

Walter
Hill

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Pate of the County of Bedford
Being Weak of Body But in sound and perfect Understanding and
Memory of mind do make constitute and Appoint this my Last will
and Testaments, and Desire it to be Received by all as such Imprimis
I do most Humbly Bequeath my Soul to God my Maker, Beceeching his
Most gracious Acceptance of it Thro the all sufficient Merits and Medi-
-tation of my most compassionate Redeemer Jesus Christ in this hope
and confidence I Render up my Soul with comfort Humbly Beseeching
the most Blessed and glorious Trinity one God most Holy most Merciful
-ful and gracious to prepare me for the Time of my Desolation and
then to take me to himself into that peace and Rest which he has
prepared for those that Love and Fear his Holy Name Amen Blessed
Be God Imprimis I give my Body to the Earth from whence it was Taken
in full Assurance of its Resurrection from thence at the Last Day: as for
my Burial I Desire it may be Decent without pomp or state at the Discre-
-tion of my Dear Wife and my Executors here after Named who I do not

will manage it with all Requisite prudence as to my Nowdly Estate
Which it hath pleased God to Bless me with I do Dispose of as followeth
first I will and Positively Order that all my Just Debts be paid I am
I give and Bequeath to my son Matthew Pate one Negro Girl Named Sarah^h
and Two Hundred & Seventy four Acres of Land to be Said of Joining his
plantation to him and his Heirs forever I give and Bequeath to my
son Anthony Pate one Negro Man Named Frank and one Hundred
Acres of Land to be Said of Joining his plantation to him and his Heirs
forever I am I give and Bequeath to my son Thomas Pate one Negro Boy
Named Sam and one Hundred Acres of Land to be Said of Joining his
plantation to him and his Heirs forever Item I give & Bequeath to my
Daughter Judith Pate one Negro Girl Named sue and one Feather Bed
and furniture to her and her Heirs forever I likewise Lend and Bequeath
to my said Daughter Judith the plantation where on I Now Live with Two
Hundred Acres of Land Joining it to her and her Heirs of her Body lawfull-
ly Begotten forever but if she should Decease without an Heir as afore said
my will and Desire is that the said plantation be Sold and the Money

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-y Begotten forever but if she should Decease without an Heir as afore said
my will and Desire is that the said plantation and Land shall Return

to my Estate again to be Equally Divided among my Three Son
Jeremiah Thomas and Anthony to them and their Heirs forever
I am I give and Bequeath To my Grand son (son of John Pate and
Judeth his Wife) Ten pounds Cash to be paid if he lives to be Ten
Years Old on purpose to give him Learning and if he should Die
before he comes to be Ten Years Old my will and Desire is that the
said Ten pounds shall remain in my Estate forever I am I give
and Bequeath to my son Jeremiah Pate one Negro Boy named
Batt and one Hundred Acres of Land to be said of Joyning his
Plantation to him and his Heirs forever I am I give and
Bequeath To my Loving and Dear Wife Martha one Negro
Man named Tom, and one Negro Woman named Phillis for the
Term of her Life and After her Decease I give and Bequeath
the said Negroes Tom & Phillis to my son Jeremiah Pate to him and
his Heirs forever Likewise I give to my said Wife all the Remainder
of my Estate and my Will and Desire is that my wife shall keep

Witness my Hand & Seal of Office this 10th day of May 1771

all my Whole Estate Together During the Term of her Life if she
pleases Except the Negro Girl and Bed of my Daughter Judith
and Them she is to Take when she pleases and if my Wife shall
please to Deliver up any part of my Said Estate before her Decease
she must Deliver it all according as I have Willed it and will and
Desires that my Estate shall never be Appraised but that it may
Stand as I have Willed it and Lastly I do Appoint and Ordain my
Loving Wife and my Son Jeremiah Whole & Sole Executor and
Executrix of this my Last will & Testament in Witnes Whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 10th day of November
1767

Edward ^{this} Pate (L.S.)
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Samuel Shrewbery
Nathaniel Shrewbery }
Elizabeth Shrewbery }

The Last Will & Testament of Edward Pate Deceased, which is
hereunto Annexed, was Exhibited in Court by Jeremiah Pate

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and proved by the Oaths of Jeremiah Shrewsbury & Nathaniel Shrewsbury &
Elizabeth Shrewsbury the witnesses thereunto subscribed & Ordered to be
Recorded & on the Motion of the said Jeremiah Pate (the Executor therein
Named) who Entered into & Acknowledged Bond with Security for his
Due and Faithfull Execution of the said Last Will and Testament and
made oath according to Law, Certificate is granted him for Obtaining
a Probate thereof in Due form of Law. Reserving Liberty to the Executrix there
in Named to Join in the Probate thereof When she shall Think proper
Teste Ben Howard 26th 36

~~Memorandum~~
~~Will~~
In the Name of God Amen I Martin Hemmon of Bedford County being very
Sick & Weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be given to
God. Therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body & Knowing that
it is Appointed for all men to Dye do make and Ordain this my Last will &