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William
Deloach's
will

In the Name of God Amen I William
Deloach Sen^r of the County of Brunswick in Virginia being in
perfect Health and strength of body and also perfect in mind and
Memory thanks be to God for it but calling to mind the uncertainty
of Transitory Life do make and ordain this my Last will and
Testament in manner and form as follows First I give my soul
to Almighty GOD my Creator trusting that through the Merits
of my ever Blessed Redeemer I shall at the Last day Receive a
joyfull and Happy Resurrection and my body I desire may be
decently Buried at the Discretion of my hereafter named Executors
as to all the Temporal Estate that God has bestowed on me with in this
world my will and desire is that the same be disposed of as follows
I give my will and Desire that my Loving wife Eleanor
have and enjoy the plantation whereon I now live together with the
Lands thereunto belonging being five hundred Acres for the term
of her Natural Life during which term my desire is that she

have and enjoy the said Land without any trouble or Molestation and
after the end of her Natural Life my will and desire is that the said
Land as aforesaid be given to my Loving son Francis Deloach &
I hereby give the said Land to my foreward son Francis Deloach &
to the Heirs of her body Lawfully begotten forever **Item** Give
and bequeath to my foreward Loving son Francis Deloach four
hundred Acres of Land lying in the County of Northampton in
North Carolina on the south side of a swamp known by the Name
of Wild Card and do hereby give the said four hundred Acres of Land
to him my foreward son Francis Deloach and to his Heirs and
assigns forever **Item** Give and bequeath to my foreward Loving
wife Eleanor two Negroes to wit Elizabeth and a Negro Girl Named
Phillis and do give the said Negroes to my foreward wife to be at
her own Ordering and disposing forever Also my will and desire
is that my foreward Loving wife have and enjoy the Common and
Profit and Labour of my Negro boy Jack aged about thirteen
Years during the term of her Natural Life and after her decease
my will and desire is that the said Negro Jack be hereby given
to my foreward son Francis Deloach and to his Heirs and assigns
forever **Item** Give and bequeath to my foreward Loving son

forever **I** Give and bequeath to my forsaide Loving Son
Francis Deloach four Negroes to wit, a Negro boy Named Leaven a
Negro Girl Named Jenny, and a Negro Girl Named Hannah also
one Negro boy Named Darry all which said Negroes I give and
bequeath to my said Son Francis Deloach and to his heirs and assigns

forever **I** Give and bequeath to my Loving Daughter
Martha now the wife of Thomas Hill two Negroes to wit, one Negro
boy Named Jenny and one Negro Girl Named Kate and do give the
said Negroes to my forementioned Daughter Martha and to her heirs
or assigns forever Also I give my said Daughter Martha a Chest
Lock and key being the same that is now known by being called my

Chest **I** Give and bequeath to my loving Daughter Anne
now wife of William Hill three Negroes to wit, one Negro Woman
Named Sarah and one Negro boy Named Dick and one Negro
Girl Named Amy and do give the said Negroes to my forementioned
Daughter Anne and to her heirs or assigns forever Also I give my forsaide
Daughter Anne two Cows and Calves to her and her heirs and assigns
forever **I** Give and bequeath to my Loving Granddaughter
Celia Hill the Daughter William Hill and my forsaide Daughter
Anne one Cow and calf to her my said Granddaughter and to her

Now and a sign forever *Item* I give and bequeath to my Loving
 Son William Deloach two Negroes to wit one Negro woman named
 Judah and one Negro Girl named Sarah and do give them said Negroes
 to my forementioned son William Deloach and to his heirs and assigns
 forever and whereas I have already given my fore said son William
 Deloach Land and Negroes in times past Equal in Value or amounting
 the Value of what I have hereon bequeathed to any one of my other children
 and in former time delivered the same to him I therefore think that I
 have given him the said William my fore said son fully his share
 and to the intent he may not think himself forgotten nor
 neglected I have also added the fore said two Negroes and devise
 that he may have no further claim to any part of my Estate and
 of this my Last Will and Testament I nominate constitute ordain
 and appoint my forementioned Loving wife Eleanor and my
 fore said Loving son Francis Deloach as my true and Lawfull Executor
 and after my Just debts Legacies and Funeral Expenses is paid &
 discharged my will and devise is that all my Household Goods and
 Stock of all kinds be Equally divided between my said Executor and
 Executor and hereby Revoking all other or former Wills or Wills by me
 heretofore made do hereby Acknowledge this my Last Will and Testament

Executor and hereby Revoking all other or former Wills by me
heretofore made do hereby Acknowledge this my last will and
Testament as **Witness** my hand this twenty fifth day of
March one Thousand seven hundred forty five.

Signed so read declared pronounced
and Acknowledged in presence
of us

Signum

William W D Deloach Esq

Hardy Hart
Moan Dem Daughtery
Alexander Southern and

At a Court held for Brunswick
County March 3rd 1745

This Will was presented
in Court by the Exor therein named
who made oath thereto According to Law and the same was proved by
the Oaths of Hardy Hart and Moan Dem Daughtery two of the Witnesses
thereto and ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the said Exor
Certificate was granted them for obtaining a probat therof in
any form they having given security according to Law

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