

In the Name of God Amen I Francis Stokes of the Parish
of Annsleigh in the County of Amelia being now in Health and of a Sound and
Disposing Mind but knowing the uncertainty of this Life and that the Time
of my Dissolution draws Nigh Do make my Last Will and Testament in manner
and Form following

Inprimis I give and bequeath my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God who
gave it and my Body to the Earth to be Buried by my Executors hereafter named
and as to such Temporal Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I give and
Dispose of by Deed in manner and form following

Item I give to Lucy Clarke one Negro Woman named Nell, with her increase
during her Natural Life and at her Decease I give the said Negro Woman with her
Increase to be divided equally between Richard Clarke George Clarke Edward
Clarke and Sarah a Minor Child of My Brother George Clarke of Gloucester
County to them and their Heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to Hannah Clarke Daughter of Richard Clarke and
Lucy his Wife one Negro Boy named Johnny to her and her Heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to James Clarke Son of Richard Clarke and Lucy his
Wife one Negro Boy named Will to him and his Heirs for ever

Item I give to Mary Tarry Wife of Samuel Tarry two Negroes one Man named
Sante and one Woman named Sarah with her Increase until her two Daughters Frances
Tarry and Mary Tarry comes of Age or Marries then I give the said two Negroes with
the Increase to be equally divided between Frances Tarry and Mary Tarry Daughters
of Samuel Tarry and Mary his Wife to them and their Heirs for ever But it is my
true intent and Meaning & I do hereby Ordain and Appoint that James Tarry or
Mary his Wife do pay my Executors hereafter named twelve pounds ten Shillings current
Money in lieu of the said Negroes at the time they are delivered and in case they do not
pay the said Money within the term of four years after my Decease that then my Executors

and in such Temporal Affairs as it hath pleased God to bless us with I give and
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Item I give to Lucy Clarke one Negro Woman named Nell with her increase
During her Natural Life and at her Decease I give the said Negro Woman with her
Increase to be divided equally between Richard Hooker George Hooker Richard
Hooker and their Heirs and Children of my Brother George Hooker of Gloucester
County to have and their Heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to Hannah Clarke Daughter of Richard Clarke and
Lucy his Wife one Negro Boy named Johnny to her and her Heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to James Clarke Son of Richard Clarke and Lucy his
Wife one Negro Boy named Will to him and his Heirs for ever

Item I give to Mary Tany Wife of Samuel Tany two Negroes one Man named
Jack and one Woman named Sarah with her Increase until her two Daughters Frances
Tany and Mary Tany come of Age or Marry then I give the said two Negroes with
the Increase to be equally divided between Frances Tany and Mary Tany Daughters
of Samuel Tany and Mary his Wife to them and their Heirs for ever But it is my
true intent and Meaning & I do hereby Ordain and Appoint that Samuel Tany or
Mary his Wife do pay my Ex^{or} hereafter named twelve pounds ten Shillings current
Money in lieu of the said Negroes at the time they are delivered and in case they do not
pay the said Money within the term of four years after my Decease that then my Ex^{or}
shall keep the said Negroes to him and his Heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to Edward Booker Son of Major Booker one Negro
Boy named Peter to him and his Heirs for ever but my Will and Desire is & I do ordain
and appoint that Maj^r Richard Booker his Ex^{or} or adm^r do pay my Ex^{or} twelve
pounds ten Shillings current Money in lieu of the said Negro Boy at the time he is delivered
but in case my Ex^{or} has not the said Sum of twelve pounds ten Shillings paid him
within four years after my Decease then he shall keep the said Negro Boy to him and his

Item It is my Will and desire I do hereby ordain and appoint and it is my true intent and meaning that if Hannah Clark and James Clark children of Richard Clark and Lucy his Wife die without issue of their Bodies Lawfully begotten then my Will and desire is that their Mother Lucy Clark have the use of the said Negro Boys Jimmy & Will as before devised during her lifetime and after her decease to be equally divided between Richard Booker and George Booker sons of my Brother George Booker to have and their Heirs for ever.

Item It is also my true intent and meaning I do hereby ordain and appoint that if Francis Fanny and Mary Fanny die without issue of their Bodies Lawfully begotten that their Mother Anne have the use of the said Negroes Jack and Sarah during her Natural life and after her decease I give the two Negroes with the Surplus to be equally divided between Edward Booker and Susan Fanny the children of my Brother George Booker to have and their Heirs for ever.

Now I give and bequeath to Edward Booker a small parcel of land to have and his Heirs for ever.

I also give and bequeath to my children Book, Nancy, Dany, Dor, Ruth, Hannah, Sarah, Hannah, Jimmy, Esther, Paul, Anne, Frank, Abner & Isaac the sum of 1000 pounds to be equally divided between Richard Booker, George Booker, Edward Booker and Susan Fanny the children of my Brother George Booker of the County of Amelia. Richard Booker Capt. Book Dany Book and Book my children of all my Brother Booker to have and their Heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my children Susan Cannon and my Son Aaron to have and their Heirs for ever.

Now I give and bequeath to my Brother William Marshall my Brother George Booker a sum of twenty shilling for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to Edward Booker a handsome pair of New English Shaws
Item I give and bequeath to Jane Booker Wife of Edward Booker a new horse yard of Cultivation at 250 pounds.

Now I give and bequeath to Capt. Edward Booker a Matt of a Horse for ever.

*I give Mary Dyer without Issue of her Body Lawfully begotten that she receive
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I have given and bequeath to Robert Walker Judith Walker and Mary Anderson
Each a Slave one Gift common Prayer Book

I have given and bequeath to all my Brother and Sisters children and their Children that is now
born whose has not had any Shares already given them Each a Slave one Gift common Prayer
Book.

I have given to the Son of Ambrosia Parry twenty five pounds Curr. Money paid by my
Executors within three years after my Death in the Manner I shall direct him.

I have given and bequeath to Peter Bookers Son of my Brother George Bookers the Liberty

of his own and his Heirs for ever

I have given and bequeath to Judith Bookers Daughter of Coll. Edward Bookers a Slave one
Gift common Prayer Book

I have given and bequeath all the Rest of my Estate both Real and Personal to my
Heirs and Heirs for ever according to my Will and Desire is and I do hereby advise and require

that on my Death what money the Legacies shall come to more than the twenty
five pounds laid on the Legacies given to Edward Bookers Francis Terry and Mary Terry
Children of my Brother Richard Bookers and Daniel Terry.

I have made constitute and appoint Edward Bookers Son of my Brother George Bookers
whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby advise and require

that he do perform and discharge all and singular the Duties and Endeavors which he shall be bound to do
in and about the Execution of this my last Will and Testament.

I have made constitute and appoint my hand and Affixed my Seal this day of November 1754
in the presence of my Witnesses and declared to be his last Will

Testament of Francis Stokes in the presence of

Test Francis Anderson
Edward Bookers
James Bookers

Francis Stokes Test

At a Court held for Amelia County the 28th Day of November 1754

This last Will and Testament of Francis Stokes was presented in Court by the Executors
known Names who made oath that they were the Executors of the said

Book.

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I, Francis Stokes of Amherst Parish twenty five pounds (unt Money paid by my
Executor within the years after my death in the manner I shall direct him.

I have given and bequeath to Edward Bookers son of my brother George Bookers the living

House in him and his heirs for ever

I have given and bequeath to Judith Bookers Daughter of Edw'd Edward Bookers a Handson
yell containe Drago Book

I have given and bequeath all the Rest of my Estate both Real and Personal

Clarks and his heirs for ever and my Will and Test is and I do hereby read and set out

that I have paid my £50. What money the Legacies shall arise to cover them the twenty

five pounds being in the Legacies given to Edward Bookers Francis Tarry and Mary Tarry

Witness of my said Richard Bookers and Samuel Tarry.

I have, I do constitute and appoint Edward Bookers son of my brother George Bookers

whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament it to be my last and true

Will and Testament and I do hereby declare that I have no other Will and Testament

Witness of my hand and Affixed my seal this 14th day of November 1751

Francis Stokes Published and declared to be his last Will

Witness of Francis Stokes in the presence of

Test Francis Anderson

Edmond Bookers

James Bowles

At a Court held for Amelia County the 28th Day of November 1752

This last Will and Testament of Francis Stokes was presented in Court by the Executor
therein named who made Oath thereto and was also proved by the Oaths of Edmond Bookers

and James Bowles two of the witnesses thereto which is admitted to Record