my Wifes Deseas. to be Equally Divided amongst all my Children Sons and Daughters. but my son John to have his first Choice. To them their Heirs and Assignees for ever. But that neither of them shall sell or Assign their Part thereof unless it be to a Brother or Sister. And if my Wife should Happen to Marry again after my Death then my will and desire is that my Grist Mill and the Land there unto Belonging and also my Copper Still shall be sold at Publick Sale to the Highest Bidder for Ready money after my wifes Deceas or Marriage. And Out of The Money so arising and the Residue of my Personal Estate I give to Each and Every one of my Children Except my Son Abraham The sum of Twenty five Pounds Virginia Money. And a good Feather Bed to Each Except my son Abraham and my Daughter Pleasant who have already received theirs. And if my Estate after the Still, mill, and Negroes are sold at Publick Sale to the highest bidders, amounts to more money; then my will and desire is that the remainder be equally Divided amongst all my children without Exception. I mean share and share alike and

"Lastly I make and ordain my Loving Wife Elisabeth Norfleet Executrix and my son John Norfleet and my son James Norfleet Executors To this my Last Will and Testament ..."

Particular note should be made of the provisions in the will for the division of John Norfleet's "Island and Marsh" consisting of 316 and 1/2 acres, among all his sons and daughters.