

IN the Name of God Amen. I Abraham Estes of the County of Caroline and Parish of St. Margaretts being sick and weak do make this my Last will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say first and principally I do recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it hoping for forgiveness of my manifold sins through the merritts and mediation of my blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and for my body to be buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named. And for what worldly Goods it has pleased God to bless me with I give and dispose of as follows.

Item: I have given my former wife's children namely Catherine Tamplin, Abraham Estes, Barbery Brock, Mary Booten, Samuel Estes and Philip Estes all that I do intend to give them and my will is that they shall have no more of my Estate.

Item: I do lend to my loving wife Elizabeth Estes all my Estate real and personal that shall be left after my just debts are paid during her widowhood, but if in case she should marry then my will is that she shall enjoy none of my Estate only what the law allows her.

Item: I do lend to my five children which I have by my present wife namely Lucy Estes, Elisha Estes, Benjamin Estes, Mary Ann Estes, and Edmund Estes all my Estate real and personal which I have before lent my wife to be equally divided amongst them and their heirs forever, but if in case either of the said children should die before they come to the age of eighteen or day of marriage then my will is that my Estate shall be equally divided among them such as shall be found alive of the children I had by my last wife to them and their heirs lawfully begotten forever but if in case no such heir should be then my will is that my Estate should be equally divided among the children I had by my first wife before named and to their heirs forever.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Colonel William Waller and Samuel Hawes, jr., Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby empowering and requiring them to be my lawfull Executors. And I do hereby declare this to be my Last will and Testament revoking all former wills by me made. And in witness whereof I have signed sealed and published and declared this to be my Last will and Testament this 10th day of August 1757.

ABRAHAM ESTES SEN: *****
SEAL

Signed sealed and published this to be my
Last Will in the Presence of:

Her
Ann X Tamplin
Mark
Her
Eliz^a. X Tamplin
Mark
Sam^l Hawes, jr.

At a Court held for Caroline on the 8th of February 1759:

The Last will and Testament of Abraham Estes, deceased, was proved by the others of two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. William Waller and Sam^l Hawes, jr., Executors named in the said Will refused to take