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About Abstracts of Wills and Other Records, Currituck and Dare Counties, North Carolina (1663-1850)

Currituck County was formed in 1670 as a precinct of Old Albemarle County, and portions of Currituck were later taken to form Tyrrell (1729), Hyde (1745), and Dare (1870). This work contains abstracts of all known Currituck County wills of the period 1663-1850, showing residence, locations of property, names of wives, children, executors, and witnesses, and relevant dates of probate and examination. It also contains a list of names taken from deeds of the period 1676-1725; jurymen of 1723; tax lists of 1735, 1755, and 1779; militia lists of 1758; and heads of families from the census of 1790. With an index containing approximately 11,500 references, this is widely recognized as the premier reference book for records of the Old Albemarle region of northeastern North Carolina.

JOHN WILLIAMS, September 26, 1813. c1814. WB 3. Exr: Thomas C. Ferebee. Wit: Sam'l Williams, Brickhouse Bell.

JOHN WILLIAMS, October 20, 1835. November 1835. WB 4. Wife: Abiah. Son: James. Daughter: Betsey Hatfield. Grandson: John W. Hughes; heirs of James Hughes, decd. Granddaughter: Betsey Robinson. Exrs: Son and Jno. C. Hatfield. Wit: Spence Hall, Elizabeth Ann Goodman.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS, February 7, 1821. May 1821. WB 3. Peter Brady depositions that Joseph Williams died on & Feb 1821 and desired that his wife Amy have property she brought to him at their marriage...rest to be divided among his children.

RICHARD WILLIAMS, December 5, 1802. May 25, 1803. WB 2. Mother: Mary Hollowell. Brother: John Bray. Sisters: Sarah Morse, Elizabeth Matthias. Cousins: Thomas and Richard Morse. Exrs: Zachariah Morse, Simon Matthias. Wit: Samuel Holt, John Church.

SALLY WILLIAMS, May 11, 1825. May 1826. WB 3. Sons: Jonathan Bonney (one half estate), William and Gideon (\$1 each). Daughter: Dina (one half estate). Exr: Son Jonathan. Wit: Joel Capps, Steward Williams, James Ansell.

THOMAS WILLIAMS, June 1, 1801. September 23, 1801. WB 2. Wife: Mary (land bought of James Simson and Malachi Dudley). Son: John. Daughter: Martha. Grandsons: Joseph White Williams (under age, land joining Willis Gwinn, William Waterfield, Malachi Jones, John Beseley), John Williams. Granddaughters: Lydia and Lettisha Williams. Exrs: Wife, son John, daughter-in-law Mary Williams. Wit: Solomon Miller, Kedar Mason, Lydia White.

THOMAS POOL WILLIAMS, October 24, 1799. December 22, 1803. WB 2. Indian Town. Wife: Elizabeth. Son: Samuel. Daughter: Peggy Yong. Exr: Malachi Sawyer, Esq. of Camden Co.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, May 9, 1817. May 1817. WB 3. Sons: Caleb, Humphries, Jeremiah. Daughter: Sarah Day. Exr: Pharaoh Farrow. Wit: Pharaoh Farrow, W. Mekins, Clifford Farrow.

FRANCIS WILLIAMSON, March 29, 1802. September 22, 1802. WB 2. Brothers: Gaius, Jonathan. Brother Jonathan's children Ann and Jonathan. Trustees and Exrs: Brothers and friend Doctor William Leigh. Wit: Eliza Hodgskin, Geo. Lynham, Thos. Mathews. Proved in Norfolk Borough at Hustings Court held 24 May 1802. Test. Wm Sharp, Ov'n B. C. John Cowper, Mayor of Norfolk Borough, certified William Sharpe's signature, 29 May 1802, in the 26th year of the Commonwealth.

HUGH WILLIAMSON, October 29, 1846. November 1846. WB 4. Brother: William Williamson. Elizabeth Poyner wife of Thomas Poyner. Exr: Friend John Simmons. Wit: S. B. Dozier, A. Brumsey.

WILLIAM WILLIAMSON, January 14, 1805. April 22, 1805. WB 2. Wife and Exr: Lovey. Daughters: Sarah, Patsey. Wit: Peter Ballentine, Joseph Ballentine.

WILLIAM WILLIAMSON, April 18, 1831. February 1832. WB 3. Sons: Hew, William. Daughter: Poley. Exr: Friend Enoch L. Stephens. Wit: D. Ballance, Saley Ballance.

NANCEY WILLOUGHBY, February 21, 1825. February 1825. WB 3. Thomas Lee to be Exr. and have everything after paying my debts, burial, etc. Wit: John Cherry.

HADLEY WOODHOUSE, November 16, 1814. c1815. WB 3. Wife: Mary. Sons: Hezekiah (Rolling's Corner...Thomas Whitehall's line to the sound), Lancelot, Wilson (providing he brings no suit for supporting my brother Hezekiah Woodhouse the time he had him). Daughters: Dorcas (for maintaining my brother Hezekiah), Nancy, Keziah Poyner. Grandson: Banister Jarvis. Exrs: Son Lancelot and friend Edward Hardy. Wit: Edw'd Hardy, Silas Sanderson.

HEZEKIAH WOODHOUSE, March 2, 1821. May 1821. WB 3. Wife and Exr: Peggy. Sons: Jonathan

MARY WALLIS, May 4, 1830. February 1832. WB 3. Burial in same place and manner as daughter Betsey was...Exrs. to send two negroes Arthur and Willoughby to Siberia or some other place where they can be free, and give them all the ballance of my estate not given away in this will, to set them up in the world wherever they may be sent. Betsey Dudley daughter of Thos. Dudley of Gibbs Woods (wearing apparel). Exrs: Jeremiah Land, Thos. G. Land. Wit: C. Etheridge, S. Salyear.

JOHN WALMSLEY, May 20, 1802. June 22, 1803. WB 2. Friend and Exr: Mary Jones, widow of John Jones. Wit: Thomas Willoughby, Dinah Willoughby, Doris Edge.

ABRAHAM WATERFIELD, December 7, 1829. February 1830. WB 3. Planter. Wife: Amy. Sons: Zachariah, Sanders, Tully. Daughters: Sally, Julia Spratt. Following children: Southward, Caleb, Scarbors two children, Lydia Beasley, Julia Spratt, Rhody Dudley. Exr: Friend John B. Jones. Wit: Andrew Capps, John E. B. Capps.

AMY WATERFIELD, January 21, 1838. May 1838. WB 4. Sarah, Mary, Lovey, Amy and Betsey Grimstead. Wit: Ezekiel Beasley, Joseph Grimstead.

JOHN WATERFIELD, May 13, 1803. June 22, 1803. WB 2. Wife: Elizabeth. Sons: William, James, Reuben. Daughter: Lydia. Brother: Michael (land joining David and Malachi Jones). Exrs: Wife and son William. Wit: Mary Waterfield, Frank Gordon, Malachi Dudley.

MARY WATERFIELD, March 16, 1814. c1814. WB 3. Son: John Waterfield Holley. Daughter: Polly Hall. Grandson: Thompson Hall. Exrs: Son and John Hall. Wit: Malachi Jones, Esther Brown.

SAMUEL WATERFIELD, June 2, 1842. August 1843. WB 4. Wife: Louisa. Son: Samuel D. Daughters: Lydia Brian Waterfield, Louisa Ann Waterfield. Exr: Friend David Jones. Wit: Alexander Smith, Jno. I. Waterfield.

SANDERSON WATERFIELD, August 16, 1848. May 1849. WB 4. Wife and Exr: Lydia. All my children. Wit: Jno. B. Jones, Jno. I. Waterfield.

SARAH WATERFIELD, October 30, 1847. May 1848. WB 4. Son and Exr: James. Wit: A. Smith, Johnson T. White.

SOUTHWARD WATERFIELD, February 29, 1816. May 1816. WB 3. Wife: Sarah. Sons: John, Purdy, Southward. Daughters: Peggy, Julia, Ann. Brother: John. Exr: Friend Henry Beasley. Wit: Malachi Jones, John B. Jones.

STEPHEN WESKITT, August 10, 1807. December 7, 1807. WB 2. Wife: Chloe. Sons: Stephen, William (land on Roan Oak Island), Asa (land Joining Barnabee Etheridge). Daughters: Bethany (one half of little Collington Island), Elizabeth (other half), Winifred Etheridge. Grandsons: Zachariah and Stephen Gibbs. Schooner to be sold. Exrs: Wife and son-in-law Barnabee Etheridge. Wit: Benj. Dough, Jacob Beseley.

EDWARD WEST, October 1, 1807. c1809. WB 2. Wife: Susanna. Sons: Spence, Curnealus. Daughters: Elizabeth, Rebecca, Lydia, Camilla. Land in Norfolk Co. Exr: Friend John Hill. Wit: Frances Etheridge, Julia Allen.

ELIZABETH WEST, February 1, 1832. May 1836. WB 4. Husband: Obediah, decd. Daughter: Fanny. Son-in-law: John West. Exr: John West. Wit: Jno. R. Bright, David Morse, Jesse Wallis.

JOHN WEST, November 13, 1837. August 1840. WB 4. Wife: Sara Emiline (if should have child). Exr: Brother-in-law William W. Ives. Wit: John R. Bright, Mary Ann Ives, E. W. Hardy.

JOSHUA WEST, September 14, 1802. September 22, 1803. WB 2. Wife: Sarah. Son: Joshua. Daughters: Sally West, Cortony Wallace. Exr: Friend Malachi Read. Wit: Julia Hill, Andrew Etheridge.

DENIS RIORDAME, January 18, 1723-1724. July 14, 1724. Wife and Executrix: Sarah. Daughter: Angelica. Other legatees: Thomas and Wm. Vince. Witnesses: Jo. Wicker, Samuel Simmons, Ann Ireland, David Leggett. Clerk of the Court: Henry Swann.

JOSEPH SANDERSON, January 13, 1743. October Court, 1746. Wife: Julia. Sons: Richard ("the manner plantation", also the plantation on Sandy Banks known as Pawmers, and other tracts of land, location not given), Samuel and Joshua (plantation and land to each), Thomas and William (plantation to each), Benjamin (1 negro and land on North River), Joseph (land on Sandy Banks). Executor: John Lurry. Witnesses: John Woodhouse, William Bagly, Samuel Jarves. Clerk of the Court: Richard McClure.

JOSEPH SANDERSON, April 26, 1758. December Court, 1758. Sons: Joseph ("plantation whereon I now live"), Richard (plantation known as the Deep Branch), Caleb (70 acres land). Daughters: Julian, Ann, Lida and Susannah Sanderson. Wife: Cesiah. Executor: Joseph Sanderson (son). Witnesses: John Woodhouse, George Powers, Samuel Sallier. Clerk of the Court: Wm. Mearns.

RICHARD SANDERSON, August 17, 1733. October 15, 1733. Son: Richard ("ye Island of Ocrecock", three negroes and one Indian slave; "the mannor plantation"; "all my lots in Ronoak Town"; "two thirds of ye Sea Flower Brigantine"; one-half of sloop Swallow). Son-in-law: Tully Williams (five negro slaves; 140 acres of land in Perquimans bordering on son Richard and John Willoughby; one-third of Sea Flower Brigantine and one-half of sloop Swallow). Nephews: Joseph and Richard Sanderson. Brother-in-law: Henry Woodhouse (one Mustee fellow). Sister: Susanna Erwin. Daughter: Elizabeth Pollock. Cousin: Elizabeth Dickson. Nephew: Hezekiah Woodhouse (land "on ye Sandy Bank by the name of Point Lockout"). Daughter: Grace (wife of Tully Williams). Executors: Richard Sanderson (son) and Tully Williams (son-in-law). Witnesses: Clemt. Hall, Thomas Snowden, Thomas Trumbal. Clerk of the Court: Charles Denman.

ADAM SEAGRAVE, October 7, 1723. January 14, 1723-1724. Legatees: John Smith (Executor), Samson Woodhouse. Witnesses: Henry Woodhouse, Thomas Larry, John Stone. Clerk of the Court: Jos. Wicker.

THOMAS SHEPARD, March 20, 1721-1722. July 10, 1722. Daughters: Elizabeth and Gwinesfold Shepard. Son: Samson ("my plantation"). Wife and Executrix: Ruth. Witnesses: Jo. Wicker, Humph. Vince. Clerk of the Court: Jo. Wicker.

BULLOCK SIMMONS, April 14, 1746. October Court, 1746. Sons: Solomon and Willis. Daughter: Mary Simmons. Wife and Executrix: Elisabeth. Witnesses: Thomas Legitt, Willis Simmons, Robert Simmons. Clerk of the Court: Richard McClure.

FRANCIS SIMMONS, October 25, 1757. December 20, 1757. Son: Samuel. Brother and Executor: John Simmons. Witnesses: Samuel Holstead, John Brabbell, William Chittum. Clerk of the Court: Wm. Mearns.

HENRY SIMMONS, March 4, 1753. March Court, 1755. Sons: Hilary, Solomon, Asa, Thomas. Daughters: Rhoda and Abiah. Wife and Executrix: Deborah. Witnesses: James Phillips, John Simmons, Solomon Simmons. Clerk of the Court: William Shergold.

JAMES SIMMONS, August 15, 1753. March Court, 1755. Son: Isles. Brother: Samuel Simmons. Executor: William Ferrebee. Witnesses: Samuel Simmons, Peter Sprallin, George Fisher. Clerk of the Court: Wm. Shergold.

THOMAS SIMMONS, February 22, 1755. September Court, 1755. Sons: Thomas, Samuel and Sampson ("my plantation to be divided between them"), Edom, Caleb and Asalel. Daughters: Mary Simmons and Elizabeth Muncreef and Sarah Mercer. Wife and Executrix: Sarah. Witnesses: Benjamin Prescott, Benjamin Cowel, Elisabeth Cowel. Clerk of the Court: William Shergold.

JOHN SIMSON, March 19, 1744-1745. March Court, 1754. Sons: James ("plantation I live