

In the name of God Amen this 24 day of November 1717 I William Bently of
Quebec County being sick and weak of body but of sound & perfect mind & knowing
of the certainty of death doe make this my last will & Testament as followeth the first
I Recommend my soul to God my Creator of grace if hoping by it. I Recommend of Christ
I Give as followeth

First I will of all my just debt be fully paid

John I Give & bequeath to my son Robert Bently part of the Tract of Land I have
being three hundred & seventy acres beginning at a Devil's tree between me
& my brother Francis Bently thence down of Beaver dam to a marked white
oaks thence to a Swamp as I have already marked let it be mine or left to him
his heirs for ever

John I Give and bequeath to my son John Bently part of of the Tract of Land his
bounds beginning at a Standing white oak already marked standing & bound on Joseph
Blake land thence with a Course to a Swamp as it is already marked mine or
left to him & his heirs for ever

John I Give & bequeath to my son William Bently of Remaining part of of the Tract
of Land my plantation where on I now live being part of of the Land being mine
or left to him & his heirs for ever

Furthermore my will is that all my Swamp Land if it is in the above three
hundred & seventy acres of Land it is above mentioned be in Common between
my three sons Robert John & William for the parts of Swamps as they shall have
occasion with out any bar or disturbance from each other to them & each of
their heirs for ever

John I Give & bequeath my Negro woman Calid Gabby to my son Holston Bently
after my wife decease

John my will is that the first Child that my Negro woman Gabby shall
bare of her body after my decease & live till it is Eighteen Months
old I Give & bequeath to my son James Bently

I also Give & bequeath the second Child that my Negro woman shall bear
& live to the age of Eighteen months old to my son Benjamin

John my will is that if either of my three sons Holston James & Benjamin shall
die with out issue that the Surviver ^{brother} shall have the above Negro
John I will that my hand will should Remain on my plantation for the life of my
sons and wife to be in Common for their lives

John I Give a Iron kettle to my daughter Ellenor after my wife decease
Lastly I Give and bequeath to my Loving wife Grace her life time
perfect of Land that I have given to my son William during her widow
I also Give all the Rest of my personall Estate what soever to my Loving
wife and doe nominate and avow my wife Grace Bently Executrix
of this my last will & Testament witness my hand & seal the day &
year above written

Signed & Acknowledged
before us
William Bently
Michael Mhedum
Joseph F Bently

The within last will & Testament of my son
of William Bently was proved in
open Court of Quebec County by the oaths of Michael
Nelson Joseph Bently & John Morris three of the
witnesses to the same August 21st 1718 with the
Court admitted to Record
Teste (Cha: Snell Cl. Cur: } Com. Assoc.
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John Morris
Recorded August 21st 1718

In the name of God Amen that I John Downing of Quebec County
in Virg^a being very sick & weaker in body but praise be to God that I have my
Right Senses so I haveing a desire to make this my last will & Testament
the first I give my soul to all mighty God who gave it me and my body
to the Earth to be buried Christian like manner and my worldly Estate I
Give as followeth in this manner & form

John I Give and bequeath to my son John Downing my plantation and Land
Containing Seventy acres of Land lying in Northampton County being part
of the Land that was Samuel's but only my wife Frances Downing to have
her life in my plantation and Land and not to be disturbed nor
mistaken of any protest nor Conveyances that she can make wth the
rest of any after my wife decease I give my d^d plantation & Land
to my son John Downing to him and his heirs for ever

John I Give to my daughter Mary walter one pinter dish one Bible and
two Ewrs

John I Give all the Remainder of my Estate to my Loving wife Frances Dow-
ning during her natural life and after her decease then to be
Equally