

In the name of God Amen. I Charles Butler of the county of Middlesex being through
the slow and weary and for many years last past being in a weak and infirm
debilitating and weary condition this my last will and testament hereby give it may
be received by all as such. First I do not doubtly believe in any god but God my maker
bestowing his most gracious mercies upon me through the all sufficient merits and
mediation of my most compassionate redeemer Jesus Christ who gave himself for an
atonement for my sins and is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by
him, seeing he was able to make intercession for us and as I trust will not reject
me, a returning penitent sinner, when I come to him for mercy, in this hope and con-
fidence I revive up my soul with comfort heartily describing the most blessed and
glorious Trinity one God most holy, most merciful and gracious to prepare me for the
time of my dissolution and then to take me to himself into that peace and rest and
incomparable felicity which he has prepared for all that love and fear his holy
name, Amen. Blessed be God. I give my body to the earth from whence it was taken
in full assurance of its resurrection from thence at the last day as for my burial I
desire it may decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my dear wife and
my executors hereafter named who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite
prudence as to my worldly estate I leave in the manner and form as followeth
That is to say that all my just debts be paid first. Secondly, I give and bequeath to my
dearly beloved wife all my estate real & personally to her during life and after her

decease my desire is that the Land whereon I now live be equally divided between my
son John Butler and my son Edmond Butler and my desire is that the rest of my
estate be sold and the money arising to be equally divided between my four children
which are as followeth Viz^t Frances Puckett, Sarah Williams, John Butler &
Edmond Butler and I doe constitute and appoint John Woodson jun^r and John
Holman to be my whole and sole executors of this my last will and testament
whereunto I have sett my hand and seal this thirteenth day of October 1776.

Witness John Raine

Matthew Williams

his
David Puckett

Leeson Butler S. S.

At a court held for Cumberland county 21st March 1777

This last will and testament of Leeson Butler deceased was proved by David Puckett a
witness thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of John Woodson junior one of
the executors therein named who made oath according to law certificate is granted him
for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security thereupon he with Frederick
Heiber his security entered into bond according to law and liberty is reserved to the other
executor to join in probat.

Test J. Thompson. Sworn to.

At a court held for Cumberland county 28th July 1777

This will was further proved by John Raine a witness thereto.

Test J. Thompson. Sworn to.