In the Name of God Amen this Nineteenth day of December 1720 I Thomas
being sick & weak but of sound & perfect memory thanks be to Almighty
God for it & taking into Consideration ye uncertainty of mans life I do
ordain this my Last will & Testament in manner & form as followeth
Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Thomas Copes all y^e Land I now am
possest with except from y^e old Road to y^e new Road & y^e branch Left Clear
I give to Elijah Simpson Item In Case my Son should dye without
Heir Lawfully begotten of his body then two hundred Acres of Land to
=nell Simpson & his heirs for ever provided Giles my Brother will make
Exchange y^e to my Brother Tore named to him & his heirs Lawfully be
of his body for ever & in Case my Son Thomas should dye without heirs
I give to my Son in Law Abraham Hooton y^e Land y^e Patrick Clark
Now lieth on being deamed about one hundred & forty Acres of Land
=ming at y^e main branch & y^e Running along a little branch on this
y^e plantation Running on a Straight line till it shall encompass one
=dred & forty Acres of Land Item I give & bequeath unto my Daughter
in Law Esther Hooton one peice of Poplin and my will is y^e if my
in Law Abraham Hooton decline y^e aforementioned Land y^e Same is his gift
to have y^e Land y^e Patrick Clark doth now live on Item my will is y^e Samuel
Hooton shall pay unto his Brother Abraham Six Cows & Calves for three
=years of Tobacco wch y^e Abraham shall think fitt in Case he
=sheth y^e article aforementioned Concerning y^e Land aforementioned
to him & my will is y^e Samuell Hooton shall have y^e Land Left by his
=her John Hoothone Land att Bogelenorton wch doth belong to Abraham
my will is y^e Giles Copes Refusett to make y^e Exchange of Land y^e
before mentioned y^e Samuell Simpson & his heirs Lawfully begotten
his now wife Sarah one hundred Acres of Land att y^e head of y^e
& my will is y^e all my hoes Axes & wedges & other Iron ware & tools
Harrows is to remain for y^e plantation use & to be made goods
those y^e next Intercedes me Item I give my well beloved wife
my Negro man will dureing his Natturall life provided she remain
=ing a widow & provided the death y^e Negro to remain on this plan
=ation under y^e Command of Samuell Hooton untill my Son Thomas
shall attain to y^e age of Eightteen years Item I give unto my well
=oved Son all my money debtt by Bill or Accompts or any other ways w^tsoever
=nteen Shillings Cart Hope & m^d Matilda wife Shillings Eight & foure pence
The Robins Six seven pound five shillings by bill ringinor Carency as also
pound tenn & all my Cash in y^e house (now live in goods & Silver) y^e p. Good
Silver I Leave under y^e Care of m^d Henry Curtis wth Seven Steares or oxen to be
disposed towards ye buying of a negro for my Son Thomas aforesd when y^e
Curtis shall find a Convenient time in ye most Convenient time as a
Eightteen pence due from Thomas Simpson ye Son of Tho. Simpson Senr
will is ye those ye have not had their parts of ye Estate I have now in possession
Remains of them being Samuell Hooton three pound) already paid & tenn pd
one Odd Shilling as also thirteen pd odd Shillings due to Abraham Hooton
a peice to be pd in Country Comodyties & my will is y^e my well beloved
wife & my Son shall shall have y^e whole of Bedding my wife having her
Chose of y^e Bed which I Item I my will is y^e all my Bedding wth all y^e
=ngs thereunto belonging as Rugs Quilts blanketts sheetts &c with all y^e
Table Cloths towels & y^e Lake wth all y^e remainder of my moveable estate y^e
to be devided into three partts as equally as y^e Estate shall be fitt & y^e
to wife to have her first Choyce of every division & y^e other two to be for my
Son Thomas Copes or also I give to my Son all my warping aff^s both woolen
& Linen also as much good Dung & Cow Litt with trimming as will make
a Suttle and my will is ye Samuell Simpson shall have Liberty to pasture Six Cows
in my pasture dureing his life in ye pasture next to to where he ye Sd Simpson
lives & my will is ye one Suite of Cloths ye belonged to my Daughter Mary to be equally
Hooton with a pair of Codyes ye Remaining part of her Cloths to be equally
divided between Sarah Simpson & Esther Copper & also two guinis I Leave to
Son wth a pair of pistolls & holsters & my Riding Saddel & I give to Abraham
Hooton as much Sarjathe as will make him a Suite & my Son as much as
make him a Suit of y^e same Sort of Cloth & I give to my well beloved wife as
=ch Camlett as will make her a Ryding Gown & to my Son in Law as much Korsey
as will make an Each a Riding Coat & my will is y^e Patrick Clark is to live on y^e
of mine tenn years in Surtenty y^e date hereof paying one hundred pounds of Tobb. a
my will is y^e my wife shall have one horse & Saddle My will is y^e
my Son Thomas shall Receive seven years schooling to read write Cypher well & if further
be Learnt in any art & Science Relatting to the Calling y^e my Son to have y^e advantage
of Learning & for y^e Learning & y^e to be p^d out of y^e produce of my Estate
=tation & if Father wanting to be p^d out of his part of Estate one Cow & Calf
leave unto my Son Thomas Gregory & m^d Jacob & Sarah in money five hundred pounds
=bacco y^e Tho. Scotts & Hughes hundred pounds of Tobb. & my will & desire is y^e my well
=loved wife & m^d Henry Curtis & Sam. Simpson to be whole & Sole Executors & Executrix of this my
will & Testament Revoking all other by me formerly made or also m^d Wm Tazwell I desire to
=ny all Debts both in ring & mankland also give to m^d Tazwell three Gallons of brandy
=ch I hereby ordering the same to be paid to accordingly

The Last will & Testament of Thomas Copes dec^d was proved in open Court
6th day of December 1720 Attest Thomas Ic Copes mark

Accomack County by the oaths of Henry Curtis Edmund Bowman Cooper
Giles Copes three of the witnesses to the same as well the 4th 1721 which
Henry Curtis & Cooper admitted to Record

Recorded may 16th 1721 Cha. Snead Cl. Cur. Jos. Anson
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