

In the Name of God Amen The third Day of May in the year of
 Lord God 1797. I Jonathan West of the County of Suomack in Virginia Gentleman
 Being very sick & weak of Body but of perfect mind & memory Thanks be given to
 Almighty God therefore I calling to mind the mortality of my Body & knowing that
 it is appointed for all Men once to die do make & ordain this my last will and
 Testament that is to say first & principally I Give & recommend my Soul unto the
 Hands of Almighty God that gave it me hoping through the merits & mediation
 of my Saviour Jesus Christ to obtain free pardon for all my Sins and offences
 and to inherit everlasting life and my Body I commit to the Grave to be decently
 buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter Named Nothing doubting but
 at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power
 of God And as touching such worldly Goods or Estate wherewith God hath pleased to
 bless me with in this life I Give & Dispose of the same in the following Manner
 & Form that is to say First I will that those debts & Duties as I do owe in right
 of conscience to any manner of person or Persons whatsoever shall well and
 Truly contented & paid or ordained to be paid in convenient time after my
 Decease by my Executor hereafter Named. Item I Give & Bequeath to my well
 beloved wife Rachel West a parcel of Land & Marsh called by the Name of James
 Island containing five hundred Acres of Land & Marsh taken up in joyn't
 Tenance between Cal: Sully Robinson & the abovesaid Jonathan West in
 the Year of our Lord 1705 as will appear by the plott of the said Land to
 her the said Rachel West and to her disposing with all the rights and
 privileges thereunto belonging. Secondly I Give & Bequeath to my abovesaid
 wife Rachel West a small parcel of Land containing fifty Acres called by the Name
 of the prizing House situate & lying on the oneside Creek wth all Houses Outbuilds
 Woods & Underwoods thereunto belonging to her and her disposing. Thirdly I
 Give & Bequeath to my abovesaid wife Rachel West one Mulatto Man and seven
 Negro's to wit: W^m Thibbe a Mulatto man & Daniel & Duke & Jimmy & Weston
 & Mene & Tom & George with all their future Increase to her & her disposing.
 Fourthly I Give & Bequeath to my abovesaid wife Rachel West three Feather
 Beds wth the Furniture thereunto belonging to her & her disposing. Fifthly I Give
 & Bequeath to my abovesaid wife Rachel West one Chest of Drawers & one oval
 Table lying now at the House of M^r. Mary Sneed to her and her disposing.
 Sixthly I Give & Bequeath to my abovesaid wife Rachel West my Still wth all
 the Appurtenances thereunto belonging to her and her disposing. Seventhly I
 Give & Bequeath to my well beloved abovesaid wife Rachel West all the remaining
 part of my personal Estate both within doors & without to her and her disposing.
 Eighthly and lastly I Nominate constitute & appoint my dear & well beloved
 wife Rachel West my Executor Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be
 my last will & Testament As Witness my Hand & Seal the Day & Year first
 above written

Signed, Sealed & Delivered
 In the presence of us

Jonathan West

John Watts
 John West
 John Kincaid
 John Hamiford

At a Court held for Suomack County Octob^r 4th 1797
 The above last will & Testament of Jonathan West Dec^d.
 was proved in open Court by the Oaths of John Watts, John
 West & John Hamiford three of the Witnesses thereto sub-
 -scribed & was admitted to Record Test^{ps}. Jackson C^{lerk}