

Robert Cate



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Born: 1700 Henrico, VA

Married: Elizabeth Wyatt

Died: Feb 1767, Orange, NC

Parents: Robert Ezra Cates & Mary Ann Randall

Robert Cates, first son of Robert Ezra and Ann Cates, moved to North Carolina from Virginia sometime before 1750, as land records show he owned land in Bladen Co. in 1750 and Orange Co. in 1753 and 1756. Orange County records show he received land in 1756 from the "Earle of Granville ... on the south side of the Haw River, on the bank of the river and down the waters of Terrells Creek."

Robert Cates married Elizabeth Unknown, with whom he had six children: Thomas Cates, b. abt 1730, d. abt 1817, Newberry Dist., S.C.; John Cates; Richard Cates, b. abt 1732; Sarah Cates, b. abt 1734; Joseph Cates b. abt 1736 in Orange Co., N.C., d. aft 24 Dec 1793, Orange Co., N.C.; and Barnard Cates, who died after 1826 in Orange Co., N.C.

Robert's will was dated 5 Nov. 1765 in Orange County, and lists his wife, children and one granddaughter. The will was probated in the March term of court, 1767. His sons, Thomas and Joseph were executors.

Note 5: About Capt. Robert CATES, from Donna Evans:

CENSUS: Robert CATE, Jr. was on the First Tax List for Orange County, North Carolina.

PROFESSIONS: Robert CATES, Jr. was Commissioner of Roads in Orange County, North Carolina. He was known as "Captain CATES."

PROPERTY: He lived on the Roanoke River in the 1740s; then at New hope Creek; and then at Cane Creek by 1751.

SOURCES: Robert CATE, Jr. and his father, Robert CATE witnessed the will of Nicholas WYATT, of Prince George County, Virginia in 1720.

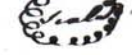
SOURCES: Robert Melton, died in 1759 Orange County, North Carolina. Robert Melton left a daughter. Mourning, according Orange County Court of Pleas & Quarter Session 1752 - Aug 1766, pp. 82 and 52, compiled by Ruth Herndon Shields: "Mourning Melton, daughter of Robert Melton, deceased, to be committed to care of Mr. Robert CATE, Jr. Bond 50 pds. Bondsman Thomas CATE." Court of 1763

WILL: Will of Robert CATE, Jr. probated March of 1767 He left his wife, Elizabeth, half of his estate. He left to his son, Richard, the plantation where he lived at his death after the death of his mother. To his daughter, Sarah, he left the bed she slept on. His granddaughter Ann, daughter of his son Thomas, was left an equal part of his estate as received by his sons and daughters. His sons, Thomas and Joseph were named executors. He did not mention his other sons, Robert III, John, or Charles. Witnessed by: Wm. Smith, Elizabeth CATE, and Robert CATE, Sr.

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In the name of God amen. the 5th Day of November
 in the Year of our Lord 1745 I Robert Cates of Orange
 County Province of North Carolina being very Slightly
 & Weak in Body, but of Perfect mind & Memory thanks be
 unto God, therefore Calling to mind the mortality of my
 Body, & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to
 dye, do make & ordain this my last will & Testament that
 is to say Principally, & first of all I commend my Soul
 unto the hands of God that gave it & for my Body I commend
 it unto the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like & Decent
 manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting
 but that at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same
 again, by the mighty power of God & as touching such worldly
 Estates wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me, in this
 life I give Divise & Dispose of in the following manner
 I give I give to my well beloved wife Elizabeth I give & bequeath
 the half of my Estate, after my taxes & honest Debts are paid
 Next I give & bequeath unto my son Richard, the Plantation
 wherewith I know lived after his mothers Decease
 Next I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah the 1/3
 wherewith I know lived Next I nominate my Grand Daughter
 Anne, the Daughter of my son Thomas for to have an Equal part of
 my Estate with my sons & Daughters & I do nominate &
 appoint my son Thomas & Joseph, to be my Executors of
 my Estate according to my Divise

Witnessed & Published in
 Presence of us as Ab.
 Cates last will & Testament
 Robert Cates Sen. 
 William Cates
 Elizabeth Cates

At and Insa: Court of Pleas & Equity & Chancery County
 of Orange, in the County of North Carolina on the second Tuesday in May
 Present his Majesty's W. The Execution of the within will
 was duly proved by the Oath of Chas: Cates one of the subscribing
 Executors thereto & was to be proved

Test
 Francis Steele