

**History and Genealogies  
of  
Old Granville County,  
North Carolina,  
1746-1800**



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less, 1 negro man, 1 bed and furniture and half of his wearing clothes; (7) to daut. Jane Whorton, 1 bed and furniture; (8) to daut. Lyddia Bridges, his flock of sheep; (9) to son Joseph, "one Iron pot, with a nick Broke in the top of the Brim"; and (10) rest of est. to be equally div. bet. all his children. Exs: son Joseph, James Walker and Luke Landers. Wit: Wm. Chandler, Britain Johnston. Id. p. 253. Inv. ret. to May Ct. 1772; among other items: "1 Still x a parsil of Books" and 2 negroes. Id. p. 254.

**Edward Robinson.** Admn. Bond, Aug. 5, 1766; Mary Robinson, Admr; to Gov. Tryon, pen. £500. Sur: John Gillam, Frederick Glover. Id. p. 41. Inv. ret. to Nov. Ct. 1766; among other items: "one Testament & prayer Book", with 2 negroes. Id. p. 39.

**William Rose**, of Gr. Co. Will, dat. Dec. 1, 1768, prob. Jan'y Ct. 1769. To son Frederick my 300 A. plantation on Reed's creek, with sundry personalty to be delivered him when he is 21 yrs; (2) to son William "my lower Tract of Land" on Reed's creek, "known by the name of Smallwoods Plan", with sundry personalty to be delivered him when he is 21 yrs; (3) to son Howel land and plantation whereon test. lives, but his mother is to have the use of it her life time, and to be totally his at her death; (4) to daut. Sarah Williams £10 proc. money; (5) to daut. Elizabeth Rose £40 proc., to be paid at 21 yrs. or marriage; (6) to daut. Winneyfred Rose, 1 negro, to be delivered at 21 yrs or marriage, and some cattle; (7) to daut. Patty Rose, 1 negro and £20 proc., to be delivered at 21 yrs or marriage; (8) to wife Ann 2 old negroes, houses, tools, 3 beds etc., and all the rest of his stock and h.h. furniture except 2 rifle guns, pork hogs and beef, the latter to be sold to pay debts, and at wife's marriage or death all to descend to son Howell, except necessary working tools, pots, pans and pewter to set up sons Frederick and Wm. Exs: wife, and bro. in-law James Langston. Wit: James and Jean Langston, James Willin (sic). Id. p. 107. Inv. ret. to July Ct. 1769; among other items: "three Bibels (sic), one Common Prayer Book one Testament five or Six old small Books x one Sun dial", and 4 negroes; a fair est. Id. p. 100.

**William Russel**, of Gr. Co. Admn. Bond, June 5, 1754; Phebe Russel, Admr; to Gov. Rowan, pen. £100. Sur: Wm. Moore, Malachi Reeves of Gr. Co. Wit: John Bowie. Id. p. 55. Inv. ret. Dec 4, 1753; among other items: "a three (year) old stear next Grass." (the Inv. was actually ret., and appears recorded before Admn was granted). Id. p. 48. Ret. of sale by "Sam'l. Henderson Sheriff", Dec. 4, 1754. Id. p. 61.

**Shearin, Joseph** (signs by mark). Will, dat. Sept. 5, 1751; prob. Sept. 1, 1754. To son John, all his lands in Brunswick County (Va., Brunswick Co. N.C. not created until 1764), and 40 s. in money; (2) to son-in-law Benjamin Kimbal, cattle, note due test. by Wm. Sisson, and 40 s. "cash"; (3) to son (in-law ?) John Peoples (he may have been a step son), negro man "Will"; (4) to gr. son Jesse Miller, furniture and household good, also £6. 6s., also £6 due test. by Richard Coleman, also remainder of tests. money, and also 15 s. in Charles Kimbals' hands. Ex: "my friend", Richard Coleman. Wit:

Benj'a. Kimbal, John Shearin, Lucy Kimbal (Lucy<sup>no</sup> probably wife of Benj. Kimbal). Id. p. 37.

**Solomon Shockley**, of Gr. Co. Admn. Bond, Aug. 11, 1761; Hester Shockley Admr; to Gov. Dobbs, pen. £200. Sur: Larkin Johnson, Drury Allen. Id. p. 43. Inv. ret. to Feby Ct. 1763, by Hester Shockley, Admr; refers to his children; mentions 3 mares running "at large in Halafax (sic) County Virginia at the Mountains". Gr. Co. Rec. 1762-65. p. 11. Ret. of sale to Nov. Ct. 1763 (David Shockley one of the purchasers); Id. p. 42. Bond, Aug 11, 1763, to Co. Ct. Justices, pen. £100, of Hester Shockley, gd'n of Solomon, son of Solomon Shockley, dec'd; sur: Robert Harris, Jno. Wade. Id. p. 29. Same; ward Anne, dau. of Solomon. Id. p. 30. Same, ward Mary, dau. of Solomon. Id. p. 31.

**Joseph Simms**, of Gr. Co. Admn. Bond, Sept. 4, 1751; Benj. Simms, of Gr. Co., Admr; to Gov. Johnston, pen. £500. Jno. Martin, Lamuel (sic) Lanier. Id. p. 23. Ret. of Wm. Person, John Brantley, Lamuel Lenear (sic), comr's appt'd to divide est.: each distributee allowed £20; part of them in their "non age"; the widow and son Benj'a., Admn, mentioned. Id. p. 32. Bond (First guardian's bond recorded), Sept. 3, 1751, "unto the worshipful William Eaton Esqr. & the rest of the Justices of the County Court of Granville afs'd.", pen. £200; of "Sarah Simms Widow & Relict of Joseph Simms late of the s'd. County", as gua'dn. of Joseph, "one of the orphans" of said Joseph Simms; sur: Wm. Massey, Giles Bowers, "Planters" of Gr. Co. Id. p. 46. Inv. of "the Estate of Capt. Jos. Sims Dec'd.", ret. Dec. 1751; among other items: "one Sord (sic) & pistol" and six negroes. Id. p. 52. Ret. of Robert Harris, Osborn Jeffreys, Jno. Brantley, comr's apptd to amend former ret. of div. of est; refers to "Benjamin Sims heir at Law to the said Jos. Sims" and "the rest of the chilren of said Jos. Sims". Id. p. 53.

**John Sims**, of Gr. Parish and Gr. Co. Will, dat. Feby 10, 1765; prob. Aug. Ct. 1766. To son William 500 A. "Beginning where my lower line crosses Great Nutbush Creek thence joining Hargroves lines Bullocks line or lines and Vandikes to the head of a Branch call'd the long branch thence down the same to reedy branch thence down the reedy branch as it meanders to great Nutbush Creek and thence down the same as it meanders to the first Station", also 1 negro, and some personalty (under 16 yrs); (2) to Frances Keeling 100 A. on north side of Reedy branch "to include the plantation where Agness Keeling did live", said land to be in square form; (3) lends to James Wade Sr. and Dorothy his wife during their lives the use of 50 A. joining Robert Mitchell's line to be in square form and to include the plantation whereon said Wade now lives; (4) to son Elisha 600 A. lying on the Long and Reedy branches, and adjoining lines of Mitchell, and Frances Keeling, also 1 negro, "all my smith tools" and some other personalty; (5) "to the Child that my wife is pregnant with" the lands he bought of Nathaniel Bullock, but if it die before age or marriage then said land is to be divided bet. all children of test.; (6) to dauts Agnes, Dorcas and Sally 1 negro each; (7) to son Leonard his