

Joseph Pitt apparently died Intestate between 1807-1825

"The Estate of Joseph Pitt" — Record of Estates: Edgecombe Co. Probate Estate Case Files 1820–1825, FamilySearch ark 3:1:33S7-9GCZ-K68, image 46 of 413 (Item 2, catalog #004780015). The page heading reads "The Estate of Joseph Pitt Dr. in an account current with Isaac Norfleet" (Norfleet signing by mark) — a debit/disbursement account, i.e. someone (Isaac Norfleet, likely administrator) settling accounts against Joseph Pitt's estate. Line items pay out various local names (Willis Pitt, Jonathan Jenkins, and others), with dates in the surrounding pages running 1820–1821. This is a genuine post-mortem estate-settlement record for a Joseph Pitt in Edgecombe Co., squarely in your 1820 window.

Two things worth flagging before this goes any further: **no actual "Will of Joseph Pitt" (testator) turned up — only an account/estate-case-file, which is consistent with either an unrecorded will or intestacy, not proof of either. And there's a separate, unrelated hit worth not confusing with this one: "Edgecombe Co. Wills 1758-1830," ark 3:1:939L-JD99-ML, image 712/819 — the Nov. 1807 will of William Dancy, proved on the oaths of subscribing witnesses "Jenkins and Joseph Pitt." That's Joseph Pitt as a witness to someone else's will 13 years earlier, not his own estate.**

Separately, of the 65 probate/estate/will-tagged hits for "Joseph Pitt" in Edgecombe Co. (1795–1830), the other ~60 are all Joseph Pitt appearing as a recurring payee, collector, or security in other decedents' estate accounts across four decades (1780s–1820s) — several entries even read "Joseph Pitt Collector," suggesting he held some kind of county office. None of those should be mistaken for his own death record; this 1820–1821 case file is the one that actually names his estate.

Sources:

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Date	Payee	Amount
1820	Isaac Norfleet for adm ^{rs} Bonds	3 25
1820	John Rogers for adm ^{rs} Bonds	2 13 1/2
1820	3/4 Gallons Brandy furnished at first sale	5 70
1820	3/4 Gallons of Mol India Rum at 100 Cents	13
1820	8 Pairs of Negroe Shoes at 1 1/2 p. Pair	12 00
1820	Paid Seraldes J. Hellebrun	1 16 1/2
1820	Paid Do	2 72 3/4
1820	Paid Do	3 364 5/8
1820	Paid Do	4 32 1/2
1820	Paid Do	5 15 58
1820	Paid Randolph & J. S. Cotton	6 3 37 1/2
1820	Paid Mrs M. Armstrong	7 16 3/4
1820	Paid David Warren	8 5 63
1820	Paid Elv Porter	9 13 60
1820	Paid Joseph Lasky	10 2
1820	Paid Nancy Goffield	11 4 7 1/2
1820	Paid Joseph Lasky	12 6 1/2
1820	Paid Henry Austin	13 3
1820	Paid Jonathan Bullard	14 3 25
1820	Paid Joseph Lasky	15 26 60
1820	Paid Willis Pitt	16 4
1820	Paid Sampson Jenkins	17 32 56
1820	Paid Henry Austin	18 5
1820	Paid Balfour Dupre	19 1 52 1/2
1820	Paid Willis Pitt	20 28 25
1820	Paid Nathan Dupons	21 8
1820	Paid Abram Whaley	22 1 50
1820	Paid Sampson Jenkins for Mrs Balfour	23 2 20
1820	Paid Josiah Freeman	24 5 70
1820	Paid Moses Spivey	25 26 60
1820	Paid Archabald Pitt	26 4 80
1820	Paid Sterling Waller	27 2 10
1820	Paid Zachariah Sennett	28 5
1820	Paid Francis J. Dancy	29 12 11
1820	Paid Philip Lantry	30 7 77
1820	Paid Lewis P. Weber	31 1 36
1820	Paid M. G. Hamstick	32 62 60
1820	Paid Willis Pitt	33 16 9
1820	Paid William Balfour	34 2 25
1820	Paid David Warren & Jackson	35 1 50
1820	Paid William Tompson	36 13 10
1820	Paid Lewis Ledy	37 1 79
1820	Paid Spencer L. Ward	38 4 6
1820	Paid Henry Spurr	39 2 68
1820	Paid Archabald Pitt	40 9 80
1820	Paid John Griffin	41 6 90
1820	Paid William Ruffin	42 5 3
1820	Paid John Cook	
1820	Paid M. G. Hamstick	

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Edgecombe County November Court 1807

The within Last Will and Testament of William Dancy dec^d was exhibited in open Court for probate and was proved by the oaths of Sampson Jenkins and Joseph Pitt two of the subscribing witnesses thereto — And Francis Dancy the only executor therein mentioned was at the same time qualified — And that the same be certified and the Will recorded

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Recorded Book No. 1

1807

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