

In the name of God Amen I John Ward of the
State of Virginia, County of Amelia & Parish of Raleigh being
Sound in mind but weak in body on this first day of Nov:
in the year of Our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and
Seventy Nine do make this my last Will & Testament
in manner & form following Viz, I give to my wife Mary
Ward during her Natural life all & every of my lands with all
and Every Appurtenance and Convenience hereunto belonging
I also give to my said wife every Negroe, Stock of all kinds
and Every Other individual thing of that kind soever that
I may die, possess'd of, or is in any Manner belonging or
Appertaining to me which may be had after my death I
also give in the same Manner to my said Wife during her
Natural and my further Will and desire is that if my
Wife Mary Ward should have no Lawfull Issue of me & by
Which shall live longer then her that she my said Wife
shall have and possess forever the several Articles given
above only for life; but if there should be a child after my
Death as perhaps may be the case, who shall arrive to Law-
ful Age my Will and desire is and I do give & bequeath to the
said Child whether Male or female, and to his heirs forever all
and every thing which did not come by my wife both Land and
Negroes as well as Other things to be possess'd of After the death
of my Wife to whom in case of a Child as Mentioned above I
give free disposal of every thing which comes into my Estate by
her Marriage as desiring not to leave her intirely dependant
but rather free and Easy hath prompted me to leave her my whole
Estate for life Only should there be a Child as mentioned above
So also doth my love for her and Our Near Connection prompt
me to give and bequeath to her my said Wife and to his heirs
forever all and Every thing whether Mentioned or Not Mentioned
that shall in any wise Appertain to me, provided there is no Such
Child in Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand &
Seal the day & year Above Written, I do constitute & Appoint
Richard Egglestone J^r and my wife Mary Ward Executors of this my
Last will & Testament
Signed Sealed & Delivered, in presence of J^r John Ward Esq^r
Richard Towne
Stephen Locke
Jed Jackson
John Towne Jun^r