

In the name of God Amen I Adam Bowntwel of the County of Parish of Eliz^a City being Sick and Weak of Body but of perfect Senses Memory, Praise be Almighty God for the same, Calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life do therefore make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following. I Impowr I Give & bequeath my Soul to GOD who gave it me, and my Body to the Earth to be decently Buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, And for what worldly Goods I am Possessed of I dispose of as follows.

Item I Give & bequeath to my Son John Bowntwel all my Land that lyeth on the East Side of the Road from Hampton that leads along Back River through my Plantation being that part whereon I now live to him and the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever But in case my said Son John should die without such heirs, Then I Give the said Land to my Son Samuel Bowntwel and to the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever, and in case my said Son Samuel should die without such heirs, Then I give the said Land to my Son Edward Bowntwel and to the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever.

Item I Give and bequeath to my Son Robt Bowntwel all my Land that lyeth on the West Side of the said Road that leadeth from Hampton along Back River to him and the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever But in case my said Son Robt should die without such heirs, Then I give and bequeath the said Land to my Son Edward Bowntwel and to the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever, And in case my said Son Edward should die without such heirs, then I give the said Land to my Son Samuel and to the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten for ever.

Item I Give to my Daughter Ann Bowntwel my Negro Girl named Venus, to her and her heirs for ever.

Item All the Rest of my Negroes together with all other my Estate not heretofore disposed of after my Just debts & funeral Charges are paid, I Give and bequeath to be equally divided Between my Loving Wife Katherine Bowntwel, my Son John, my Son Robt, my Son Samuel, my Son Edward, my Daughters Ann & Elizabeth and the Child my Wife goes withall, to them and their heirs for ever. Lastly I do hereby Nominate and appoint my loving Wife Katherine Bowntwel my Executrix, and my friend James Cunningham to be my Executors of this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking and making Void all other Wills heretofore by me made. In Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 14th Day of November 1754.

Sign & Seal'd and declared by the Testator -
to be his last will & Testament in presence of

Nathaniel Cunningham
Willm. Averar

Ann Cunningham

Adam Bowntwel

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The Last Will & Testament,
of Adam Bontrock

No. 14. 1754