

## HOLLOWELL RESEARCH NOTES 5

Will of Jacob Odom- Northampton County

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Dated 18th day of July 1803

Probated September court 1803

In the Name of God Amen. I Jacob Odom of Northampton County of State of North Carolina being weak in Body but of sound and Perfect Mind and Memory blessed be Almighty God for the same do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say- In the first place it is my Will that all my just debts should be paid as speedily as possible.

Second-- I lend to my beloved wife Angeline Odom one third of the plantation whereon I now reside during her natural life together a ninth of all my other property which I give to her and her heirs forever.

Thirdly-- I give to Charles Odom, my oldest son, one negro Boy named Willie to him and his heirs forever.

Fourthly-- To my son Moses Odom I give my old plantation whereon he now lives to him and his heirs forever.

Fifthly- To my son Winborn Odom I give the third part of the land I now live upon and the part whereon he has made a settlement to him and his heirs forever.

Sixthly- To my son Redmond Odom I give one third part of the plantation whereon I now live where his lot may fall to him and his heirs forever.

Seventhly- To my son Randolph Odom I give one third part of the plantation whereon I now live where his lot may fall to him and his heirs forever.

Eighthly- I give to my daughter Emy Futrile five shillings.

Ninthly-- The whole of what may remain of my property to be sold and equally divided between Charles Odom, Winborn Odom, Redmond Odom, Randolph Odom, Rachel Davis. my daughter Sarah Odom and Mary Odom to them and their heirs forever.

Tenthly- I appoint my sons Winborn Odom, Charles Odom and Moses Odom to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former Wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the  
18th day of July in the year of our Lord 1803

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above named  
Jacob Odom to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of  
us who have hereunto subscribed our manner as witnesses in  
presence of the Testator.

John Whinbro

Jacob Odom-- Seal

Abraham Stevenson

Probated Sept. court 1803  
Northampton County

Jenkins Stevenson

## The Odom Family in Hertford County

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Etheldred Odom grew up around Conway, N.C. He found his way to the southern part of Northampton county and bought several tracts of land. The Northampton-Hertford county line went through his property. Much of those earliest Odom deeds was listed in Northampton county because the county line was not firmly established until after the Civil War. He built his home and settled in Northampton just across the Ahoakie Swamp. He was the first of his family to buy land in Hertford county. He bought from Blake Bryan 119 acres near the line of Hertle county and also lying on Ahoakie Swamp adjoining the lands of Stephen Brown, Jesse Wilk and heirs of Miles Bruce 4 Sept. 1826

Book 23 page 20 Northampton county record.

The Bruce family had land adjoining Etheldred's land. He met and married 21 March 1831 Celia Bruce, dt of Bennet Bruce.

~~Etheldred~~ Celia Bruce sold land to Miles Bruce for two dollars per acre lands which descended to me by the death of my father Bennet Bruce

Etheldred Odom of Northampton county sold 57½ acres of this land to his father Moses Odom 27 May 1830

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Northampton county record

Moses Odom and family were living between Conway and Pendleton. Moses moved with his wife Betsey and five children to this old Odom homestead probably in 1830. Then Etheldred sold to Charles Odom, his half-brother, 33 acres land for \$82.50 on the Bruce line to Moses Odom's line (his father) to Stephen Brown's line

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9 Oct. 1836

Charles Odom, son of Moses and Betsey Clifton Odom, was buying land adjoining his father in Oct 1836. He lived with his parents and sisters. Farming was the chief occupation. Farm products were hauled to Murfreesboro on the Meherrin River and to Winton on the Chowan River. The money from the products could buy home needs. Feed for the livestock was grown on the farm, also food for home consumption. There was weaving of cloth and knitting and basket making. Tallow candles had to be made. People were happy and helpful in times of sickness. Pleasant Grove Baptist Church was their nearest church.

## Abstracts of Deeds

Blake Bryan and Elizabeth his wife of Northampton county sold to Etheldred Odom of Northampton county 119 acres land for \$270 near line of Bertie Co. and also lying on Ahoskie Swamp adjoining lands of Stephen Brown, Jesse Wilks and heirs of Miles Bruce.  
Book 23 page 20 4 Sept. 1826 Northampton Co.

Etheldred Odom sold to Moses Odom (his father) of Northampton Co. 57½ acres land for \$135 between Jesse Wilks and Stephen Brown's line to Miles Bruce line, etc.  
Book 25 page 355 27 May 1830 Northampton Co.

Joseph Bruce of Northampton county sold to Etheldred Odom of Northampton county 122 acres land for \$300 adjoining lands of Stephen Brown, West Tynes, William Brown, Mary Brown, Moses Odom.  
Book 27 page 271 made 23 Feb. 1836 Northampton Co.

Etheldred Odom of Northampton Co. sold to Charles Odom of Northampton Co. (his half-brother) 33 acres land for \$82.50 on Bruce's line to Moses Odom's line to Stephen Brown.  
Book 20 page 47 dated 9 Oct. 1836 Northampton Co.

Etheldred Odom of Northampton Co. sold to Charles Odom of Northampton Co. (his half-brother) 30 acres land for \$100 beginning at the foot of a lane running thence along the line of David Rawls straight across Ahoskie Swamp, thence along the line of Mary Brown, etc to first station  
Book 39 page 283 dated 6 March 1850 Northampton Co.

Thos D. Lawrence of Halifax Co. sold to Etheldred Odom of Northampton Co. 158 acres for \$250 bounded by lands of Thos. Elliott, West Tynes, heirs of Elizabeth Odom, Jesse Wilks, same land said Odom now resided on.  
Book 38 page 129 5 Dec. 1846 Northampton Co.

Etheldred Odom and wife Rebecca of Northampton Co. sold 152 acres land for \$900 to Charles Odom of Northampton Co. (metes and bounds given)  
Book 38 Page 680-681 11 Jan. 1869 Northampton Co.

Note: Etheldred Odom married 2nd on 25 Feb. 1857 to Rebecca Smith Bell, widow of Ebenezer Bell and daughter of Nathaniel Smith.

Etheldred Odom and wife Rebecca of Northampton Co. sold 42 acres land for \$100 to Alford Staten of Northampton Co. land in Hertford Co. beginning at a pine in Jordan J. Horton's line to Jesse Wilks corner to Joseph A. Tyler corner to first station.  
Book 38 page 687 made 11 Jan. 1869 Northampton Co.

Etheldred Odom and wife Rebecca Of Northampton Co. sold 150 acres land for \$4000 to Charles Odom of Northampton Co. adjoining lands of N.B.Tyler and S.R.Tyler.

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23 Oct. 1873 Northampton Co.

Note: Etheldred Odom was living March 1881 and was deceased March 1886. He probably died in 1885.

Rebecca Odom, wife of Etheldred Odom, was living Nov. 5, 1897.

#### Deeds in Hertford County

Aaron Parker and wife Judith sold 85 acres land for \$450 to Charles Odom of Hertford Co. beginning on a new road in Henry Gatling's line running down said road to Ahoskie Swamp then along Swamp to Gatling's line to first station.

Book B page 718

made 6 of 9th mo. 1871 Hertford Co.

William Wilkins sold 18 acres land for \$25 to Charles Odom of Hertford Co. known as land of Sally Wilks.

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30 Nov. 1872 Hertford Co.

Jesse T. Rawls sold to Moses E.S.Odom a strip of land twenty feet wide and forty feet long for \$20 for a road.

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Hertford Co.

Charles Odom and wife Mary P.Odom sold to Lydia (Odom) Rawls (his sister) 100 acres land for \$500 adjoining lands of Jordan J. Horton to road leading from Roxobel to Winton thence down road to Mill Branch to Horton and Odom corner to the beginning.

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28 Oct. 1873 Hertford Co.

Note: Before 1870 these Odom deeds were listed as of Northampton county. After 1870 some were in Hertford county. After the Civil War a new Constitution was adopted in North Carolina in 1868. New boundary lines were established between Northampton and Hertford counties. Etheldred Odom continued to live in Northampton county. Charles Odom and family were in Hertford county.



Sometimes debts piled up and it was necessary to borrow some money. Such was the case with Moses and Charles Odom.

Moses Odom of Northampton Co. gave a deed of trust to Abner Perry of Hertford Co. for \$72.49 on one note and \$100 on another note on a certain piece or parcel of land in Northampton Co. adjoining lands of Etheldred Odom, Jesse Wilks and others (it being the same land that said Moses Odom lives upon) containing 60 acres.

Book 30 page ~~448~~ 389 6 May 1843 Northampton Co.

This land was sold May 1844 and Abner Perry was the highest bidder. Then on 14 April 1845 Elizabeth Odom bought from Abner Perry her father's land - 60 acres for \$70.

Book 30 page 445 Northampton Co.

Charles Odom of Northampton Co. made a deed of trust to Etheldred Odom to pay two notes he owes Abner Perry. Two tracts of land- one in Northampton Co. adjoining lands of Moses Odom (his father) and the heirs of West Tynes 33 acres. The other tract of land in Hertford Co. near Northampton county line adjoining land of Jesse Wilks and the heirs of Uriah Marsh 45 acres.

Book 30 page 391 6 May 1843 Northampton Co.

This land was sold May 1844 and Abner Perry was the highest bidder. Then on 14 April 1845 Lydia Odom bought her brother Charles Odom's land 33 acres for \$40.

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The Perry Family lived near Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

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