

84 In the Name of God Amen the tenth Day of December 1718 I Edmund Ayres
of the County of Accomack being very sick & weak in body but of perfect mind &
memory thank be given unto God, therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my
body & knowing y^t it is appointed for all men once to dye doe make & ordain this
my last will & Testament. y^t is to say principally & first of all I Give & recommend
my soul unto y^e hands of God y^t gave it & my body to y^e earth from whence it
came to be buried in Decent Christian burial at y^e discretion of my Ex^{rs} hereafter
named & as touching such worldly Estate as God of his Mercy hath bestowed
in this life I Give & bequeath as followeth

I Give & bequeath this land & plantation whereon I now live being three hundred
Acres I Give y^e same to be Equally divided between my five Daughters Comfort
Tabitha, Patience, Hyldah & Elizabeth Ayres; to them & their heirs for ever
after my wifes de^{ce} or marriage & if any or either of my sd^d Daughters
afores^d die in their minority or without issue then it is my will that
y^e survivors to enjoy y^e de^{ce} part

I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Tabitha one Cow & Calf -

I Give unto my Daughter Anne Mary one Cow & Calf

I Give & bequeath all the rest of my Personal Estate to my Loving wife
Anne during her Natural life or Marriage: & if my sd^d wife should
Marry then y^e sd^d Estate to be Equally divided amongst & between my
wife & my five Daughters Comfort, Patience, Hyldah & Elizabeth & if my
wife die before she marries then y^e sd^d Estate to be Equally divided between
y^e afores^d five Daughters & their heirs & excepting one feather bed &
furniture w^{ch} I Give to my Daughter Ann Mary & her heirs; & my
meaning is y^t if my wife marries or not y^e afores^d bed & furniture I Give
to my sd^d Daughter Ann Mary as afores^d

I Give unto my Brother Francis Ayres & Capt. Rich^d Durnond two hundred & fifty
Acres of Land lying & being at hunting Creek branch joining on y^e land of my
sd^d Brother Francis being y^e halfe of five hundred Acres of Land Given by
Capt. Rich^d Hill to me & my Brother Henry Ayres w^{ch} is two hundred & fifty
Acres of Land I Give to them & their heirs for ever; for a valuable Consideration
already Rec^d by me of them y^e sd^d Francis & Capt. Rich^d Durnond

My will & desire is that my Brother Francis & Capt. Rich^d Durnond be
Joining & assisting to my Executors hereafter named

I Ordaine & appoint my Loving wife to be my sole & sole Executrix
of this my last will & Testament revoking all other wills & Testaments by me
formerly made & doe ordaine this to be my last will & Testament In Witness
I have hereunto sett my hand & Seale the Day & year first above written

Signed Sealed published

& declared this to be my

Last will & Testament in y^e Presence of

Chas. Inead

Thomas T^r Cooper

Edmond Bowman Cooper

Edmund EA Ayres

The within last will & Testament of
Edmund Ayres dec^d was proved in open Court
of Accomack County by the oaths of
Charles Inead Thomas Cooper & Edmond Bowman Cooper
the three witnesses to y^e same August y^e 4th 1719
w^{ch} y^e Court admitted to Record

Recorded August y^e 15th 1719 Chas. Inead Cl. Cor. for Acc^{mt}

Ann Acc^t of Surveys made In y^e County of Accomack June 1719 to June

1720
Survey for Wm Black - - - - - 200 Acres

for Rich^d Rogers - - - - - 100 -

for Edw^d Mifflin - - - - - 840

June y^e 10th 1720
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Sign
the
Blas
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Miff.

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