

In the Name of God Amen I William Shephard of the County of Accomack
Virginia planter Being weak and out of order & reason of old age
calling to mind & uncertainty of my life in this world and the certainty
leaving this world when it shall please God to call me and being desirous
to settle my estate w^{ch} it hath pleased allmighty God to bless me with in this
world; and for preventing later differences that may chance to arise between
the same. Commit my body to the Earth decently to be buried at w^{ch} discretion
of my friends or Executors hereafter mentioned and my Immortal Soul to
allmighty God in hopes of a Glorious and Blessed Resurrection unto Eternal
life through Jesus Christ my only Lord and Saviour hereby Revoking all other
wills & Testaments here to fore and I doe make & constitute, and Ordaine this to be
my last will and Testament In manner & forme following
I give and bequeath my Immortal Soul to God who gave it and my body to
the Earth to be interred as above
I give and bequeath unto my Grandson William Shephard Foster son of John
Elizabeth Foster my Land and plantation Lying & being in w^{ch} County of Accomack
in this Colony aforesaid to him and the heirs of his body Lawfully begotten for
my will is the s^d John and Elizabeth Foster have their Lives Each of them
the above Land given to their son During thier Natural lives upon such
Conditions as shall be hereafter mentioned to witt) if s^d John & Elizabeth
Foster shall well & decently and dutifully maintain my wife Mary
= hard with meat drink washing and Lodging during her life and all other
= staries suitable and fitting for her degree and Condition with house Room
+ in all other matters then they to have the Land & be during their Natural
lives; but if the s^d John and Elizabeth Foster shall prove Profane to my wife
my deede to be made out according to w^{ch} Judgment of my wellbeloved friend
James Kempe or if he s^d James Kempe shall see fit to turne them out
the house and off my s^d Land bequeathed as above I doe give him full
power and Authority to doe
I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid Grandson William Shephard Foster
now and Calves to be delivered to him at the age of Twenty one years
I leave my Trust & welbeloved friend James Kempe and Naomy his wife full
power and authority to see if my wife well taken care of during her
natural life that she may want nothing that is necessary for her
their one only Judgment and to take as they see fit out of my estate
what they see fit for that purpose
I give unto my s^d Grandson William Shephard Foster Six Ewes & Six
breeding hogs and my Bed that I my selfe lay on and all furniture
to s^d James two Iron pots and one frying pan and all my planters
carpenters Tools one s^d Spoon mowle and one p^r of hand mill Stones the
two last articles not to be removed of w^{ch} Plantation
I give to w^{ch} Next Child if shall be borne of the body of my daughter
Elizabeth Foster three Ewes & my young horse now running in Rigg point Marsh
I ordain and appoint Elizabeth Foster the wife of John Foster & s^d John
Foster Executors & Executrix of this my last will & Testament not with
standing their Executorships I give full power and authority unto my friend James
Naomy Kempe to act and doe in all things as above mentioned and their
wills to be a Law in all such Cases without being called in question for
what they see fit to doe in Relation to w^{ch} maintenance of my wife
out my estate In witness whereof I hereunto sett my hand and seal
this nineteenth of May 1718

Signe Sealed in the
Presence of us
James Withart
Naomy Kempe
James Kempe

William Shephard
The within last will
& Testament of William Shephard was
proved in open Court of Accomack County
by the oath of w^{ch} James Kempe w^{ch} Naomy
Kempe & Simon Smith three of the witnesses
to s^d James October 7th 1718 w^{ch} s^d s^d
admitted to Record

Recorded October 9th 1718
Teste Chas. Smead R. for } for Record
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12 Cows, 1 heifer, 1 yearling, two year old Bull all -	2	- - - -	\$4 = 10 = 0
10 3 sheep -	2	- - - -	\$0 = 15 = 0
10 1 old hand mill, 1 old father bed & some covering -	2	- - - -	\$2 = 10 = 0
10 1 old father bed diff. with some covering -	2	- - - -	\$1 = 0 = 0
10 2 old tables, 1 chest, 1 box 4 old C. C. Cask 2 old Lining wheels all -	2	- - - -	\$2 = 0 = 0
10 a full of Coppers & other tools -	2	- - - -	\$1 = 0 = 0
10 10 pieces of Earthen ware 2 glass Bolls, 4 old Books -	2	- - - -	\$0 = 6 = 0
10 1 old muskett, 1 old mare, 1 old cart & wheels all very old -	2	- - - -	\$1 = 5 = 0
10 1 old plow 1 old harrow 4 old hoes 1 grindstone -	2	- - - -	\$8 = 15 = 0
10 1 old shoe 2 wedges 1 broad ax 1 smothering iron 2 iron pots 1 kettle -	2	- - - -	\$0 = 0 = 0
10 a frying pan with some old lumber -	2	- - - -	\$0 = 10 = 0
Total under our hand			

By: 29th Day of August 1718

Total sum £ 15 = 11 = 0

The within Inventory R Ralph Payne

& agreement was Recorded in the Court of John Morris

October 18th 9:17 AM Cha: Irene (C. P. C. P.) Samth Bretingham
Record

This Indenture made the fifth day of October Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & Eighteen Between Christmas Gascome & John Gascome of W. County of Accomack in W. Colony of Virginia planters two of the sons of Henry Gascome late of Northampton County Planter deceased of the one pte and William Daniel of the County of Accomack Planter of the other pte Whereas W. Henry Gascome in his life time was possessed in his several & of free of in and unto eleven hundred acres of land situate lying & being in W. County of Accomack aforesd near W. head of J. yngolauque Creek and by his last will & Testament bearing date the first day of October one thousand six hundred & ninety amongst other things therein contained did devise unto his son Henry Gascome all his lands lying & being in Northampton County & to his heirs lawfully begotten for ever and in case W. Henry should depart this life without heirs lawfully begotten and before he came to W. age of one & twenty years that then his son William Gascome & his heirs should inherit the same for ever and of W. Henry Gascome the father did further by his last will & Testament devise & bequeath eleven hundred acres of land unto his sons William Thomas & John Gascome & to their heirs for ever on condition nevertheless that in case his son Henry should depart this life before he came to age aforesd & without heirs lawfully begotten that then his son William being to succeed him in W. inheritance of W. State aforesd W. William & his heirs should be barred for ever from enjoying any pte of the W. eleven hundred acres of land in Accomack County but W. W. Land should be & remains to his W. sons Thomas & John & their heirs equally divided as W. Henry Gascome W. son is lately deceased before he came to W. age aforesd & without heirs lawfully begotten as aforesd by reason whereof W. William into W. State to him devised in Remembrance after W. Decese of W. Henry his Brother did enter & is now of W. same possessed lately deceased to W. W. Cole & whole right of W. & unto W. aforesd eleven hundred acres of land by virtue of W. Request aforesd thereby vested in W. aforesd Thomas & John & their heirs equally to be divided & W. Thomas & John now are in the actual possession & Enjoy of W. same Now this Indenture Witnesseth that W. Thomas & John Gascome for & in Consideration of W. full & just Quantity of tenn thousand pounds of Tobacco to them in hand paid by the aforesd William Daniel before W. Enclosing & delivery hereof W. receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge & thereof & of every pte & pte thereof do acquitt & exonerate & discharge W. W. William Daniel his heirs & assigns for ever by these presents Have granted bargained sold aliened Entailed & Confirmed and by these presents for themselves their heirs & assigns do Grant Bargain sell alien Entail & Confirm unto W. W. William Daniel his heirs & assigns for ever a certain Tract of W. of land Containing one hundred & twenty four acres being pte of W. W. eleven hundred acres and is buttred & bounded as followeth Bounded on W. South East on M. James Watt his Land North Easterly on Michael Neale hams Land North Westerly on D. Joyner his Land Southerly on Charles Taylors Land Dravon with Lines & Corners as followeth first beginning at a Corner tree near W. the Corner of an old field commonly called Gascomes old field thence running North East by North two hundred & six poles thence North west by west one hundred twenty six poles thence South two hundred & six poles thence South East one hundred & four poles to W. first mentioned Corner tree Together with all & singular the Buildings & Hedges Orchards