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John
Foster
Will

In the Name of God Amen I John Foster of Albemarle
County being very Sick & Weak in Body but of perfect Mind
& Memory thanks be to almighty God for the same but
there calling to Mind the Mortality of my Body & that
knowing it is once appointed for all Men to die do make
& ordain this my Last Will & Testament that is to say principally
and first of all I give my Soul into the Hands of Almighty
God that gave it me first my Body I recommend to the
Earth to be buried in a Christian Decent Manner at the Discre-
tion of my Executors not Doubting but at the General Resurrection
I shall receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God and
therefore Touching such Wordly Estate as it hath Pleased the
almighty God to bestow on me I do give Devise & dispose of the
same in the following Manner & Form. Item I do hereby give
& bequeath unto my Dear & well Beloved Wife Sarah Foster
One Negroe Boy Named Griggory & One Negroe Boy Named
Biller & One Negroe Boy Named Pompey & One Negroe Girl
Named Siller her & her Increase, During her Life or Widou-
hood though not to be exposed to Sale for any Debt or Debts and
after her Death or Marriage to be equally Divided with all
my other Goods & Chattels & Land among my Eleven Children
Except my Negroe Fellow Peter and my Young Mare I leave to
be sold at Publick Auction to the Highest Bidder To pay of my
Debts all other Estate whatsoever to be equally Divided among
my Eleven Children to them & their Heirs for ever Henry Foster,
Marken Foster, John Foster, Sarah Garnet Foster, Simon West Berry
Foster, Rachel Foster, Joel Foster, Edmund Foster, Philadelphia Foster,
Anthony Foster, Mary Foster & if any of my Children should
die without a lawfull heir then their part to be equally divided
amongst the Rest & further more I desire that as far as my boys
arrive to the Age of Twelve years of Age they may be put to school
Two years & then bound to a Trade and likewise my Daughters
to have one year Schooling & likewise do Appoint David Watts
John Marken Thomas Berry & Joseph Claybrook Esqrs for to Manage
& settle my Affairs. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand & Seal my Seal this Eleventh Day of February in the Year
of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred & Sixty four.

John Foster (S)

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Signed Sealed Pronounced & Declared
In the Presence of these Witnesses }

Wit
John Henslee
Charles English
John Hammack

at a Court held for Albemarle County the 23rd Day of April 1764.

This Last Will & Testament was presented in Court proved by the Oaths of John Henslee & John Hammack two of the Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded & on the Motion of John Asher & Thomas Ferry the Executors therein named who made Oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form & giving Security whereupon they with Isaac Davis Thomas Martin Thomas Carr & Giles Rogers their Security entered into & acknowledged their Bond accordingly

Wit
Henry Ferry

Children with
In the Name of God Amen I Athaham Childres of the County of Albemarle Being in perfect Sense and Memory Do hereby declare & say that This Writing to be my Last will & Testament In manner as follows
Impress I most humbly bequeath my Soul to almighty God And my Body to the Earth And for all the Rest of my Worldly Estate I Dispose of as follows
Item I Give to my Son William Childres all the Goods as he took from me when he Run away from me I also give him one Shilling Sterling & no more
Item I Give unto my Son Athaham Childres two Books Bailey Dictionary & my house Bible
Item I Give to my Daughter Sarah Taylor one Shilling Sterling
Item I Give to my Daughter Salitha Dawson one Shilling Sterling
Item I Give to my Daughter Lucinda Snodgrass one Shilling Sterling
Item I Give to my Daughter Elisabeth Thomas one Shilling Sterling
I also give to my Daughter Mary Ann Carter one Red Leather Sack
Item I lend to my Wife Lucy Childres Two Hundred Acres of Land whereon she now liveth for & during her natural Life
Item I Give to my said Wife all that part of my Estate as is mentioned already in a Bond to her Trustee Henry Hopson I Give them monies and things to her & her heirs Appointed by her for ever also the Increase of the said Stock as is in that said Bond which I have