

In the name of God Amen I David Werniford of the parish of Southam and county of Cumberland being of sound perfect and disposing acie mind and am now do make ordain constitute and appoint this to be my last will and testament in manner & form following.

It is my will that my body be decently interred at the discretion of my executors hereafter named.

I give and bequeath unto my grandson George Cunningham and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever my negro woman called Matt to be delivered to him when he comes of age and in case my said grandson should die without lawful heirs of his body then it is my will that the said Matt together with his future increase be equally divided between my grandsons David Werniford and Charles Werniford.

I give and bequeath unto my grandson David Werniford and his heirs forever my negro boy Ned to be delivered to him when he comes to lawful age and the copper kettle.

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Charles Werniford and his heirs forever my

my boy Jimmy to be delivered to him when he comes to the age and one
son full. And I have requested the favour of my neighbor Jacob McGehee to
take the said negro Matt, Ned and Jimmy into his possession and care and to
keep them together with the other two of the said Matt until my
grand children shall have a right to demand them respectively and that
the said Jacob McGehee pay unto whomsoever shall have a right to demand
Matt such hire as he the said Jacob shall think sufficient for her service after
satisfying himself for clothing and maintaining her and her children.

I give and bequeath unto Schem Bradley and William Bradley one feather
bed with such furniture as belongs to it at the time of my decease also three
head of cattle one pair of spoon molds one grindstone one chest and all
my penknives.

I give unto my grandson George Birmingham one large iron pot and two
bed as it is called with the furniture.

I give and bequeath unto my grandson George Birmingham all the corn and
wheat that may be in my house at the time of my decease to be delivered to
him immediately as also what crop I may have growing on my plantation
at the time of my decease and it is likewise my request of my neighbour
Jacob McGehee to take care of the pot and kettle given my grandsons Dan
and Charles till they come of age.

It is my desire that my executor immediately after my decease sell or

and should all my debts be paid.

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long credit all the remaining part of my estate and that after my debts
are paid the residue of the money arising therefrom be immediately
paid unto my ^{said} grandsons George David and Charles share and share alike.

And lastly I do hereby appoint my said neighbour Jacob McGehee whole
and sole executor of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills
by me heretofore made In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this second day of January one thousand seven hundred
and seventy one

signed sealed published & declared to be the last will
& testament of David Merriford in presence of us

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back line the other side of fire on this being made before us

Thompson Swann, Catherine Swann

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At a court held for Cumberland county 22nd January 1776.

This last will & testament of David Merriford deceased was exhibited in
court by Jacob McGehee the executor therein named and the same was sworn
by Thompson Swann a witness thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the
motion of the said executor who made oath according to law certificate is granted
him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security whereupon

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Thompson Swann Catherine Swann

Joseph Swann

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him for obtaining a probat thereof as due form giving security whereupon
he with William Blake his security entered into bond according to law.

Examined

Joel Thompson Swann Clerk