

*Will Abstract of James Early 30 March 1786 Proven May Ct 1786, Bertie County NC*

*Item - Wife Grace - lend Negroes Rose and Viris, mare, bed, cow, pewter, chairs etc, and one-third part of the plantation where I now live, also household goods during her lifetime or widowhood.*

*Item - Eldest son Shadrack Early -- tools, plantation formerly called Morris place with other land adj. it adj. Beaver Dam Swamp, Plumbtree Branch, John Oliver, Janos Hale, Cashy Road.*

*Item - Younger son John Early - my remaining land, horse, gun, tools, etc.*

*Item - Daughter Sarah Early -- bed, wheel, animals*

*Item - Daughter Elizabeth Jenkins - dish, basin, etc.*

*Item - All money due me is to be paid to my executors and twenty pounds of that amount shall be laid out upon pewter and pots, and twenty pounds are to be equally divided among my two sons and two of my daughters Shadrack Early, John Early, Sarah Early and Christian Early.*

*Item - Remaining estate to wife Grace and son John.*

*Negroes and personal effects lent to my wife shall be sold at her death with proceeds divided among my sons and five daughters Shadrack Early, John Early, Lavina Mitchell, Mary Baker, Elizabeth Jenkins, Sarah Early and Christian Early.*

*Ex: sons Shadrack and John*

*Wit.: Levy Baker, Benjamin Early & William Morris.*