

In the name of God Amen I James Desmukes of St. Margt. James  
County being in health and perfect memory I do make &  
ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form  
following First I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty  
God hoping through the merits death and passion of my Saviour  
Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon of all my sins,  
and my Body I commit to the earth to be decently interred at  
the discretion of my Executors here after named, And as for  
what temporal Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me  
with, my just debts, funeral charges and other expences being  
first paid, I dispose as followeth. Inprimis. I give  
and unto my loving Wife Ruth Desmukes my whole Estate  
both real and personal during my Widowhood. Item I give  
and bequeath unto my Son James Desmukes that Tract  
of Land which was purchased of Trist. Michael and  
Joshua Step to him and his heirs for ever. Item I give to my  
son William Desmukes that Tract of Land which was  
purchased of Col. Wm. Beverley and John West &c.

purchased of Colo. Wm. Beverley and John Hart to him  
and his heirs for ever. Then I give unto my Son Ruben  
Dismukes all the remainder part of my land being  
the place where I now live, the land purchased of my  
Son James Dismukes, Walter Caliaferis and John  
Jones containing three hundred and four Acres to him  
and his heirs for ever. Then I give unto my three sons  
namely James, William, and Ruben my Grist Mill  
also the Miller Tom to be equally divided amongst  
them, to them and their heirs for ever, but in case either  
of them ~~shall~~ die without heir lawfully begotten  
It is their joint will and desire that their part of my  
Estate should descend to my four daughters namely  
Mary Sarah, Milley and Ana Dismukes or to such  
of my Daughters as shall then be living at them and  
their heirs for ever. Then I give to my daughter

Thare Wife of James Garbrough in Negro Woman named  
Dinah Simon and a boy Gabriel her children and their increase  
also fifty Pounds current money to be raised out of my  
estate before division, to her and her heirs forever.  
Item I give to my daughter Sarah the Wife of Henry Gar-  
brough One Negro Woman named Let a Boy David  
a Girl Clara and a Girl Ann from her children and  
their increase to her and her heirs for ever, also one  
Bed and furniture. Item I give unto my daughter Miller  
Desmukes one negro Woman named Lett, a boy John  
and a Boy Nelson her children and their increase,  
also one Bed and furniture to her and her heirs for-  
ever. Item I give unto my daughter Ann-Desmukes  
One young Negro fellow named Tom, a Girl Rachel  
and their increase, one feather Bed and furniture, also  
fifty Pounds current money to be raised out of my  
estate before division, to her and her heirs forever.

but in case any of my said daughters should  
die without <sup>being</sup> lawfully begotten of their Body  
then it is my Will and desire that their part of  
my Estate shall descend to my daughters then living  
and to be equally divided amongst them to them  
and their heirs for ever. I give and bequeath  
my Negroes not already given when convenient  
to be equally divided amongst my three sons  
namely James, Wm & Ruben Desmottes to them and  
their heirs for ever but in case either of my said sons  
should die without their lawfully <sup>being</sup> begotten, that then their  
part of my Estate to descend to my two youngest  
daughters namely Miller and Ann Desmottes  
to be equally divided between them and to them and  
their heirs for ever. Lastly, all the residue and

remainder of my Estate not already disposed of I give  
to my three youngest Children namely Ruben Miller  
and Ann Desmarches to them and their heirs for ever,  
but in case any of my Children should die without  
Issue lawfully begotten then their part of my Estate  
to be equally divided to the Survivors to them and  
their heirs for ever. And I do hereby nominate, con-  
stitute and appoint my loving friend Samuel  
Harris Executor of this my last Will and  
testament hereby disanulling and <sup>revo-</sup>oking  
all other Wills by me at any <sup>times</sup> heretofore  
made declaring this to be my last Will and  
testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and Seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1769 Teste

Robt Tarrish Comr. Vaugham James Desmukher  
Thos Blackburn

Caroline October Court 1774

This Will was proved by the Witnesses  
and admitted to Record. On the petition  
of Ruth Desmukher, Adminr. Am testam-  
ento annexed is granted her Oath  
Administered both acknowledged.  
according to Law

John M. Nelson

Attest

John P. Slaughter

John P. Slaughter