

WILL OF JOHN STITH, pp. 313-314.

I John Stith of Charles City County & parish of Westover being in perfect health
& sen [torn] do make this my last will & Testament this 30th day of January 1784
after my body [torn] Decently buried without any unnecessary Expence and my just
Debts paid if any. Imprimis I give the plantation whereon I now live to my son

Anderson Stith & his heirs forever and thereby confirm an absolute title to the molatto boy Dick to my son William Stith and his heirs forever Item my will & desire is that all the rest of my estate of what kind soever be equally divided according to its value by the sale of it by agreement between themselves or indifferent honest gentlemen to be by them chosen, between my four Daughters Frances, Jane, Anne & Charlot & their heirs forever.

And lastly I appoint my two sons Anderson & William Stith Mr Booth Armistead & Mr William Westwood jun Ex ors of this my last will & Testament without Bond & security & in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above

JOHN STITH seal

Signed sealed & delivered
as his last will & testament
before us
SUSANNA HARDYMAN
JUDITH STITH

May 24th 1762 It is my will & desire that my molatto slave Joe be excepted out of the devise above of (all the rest of my estate &c) & I do hereby give & bequeath the said slave Joe to my son Anderson Stith to him and his heirs forever Witness my hand

JOHN STITH

Sign'd & acknowledged before
JAMES HARDYMAN
JOHN HARDYMAN
LITT COCKE

At a court held for Charles City County Wednesday the 7th day of July 1762 The last will and Testament of John Stitt Gen. dec^d was presented in court by Anderson Stith and Booth Armistead two of the Ex^{ors} therein named who made oath thereto the same being proved by the oath of Susanna Hardyman one of the witnesses thereto & is continued for further proof. A codicil to the said will was proved by the oaths of John Hardyman & Littlebury Cocke two of the witnesses thereto is ordered to be recorded and on motion of the said Anderson Stith & Booth Armistead certificate is granted for obtaining a probat of the said will & codicil in due form they giving security whereupon they together with Littlebury Hardyman & John Hardyman their securities entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of two thousand pounds Current money with such condition as the Law in this case directs. At a court held for Charles City County Wednesday the 4th day of April 1764 this will was further by the oath of Judith Stith the other witness thereto & ordered to be recorded and is recorded

Teste
MORDECAI DEBNAM C.C.C.