

In the name of God Amen the year
June One thousand seven hundred and seventy I William Leary
Amelia County and Parish of Stottoway being very sick & weak
but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto Almighty
God calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing
that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and
ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say
Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into
the hands of God that gave it and my body I recommend to the
Earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion
of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection
I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God and as
touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God
to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same
in the following manner and form Impremis I will that
all my Debts be paid being first proved Item I will that
my Estate be not Appraised Item I lend my whole
Estate be it Real or Personal to Rachel my dearly beloved
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desire my Wife would lend any part of the Personal Estate
to my Children as shall think

Wife enduring her natural life or Widowhood and I
desire my Wife would lend any Part of the Personal Estate
as could best spare to those of my Children as shall think
are in most want returnable to the Estate again and I
likewise Will that she raise out of my said Estate one
hundred and twenty pounds for the use of my six Daughters
to wit Elizabeth Clarke Mary Walden Ann Bennet,
Sarah Penn Milly Dudley and Lucy Lea, the said Sum
to be equally divided and Elizabeth Clarke's Part to be
left in the hands of the Executors to be dealt out to her as
she shall stand in need, the other Daughters to possess
their parts when raised Item my will and desire is that
my Personal Estate be equally divided among my Children
after my Wife's Death or Widowhood to wit Elizabeth
Clarke, Mary Walden Ann Bennet William Lea, Sarah
Penn, Joseph Lea Andrew Lea Milly Dudley, Lucy Lea
and John Lea and my son Ambrose Lea's (de^d) Children
being seven in number to have the Eleventh Part of my
Estate divided among the said Children and whatever is
Left

to be a support to her The said Elizabeth and after her
decease I give her portion to be equally divided among her
Children But provided my said Daughter Eliz^a Clark
should become a Widow then I will that my Executor
deliver her portion to her ensuring her life and then to be
divided as before mentioned to her Children Item I will
that all my Lands be sold at Vendue after my Wife's decease
or widowhood) and the money divided among my Sons
William Lea, Joseph Lea, Andrew Lea & John Lea and
my Son Ambrose Lea (du^e) seven Children to have the
fifth part of the money which my Lands sell for, to be
equally divided amongst them Item my Will and desire
is that if either of my Sons or Daughters dies before a lawful
heir, that then my desire is that the deceased's portion shall
return to my Estate again and be equally divided among
the surviving Children But provided either of my Sons
should die leaving his Wife with child then I will that
his Invisible heir possess his portion Item I do hereby
constitute make and ordain my Sons William Lea, Joseph
Lea & Andrew Lea my sole Executors to this my Will

should our leaving his wife with child then I will that
his Inverible heir possess his portion & term I do hereby
constitute make and ordain my Sons William Lea, Joseph
Lea & Andrew Lea my sole Executors to this my last Will
and Testament all and singularly my Lands Messuages
& Tenements by them freely to be possess'd & enjoyed And
I do hereby utterly disallow Revoke and Disannul all
and every other former Testament Wills Legacies and
Bequests & Executors by me in any way before named
Willes and Bequeathed ratifying this & confirming it
and no other to be my last Will and Testament In
Witness I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day
and year first mentioned

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced &
declared by the said William Lea as his
last Will & Testament in presence of us

William Lea (LS)

Simon Mallon

Thomas Dudley Jr

Philip P. Eastin
Clerk