

95

Stokes John
his Will

I John Stokes of Charles City County being weak in Body but through mercy
having my perfect sense and sound Memory and calling to mind the Certainty
of Death and y^e Uncertainty of y^e time when do make and Ordain this my last
Will and Testament in form and manner as followeth first that my body be decently
buried and committing my soul to y^e Mercy of my blessed Saviour in full Assurance
and hope of a glorious Change

Item I give and bequeath after all my Just Debts and funeral Expenses be paid unto
Francis Hlandus Son of William one of my best beds and furniture one Cow now with
Calf and my best Gun to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto Hannah Rudder my next best bed and furniture and
one Spinning wheel and my old bed to her and her heirs forever

Item I give unto Lewis Grutchful one Cow and Calf the Cow is black and one more
to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto John Morley Winford my house hold to him and his
heirs forever and Last I give unto my Executor all the remaining Part of my
Estate Let it Consume in whatsoever it may for his paying all my Debts & other
troubles he may be at to him and his heirs forever I Nominate and Appoint
James Winford Executor of this my last will & Testament In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Seventh day of September
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred Sixty eight

Sub

John Stokes

Thomas Gunn

Wm Hlandus
mark

John Stokes Seal

At Court held for Charles City County the 2 day of November 1768

The aforesaid last will and Testament of John Stokes deceased was presented in
Court by James Winford the Executor therein named Affirmed to by the said Executor
and being proved by the Oaths of all the witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded
Certificate is granted the said Executor for obtaining a probate thereof in due
form he having made Affirmation thereof and entered into bond with
Security according to Law Teste

Lyddall Bacon D^{ty} C^l

Christian
to
Christian
Dad

This Indenture made this Seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and Sixty eight Between Richard Christian of the
County of Charles City of the one part and Samuel Christian eldest Son of the said
Richard of the other part Witnesseth that the said Richard Christian