

Teste & Testimonium C. F. H. 1751

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In the name of God Amen the twentieth day of
November one thousand seven hundred and six by J. William
Swindley Planter in County of Brunswick in the province
Virginia being sick and Weak of Body but of perfect mind
& Memory. Thanks be given to Almighty God. After calling
to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die do make and bequeath this my
last will and Testament that is to say principally and first
of all I give and Recommend my Soul to God that gave it
me & my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in Christian
Burial at the Discretion of my Executors Nothing Doubting
but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same
again, by the mighty Power of God, And as touching
My little Estate whithersoever God shall please to bless me with in this
life I give Give and Dispose of the same in the following
Manner and form Vizt.

...and thank God for his mercies
I thank him for his mercies
to mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is
appointed for all men once to die to make and obtain this my
last will and Testament that is to say principally and for
all. I give and Recommend my soul to God that gave it
me. I Recommend to the Court to be chosen in Christian
Burial at the Discretion of my Executors. Nothing Doubting
but at the final Resurrection I shall receive the same
again, by the mighty power of God. And as touching
the Estate with hath pleased God to bless me with in this
life. I give Grants and Dispose of the same in the following
Manner and form Vizt. ...

My friends first then I give and bequeath unto my Loving Son John
Lester one Hundred and Sixty day Book of Land in
Brunswick County to have and to hold unto him his heirs and assigns

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I give and Bequeath unto my youngest Son Benjamin
Lastly after the Dissolution of his Mother's plantation
Whom I now live on containing two Hundred Sixty & Six Acres
Likewise to him his Heirs a life time.

I give and Bequeath to my Loving Son Howell Lastly the Remainder
of my Land to him his Heirs a life time. I Appoint & Charge
that Thomas Stanton David Bullock and John Givens to Divide the
Land among them from Beginning on the County line and then
North line. so to land of two Hundred and sixty six Acres
to this Inagument to the plantation for my youngest Son Benjamin
and then to land of the last mentioned two Hundred and sixty six
Acres more to him. as they shall think most convenient and then
Remainder to my Son Howell as aforesaid.

I give and Bequeath unto my Son John I will on these more
Have married Dick. and if ever my Son John raises a child to him
and Bequeath it to him his Heirs a life time. and on the
called Darling. I give and Bequeath unto my Son
William I will on these more

Wife Maria Schley on Negro Woman. Her name was to be Mary
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My Wife in Marriage to and son Benjamin. I then
became into my Loving Daughter Lucy Schley on Negro
called Maria. I then gave and Request to my son
David Schley on Negro girl called Maria. I then
Request unto my Loving Wife during my Natural Life a

one Negro man named Frank and at the discovery a
be sold at public sale and the money to be paid to my
my son Children: and if the said called Frank whom I gave to my
Wife for her Widowhood should have more Children in the first
Already mentioned to John. I Will that my Daughter Lucy shall have
the said and David the said and Benjamin the said and if I

shall have more than just to John I give and so on according to
I then Will that all my Stock & household furniture be appraised and
continue in the hands of the said David and Wife in the condition
that the same is in at the death of the said David and Wife and I give
and that I shall pay to each child the said share of the same when

My Wife is Married to one John Williamson J. Wm
Requath unto my Loving Wife During her Natural Life widow
called Mary J. Wm. and bequeath to my Loving
son Charles my Negro girl called Anne J. Wm. and
Requath unto my Loving Wife During her Natural Life widow
one Negro man named Frank and at her decease to be
sold at public sale and the money to be paid to my
my son Charles and if the said Frank whom I gave to my
Wife for life a Widowhood should have more children in the first
already mentioned to him. I Will that my Daughter Lucy shall have
the said one third and William the third and if he
shall have more than first to John again and so on according
J. Wm. Will that all my Stock & household furniture be appraised and
continue in the hands of the said said my Wife on the condition
that the money be paid to my son Charles and my daughter Lucy
and that my said wife shall have the said one third of the said stock
and that my said wife shall have the said one third of the said stock
and that my said wife shall have the said one third of the said stock

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survive again I will that the money Belonging to the Child
shall be forthwith paid into the hands of Thomas Canton and my
son John Ashley whom I constitute and appoint my sole Executor
of this my last Will and Testament (Partially) confirming
this will and no other to be my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
the day and year above Written.

Signed Sealed, Given and Delivered

in the said Will as my last Will. Wm. Leavelle Esq. Seal
and Testament.

In Presence of
Wm. Ballenest - Thompson

Thomas - Jones

Piggott Clarke

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 23rd day of March 1761

Wm. Leavelle Esq. appeared and acknowledged the above Will and

Will was proved according to law by the Oath of Wm. Pickens
Commissioner and James Lashley back of the Will was then
read to be Recorded, and on the Motion of Simon Clanton and
John Lashley in Recitor their names who made oath then
together with John Pickens and Thomas Washington their clerks
came into and acknowledged said bond in the presence of me
Thomas Jones. Conditions as the Law Directs Certificate was
granted them for having a probate thereof in due form.

John Robinson C. J. Clerk

In Court at a Court held for Brunswick County the 23rd day of March 1761
of Appraisement It was ordered that John Lashley, Daniel Coleman &
John Robinson should appraise the Estate of Wm. Lashley Esq. in
the the above being first sworn before a Justice of the Peace
before the said Justice of the Peace. And it was ordered that
the said appraisers should make a return of the value of the
said Estate to the Court at the next Court to be held for the
County of Brunswick.