

## **SUTTON FAMILY PERQUIMANS WILLS AND ESTATE RECORDS**

### **(RAW NOTES)**

#### SUTTON WILLS FROM

#### **PERQUIMANS CO NC WILLS – 1711 – 1808** – by Laura Willis

##### VOL 1

#67 – WILL OF JOHN CLAYTON – 17 Nov 1769  
Wife Rebecca, children not named – said they were younger  
EXEC son Richard Clayton and Joseph Sutton Jr

**NOTE Did** Richard Clayton md Sarah Sutton daughter of John who d 1772 or Joseph Esq

##### VOL 2

P 82 – WILL OF TULLE WILLIAMS REED – Nov 1800 – nephews William Reed Sutton and Benjamin Sutton – 28 Nov 1800

P 84 – WILL OF WILLIAM REED – 7 Oct 1799 prov  
Wife Alice “estate of Ashbury Sutton” – he had orphans and was a grandson ??? = s Tulle Williams Reed – 2 grandsons William Reed Sutton and William Reed etc - Son John, George P. William Tully, Wilson, Tully W. Reed, daughter Rebecca Reed, to estate of Ashbury Sutton a negro, grandson Ashbury Sutton – had lands adj Ashbury Sutton – go back and redo this

P 52 – WILL OF BENJAMIN PERISHO – 10 Dec 1803  
Cousin Lemuel Sutton, rest to be divided between the daughters of Aunt Elizabeth Whedbee – she had by my uncle Samuel Sutton – Sarah, Lidda and Elizabeth – Uncle Lemuel Whedbee exec

P 13 - WILL OF JOSEPH MULLEN – 29 May 1791  
Sons Isaac, Joseph – land bought of George Sutton at Turkey Ridge – also lands bought of Thomas Sutton – daughter Mary Whidbee land I bought of William Whedbee – grandson Tully Williams, granddaughter Elizabeth Whedbee – son in law James Whedbee

##### BOOK 4

P 45 John Sutton – 24 April 1777 – this was a deposition given by Sarah Brunuge and Sarah Snowden - they state he had sister Mary Perisho – brother George was given a mare but it had not been delivered – brother Samuel was promised several things that had not been delivered

**NOTE DONE:** Son of Samuel

P 46 – Joseph Sutton – 6 June 1771 – son in law Richard Clayton who md his daughter Sarah Sutton – gave to Sarah Snoden – this Joseph may have married Sarah daughter of Joseph (IS THIS RIGHT) – son Lemuel (not of age) – have this – this was Esq

P 50 – Joseph Sutton – 6 Nov 1772  
Have but she says Joseph call Thomas Moss his brother – double check

P 51 – Samuel Sutton – 30 Jan 1764

Wife Sarah that part of my plantation I now live on being part of my grandfather gave to my father by will until son Samuel comes of age – have this

Exec – Charles Blount, Tully Williams, Andrew Knox and William Robins

**NOTE DONE:** Actual will is found in Tyrell Co

P 53 – WILL OF SARAH SUTTON – widow of Joseph – have

P 90 – WILL OF THOMAS WHEDBEE – 25 Nov 1807

Son in law Samuel Sutton (may have been stepson) – wife Elizabeth – no daughter with last name Sutton

**NOTE:** She was probably widow of Samuel Jr

P 11 – WILL OF ANN SEARS – 9 July 1784

Daughter Sarah Sutton who had no children got entire estate – Ann had brother Cornelius Morris who would inherit if granddaughter Sarah had no children – estate sale in 1790 buying were among other Francis Newby, William Robbins – George Sutton was Adm (sic)

**NOTE:** Cornelius Morris was a wit to the will of Sarah Sutton in 1777 and he had a brother John who had no children in 1772 – Cornelius was also a wit to the will of Joseph Perisho Jr written in 1783. She was a Sutton according to Marriage Bonds but was she by birth a Sutton or the widow of one.

P 54 – WILL OF SARAH SUTTON – **NOTE:** Don't think I have this one – written 21 March 1777 prov 27 May 1777

Granddaughter Sarah Sutton land where I now live – rest to be sold

Exec Joseph Ratiff, Aaron More WIT Anny Sutton, Cornelius Morris – no estate records found

**NOTE:** What is the connection between the two – Ann Sutton md Richard Sears 24 July 1779 – it appears she had married first a Sutton and was probably by birth a Morris

**ABSTRACTS OF WILLS OF PERQUIMANS COUNTY 1761 – 1864** – by Raymond Winslow

**NOTE:** these are very brief abstracts just giving the names listed in the will. Lot more Sutton wills which I already have

#771 – Ashbury – 22 Oct 1790 prob Feb 1793 – wife Ann, sons Joseph, Benjamin, William Reid – daughters Elizabeth, Ann Sutton – sister Elizabeth Davis

**NOTE:** Son Joseph Esq

#772 – Greenbury – 1 Dec 1794 – pro Feb 1795 – daughter Martha, my mother and her children John, Sarah, Thamour, Elizabeth, Ann

**#775 – Joseph SUTTON 1763 – VERY IMPORTANT – Winslow says this is actually the will of Joseph written in 1723 and a copy was made in 1763 and the date of the will was written down wrong as 1763 – I have found the date was not the only thing written down wrong from the abstract – the executor was brother Richard WHEDBEE according to Winslow but it says Nicholas in the abstract**

# 778 – Joseph – written 31 Dec 1793 pro Feb 1794 – sons James, Rachel daughter of Francis Newby, daughters Elizabeth Andrews, Pathenia Stanlin, Sarah Norcum – have this

**NOTE:** Joseph son of Joseph Esq. Will also posted in Tyrrell Co.

#879 – Thomas Whedbee – 35 Nov 1807 – Exec – Lemuel Sutton – WIT George Sutton

#577 – Benjamin Perisho – 1803 – cousins Lemuel Sutton and John Sutton, Elizabeth Whedbee to her Sutton daughters Sarah, Lydia, Elizabeth – again names slightly different but maybe Lydia died – uncle Lemuel Whedbee

George Whidby ca 1784 – had children William, James, Martha and Lemuel – brother Thomas – have this

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Joseph Perisho

Benjamin Sutton – July 1779

Thomas Sutton in right of wife Anna

Martha Sutton

There was more distribution in 1782 and Anna was not mentioned

**NOTE:** Not sure who he was

John Sutton – Oct 1777- to 14 June 1778

George Whidbee in right of wife

George Sutton, Mary Perisho, Samuel Sutton a minor – William, James, Martha, Lemuel and Tamar Whedbee all minors

**NOTE DONE:** Winslow said the will of John Sutton was a nuncupative will. This was son of Samuel but not sure how all the Whedbee’s got individual portions

**NOTE:** The division records are found under the estate of Joseph Sutton who had will in 1773

In this same folder is the estate record for John Sutton – a different John – not sure when died but Martha H. Sutton was Adm in 1817 – children were Ann, Sarah, Greenbury and Richard – one guardian was Joel Ives who appears to have md the widow then he left town and George Sutton was guardian – either there is even another John Sutton record in this file or it goes up to the 1840’s. Appears to be other records in this folder – another John d at the same time – widow Nancy or Mary – one places states he had a will but there was an Adm not exec – she didn’t like what she inherited.

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Samuel Sutton – April 177 – John Sutton dec part, Joseph Perishoe in right of wife Mary, George and Samuel were minors

### **MARRIAGE RECORDS 1758 – 1865** by Francis Ingmire

Asbury md Nancy Reed – 11 Sept 1779

Benj md Sarah Whidbee – 8 April 1762

Christopher md Sarah Jones 2 July 1745

Francis md Deborah McConnell 6 Sept 1783 – no clue

George md Sarah Barcliff 27 Dec 1777 - is this the missing George brother to Samuel Jr?

Samuel md Eliza Barcliff 3 Dec 1784 – probably Samuel Jr

#### Females

Ann md Richard Surs (Sears) 24 July 1779

Martha md Lazarius Linton 31 March 1783

Sarah md Isaiah Mathias 1 Aug 1761

Sarah md George Whedbee 19 Sept 1764 – she may have been the daughter of Samuel unless the generations are off – no she was widow of Samuel – DONE but put dates in main folder

Sarah md Richard Clayton 14 Jan 1768 – she daughter of Joseph Esq

#### SUTTON WILLS from Ancestry

1793 Sutton, Ashbury; Joseph, William R., Benjamin, Anne (wife), Penelope, Elizabeth, Anne

**NOTE: IGNORE THIS WILL AS IT IS THE WILL OF JOSEPH WRITTEN IN 1724 and recopied in 1763**

**1763 Sutton, JOSEPH; George, Joseph – written 11 Jan 1763 and prob 9 July 1763**

**Two sons George and Joseph the plantation I now live on George to have the part from the landing down to Nathan Sutton and Joseph the part from the Landing down to Joshua Barney’s ??? line. I also wish my 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter Parthenia to live with Joseph while she is unmarried and a Negro, daughter Elizabeth negroes, grandson Thomas Sutton negro, other negroes, livestock and household to 5 children and that was a son Thomas – Thomas received no land and little else Exec Nich Whedbee and son George**

**NOTE: He would have been b by 1719 – children by 1740 more or less since one had a son.**

1772 Sutton, JOSEPH; Joseph, Benjamin, Sarah, Ashbury, Lemuel, Elsbury

Written 6 June 1771 prob Oct Court 1771

Son Joseph all that plantation where he now lives beginning at Sutton’s landing agreeable to my father’s will, son Benjamin all that plantation I bought of Jarvis Jones lying on head of Deep Creek where my son Benjamin now dwells, wife Sarah to have use of plantation whereon I now dwell part of called

Burkware/Birchware ?? until son Asbury is of age then she to have use of 1/3 of it until my sons Asbury and Elsbury are of age, give the two sons Asbury and Elsbury to be divided – beginning at Little River in a branch that runs up to my water mill and runs up to my new road and then to the main road for Elsbury's part or the upper part and for my son Ashbury to have the lower part but if neither have heirs then to my son Lemuel; gives negroes for "her" (not named but assumed wife) for her natural life then to be divided between my oldest children Joseph, Benjamin and Sarah, to son Joseph Negroes which he already has, son Benjamin 10 Negroes which he already has, daughter Sarah Clayton Negroes and also livestock, son in law Richard Clayton all money he owes me, Thos Snowden ?? one Negro, to Mary Snowden Negro but if she and Thos have no heirs to be returned to estate, to 4 children Asbury, Elsbury, Elizabeth, Lemuel, a number of negroes when Asbury becomes of age or Elizabeth should marry, son Lemuel land over the sound at Little Alligator a place called the fort landing that I bought of John Pool of 230 acres but dies under age his two brothers Asbury and Elsbury to divide such land – Asbury to have land on Little Alligator and Elsbury to have the land on Big Allegator – if either should not survive then to whoever survives, loving wife tools, household goods, rest of estate divided between wife and 4 youngest children. Exec sons Joseph and Benjamin. Appt friends Thos Nicholson and Thos Robinson as trustees  
WIT Thomas Stevenson, Mary (X) Sutton, Peter Fonous ???

**NOTE:** A lengthy will. According to Ray Winslow and the Historic Register this Joseph was the son of Joseph and grandson of Nathaniel. The above Joseph's son Joseph inherited where the house is and he was the one who sold it to his son in law Francis Newby. Newby's widow was Rachel

The Claytons were part of a lawsuit in the estate of George Whitby in 1784. This Joseph's oldest children would have been b by 1748  
This was Esq

Obviously the 2<sup>nd</sup> wife was much younger. Oldest children b by 1748 – he would have been b by 1727

### **EARLY RECORDS OF N.C. - by Dr. Steve Bradley**

#865 - Joseph Sutton's inventory taken in Perquim 13 Nov 1771 – included was schooner Little Peter.  
Negroes: Men: Surry, Pierre, Ben, Will, Pompey, Casar, Punch, Canar, Dick – boys: George, Diver, Cato, Bob, Jack, Tom, Jacob, Simon, Isaac Sam (2 mos) – women: Joan, Sall, Phillis, Lucy, Esther, Peg Hannah – girls: Grace, Pleasant, Rose (dead some time since), Judith, Cloe (9 mons), Sylvia – names mentioned Benjamin Pindour, John Stevenson, Capt. Samuel Darling

SARAH Sutton

Written 6 Feb 1772 prob April Court 1772

I Sarah relict of Joseph dec – to my mother Mary Sutton my estate for her lifetime; to my son in law Benjamin Sutton the money that arises from the sale of the schooner Little Peter; rest of estate to be divided among my 4 children Asbury, Elsbury, Elizabeth and Lemuel  
Exec son in law Benjamin and William Skinner, Thomas Nicholson

**NOTE:** Benjamin was step son

1773 Sutton, JOSEPH; Mary, Nathaniel, Thomas  
Written 6 Nov 1772 prob Jan Court 1773

Wife Mary use of all my lands until son Nathaniel is of age, son Nathaniel plantation on the river side where I now live of 215 acres; son Thomas land on Beech Thicket of 105 acres; if neither son have heirs then my daughter Deborah who also received other items; son Nathaniel to be under care of Joseph Perisho and my other son Thomas to be brought up by Thomas Moss ?? if thought proper by my wife and exec

Exec friends Joseph Perisho, Thomas Whidbee and Francis Pouice ??? – (seen this name)

Signed by mark

**NOTE:** Probably son of Christopher who was son of Joseph

**NOTE: SOME OF THIS FROM NC ESTATES**

MARY Sutton

Written 7 Nov 1772 prob July Court 1774

Grandsons Asbury , Elsbury, granddaughter Elizabeth – no land mentioned – says only 3 grandchildren

**NOTE:** Mother in law of Joseph Esq – don't know if she was the widow of a Sutton or remarried a Sutton

GEORGE – 1837

Can't read widow's name – maybe Penelope – had orphan George – only read a couple of pages – NC Estate

JOHN SUTTON ca 1777

John Perisho in right of his wife wants money from estate - Geor Whitbee was Adms – 1778 – wanted 29 pounds; George wanted 29 pds for his brother Samuel; estate sale was 17 Aug 1777 – people who received money – George Sutton, George Whidbee for his wife, Mary Perisho, Samuel Sutton minor, James, Martha, Lemuel, and Tamar ?? Whidbee – in all 8 shares at 29 pds

**NOTE: DONE**

GEORGE WHIDBY – will –had children James, Martha, Lemuel, William – brother Thomas and their father was John – wife not named – 1784 – appears to have been lots of lawsuits – Joseph Sutton was one being sued – not sure what for

**DONE**

CHRISTOPHER SUTTON

Sale of perishable estate – 17 Jan 1753 – Luke Sumner, Adm

Not many items and most sold to Sarah Sutton

Accounts of Joseph Perisho were audited – he guardian to Deborah Sutton – her former guardian was Christopher Sutton – think have most of this – Deborah had received most of her part but not all – 27 Oct 1754 – on 15 Oct 1756 Joseph Sutton Esq purchased a Negro from the estate so estate had not been closed

**NOTE DONE:** Christopher who md Elizabeth Chauncy

**NATHANIEL**

Think have this – Joseph reached age of 21 and wants his part of the estate – no date

**LEMUEL SUTTON**

1793 – had adm

Another folder – 1832 – awarded damages to William Reed – had orphan Wesley, Lafayette,

1795 Sutton, Queensbury; Martha

1764 SUTTON, SAMUEL; Sarah, Samuel, George, John  
Pro 3 jan 1764

Loving wife Sarah, 3 Negros, livestock etc, use of the plantation I now live being that land left by my grandfather to my father by his Will until my only son Samuel (he wasn't the only son) comes of age then he to have 1/3 part and my son George when he comes of age to have 1/3 part, daughter Mary when she comes of age, son John Sutton land I bought of Sarah Jones of 405 acres from 2 patents, give to my son Samuel the land patented by my grandfather of 150 acres, also 15 acres to son Samuel which Uncle Joseph Sutton is duty bound to make a deed for and I hope he will keep his promise, also to son Samuel 25 acres out of a new patent, son George rest of my land which came from a new patent, lot of negros, brother William Robbins my best beaver hat

Exex Charles Blount, Tulle Williams, and William Robbins

WIT John Clayton, Joseph Sutton, John Whedbee

**NOTE:** Never found the 150 acre patent

**DONE**

1777 Sutton, SARAH

Granddaughter Sarah Sutton my piece of land where I now live  
Exc Joseph Ratcliff and Aaron Moore

**JOSEPH**

widow Rebecca Toms for Elizabeth and Mary Sutton ophans – April 1733

JOSEPH esq – (p 4) – 1783 – this was more on father of Elsbury etc

JOSEPH – 1793

Daughter Rachel Newby wife of Francis – Negroes

Daughter Elizabeth Anderson - Negroes

Son James – 700 pds which he has already received and negroes

Daughter Parthenia Standin/Sanlin ?? – negroes

Daughter Sarah Norcum ?? – negroes

Grandson Henderson or Anderson Stanlin – Negroes

Granddaughter Sarah Sutton – Negroes

Tamar Tow/Low ??? daughter of Deborah Tow ??? negro

Benjamin Tow/Low be boarded and schooled until 15  
Exec son James and son in law Lemuel Stanlin

**NOTE:** No land mentioned. This the Joseph who was supposed to have sold his land to Francis Newby where the Sutton house is. Son of Esq and probably the one referred to as Capt

#### LEMUEL SUTTON

1774 – a Joseph one of Ads – the writing of the L looks like a S but listed under Lemuel Francis Newby, George Sutton and Hugh Stevenson – says 1793 and George was the Adm  
Was this 2 different ones

NOTE: Son of Joseph Esq?

BENJAMIN SUTTON – Perquimans 22 Oct 1772 – prob Oct 1772

Son Greenbury – land head of deep creek where I lately lived, wife Sarah, son Benjamin land on Soundside called – can't read maybe Swans – 2 daughters – Martha, Ann Execu brother Joseph, Richard Clayton, Benjamin Harvey

NOTE: Md Sarah Whedbee April 1762 – son of Joseph Esq

Joseph Perisho - daughters Elizabeth, Miriam ?? Sarah, sons Joseph, Benjamin land on Long Branch adj Toms, adj Benjamin Sutton – wife Deborah – 1762 prob 1763 – Samuel Sutton was a wit

NATHANIEL SUTTON ca July 1750

Perisho

Joseph Perisho appeared to be administrator of guardian of - he had acct of inventory against or agent for Christopher Sutton (can't read this) on behalf of Deborah Sutton orphan of Nathaniel Sutton – George, Joseph and Christopher Sutton buying

Joseph Sutton son of Nathaniel petitioned the court saying he was 21 and wanted his estate being held by Christopher Sutton

There is another folder in this estate records also labeled Nathaniel but it is not until 1786 and appears to be another Nathaniel

**DONE**

#### RICHARD SUTTON

Thomas Nichols md Elizabeth the daughter of Richard – her guardian was Henry Hall

On inventory page it says that Mary the widow received a part, William Sutton, Mary Sutton, Sarah Sutton, Susannah and Elizabeth received a part – date was May 1736 ???



## WILLIAM SUTTON

Petition of David and Mary Houghton petition for their share of William Sutton's estate - April Court 1744

**NOTE:** Son of Richard – did his mother remarry David Houghton?

Thomas Sutton alias – can't read name if it is a name – 1775 ?? –

A 2<sup>nd</sup> folder in file for a William - Mary Sutton was widow – she to get 1/3 part – a Wm Sutton Jr's line is mentioned – date appears to be 1859 – does appear to be a later estate

A couple of Benjamins in the late 1700's – Joseph was Exec or Adm

## CHRISTOPHER SUTTON

17 Jan 1754

Buying from estate were Whibeas, Sarah Sutton – Joseph Perisho – various spellings was guardian to Deborah Sutton whose estate lies in the hands of Christopher Sutton dec a former guardian – the estate of Christopher Sutton dec 21 July 1752 – in 1758 Joseph Sutton sold a negro from estate of Christopher – Luke Sumner was the Adm – seems Christopher died owing money and may have left the area – Sarah Sutton had a large chest – suggests it was taken and sold

## JAMES SUTTON

15 April 1770 – Samuel Penric was Adm – only Sutton buying at sale was a James

Another folder in estate entitled James – a note from Alexander Turner – think it is saying his daughter should inherit from the estate – no date

**NOTE:** No clue who this was

## **Jeremiah Sr and Jr**

Sr was in 1824 – widow Elizabeth was adm

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WILL OF JOSEPH PERISHO – 6 Nov 1762 – pro Jan 1763

P 54 - Wife Deborah – daughters Elizabeth, Miriam who received land on Long Branch, son Benjamin, son Joseph both land on Hollar Popar Branch adj Benjamin Sutton, William Tomlin, daughter Sarah – 5 children in all

**NOTE:** Deeds indicate that Elizabeth md William Robbins and Miriam md John Bateman

Estate Records of Sr and Jr and son Benjamin in folder. Benjamin died without heirs and siblings inherited – Deborah remarried Thomas Nichols – John Clayton was Exec

P 55 - WILL OF JOSEPH PERISHO JR – written 12 Sept 1782 prob 1782

Son Benjamin (not of age) nephews Richard Robins and Joseph Bateman – brothers in law William Robins and John Bateman

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