

In the name of God Amen I Captain Westwood Armistead of the County of
Norabeth City do hereby, in order to dispose of my worldly Estate make this my
last Will & Testament in manner following. Imprimis I give and bequeath
unto my living wife the use & property of these five Negroes named Cass, Jeffery,
Dennis & Rachel during her natural life, with full power at any time while she is
or by Will at her death, to give & dispose of them as my said wife pleases to any
or some of my three Children or to either of their heirs. Item I give to my said wife and
Featherbed & furniture at her choice, also my Gray Horse & black Horse. I will give
my said wife the use of my Land plantation purchased from my brother Anthony
with full power to cut down and sell timber for the payment of all my debts, and if
that is done then for her to cut down & sell said Timber until she has raised two
hundred pounds without money of Virginia which said two hundred pounds I give
to my wife & my two Daughters Elizabeth & Mary. Item my will & desire is that all
that I shall hereafter give, my two Daughters shall work & be employed with them &
have giving my wife in getting & carrying the said Timber to market and that for
the time they are employed in raising the money to be sent to discharge my debts that
my said wife in any Guardian to my said Daughters shall not be accountable for any profit
from the said slaves. Item I give & bequeath unto my son William (after my said son
has raised & raised the above sums of money) all that Tract & plantation of Land
I purchased of my brother Anthony containing four hundred twenty & eight Acres
and to the heirs of my said Son for ever. Item I give & bequeath to
my said son the free use of my said Son, Andrew, James, Jeffery, the said
to him & his heirs for ever. Item I give & bequeath unto my said Son, William, my
said Son's heirs for ever & his heirs, Item I give my said Son's heirs for ever &
Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth the said Slave named Cass, during her life,
Item, Mary, & Anne, & her heirs for ever. Item I give my said Daughter my long
baking Glass, Item I give to my Daughter Mary the said Slave named Judy, Alice,
Charles, Beck, & Molly to her & her heirs for ever. Item my Will & desire is that if
either of my Daughters should die before they come of age or so near that they be
deemed to be at that child so dying & so before given them by this will that be
equally divided between my surviving children. Item I give the use of all my
remaining goods to my wife with full power to her to dispose of it to my children as she
thinks proper, Item my will & desire is that all the remaining part of my estate not
given by this will shall be equally divided between my wife and my two Daughters.
Item I hereby constitute & appoint my living wife Executrix to this my Will &
Testament as my last & seal, this ninth Day of February Anno Domini 1782
Signed & Delivered Published &c.

Declared in the presence of)
John Tate
George Tate
John Bonner

Westwood Armistead