

In the Name of God, Amen. I Carter Tarant of
 the Parish and County of Essex City, in the State of Virginia
 being very sick and weak in Body, but of perfect mind and
 Memory, thanks be given unto God, calling to mind the Mortali-
 ty of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all
 Men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and
 Testament hereby revoking all former wills and Testaments
 by me made, ratifying and confirming this and no other to
 be my last will and Testament: That is to say, principally
 and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the
 Hands of Almighty God that gave it, and for my Body,
 I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian
 like manner at the discretion of my Executors not doub-
 ting but at the general Resurrection I shall receive the
 same again by the mighty Power of God: and as touching
 such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless
 me in this Life, I give devise & bequeath and dispose of
 the same in the form and Manner following.

In witness

I lend to my beloved wife Mary Tarant, my
~~Plantation whereon I now live~~, with all the Land Houses &
 belonging thereto, together with my Negroes, Caesar,
 Hampton, Ned and Doll and all my Furniture and House-
 hold stuff so long as she continues my widow.

Item,

Item,

I give, devise and bequeath unto my dear wife Mary
Servant, the best Bed with necessary furniture I now possess
together with all my cattle, sheep, Hogs, and Stock of every
kind, to her my said Wife Mary and her Heirs forever.

Item,

I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Leonard Servant
a negroe boy nam'd Billy, who sometime ago run away
to him my said son and his Heirs forever.

Item,

I give, devise and bequeath unto my son Francis Ser-
vant, all my Land and Plantation whereon I now live
together with my negroe Man nam'd Cass and all my
Furniture and household stuff, whenever my said Wife Mary
Servant shall either marry or die, to him my said son
Francis and his Heirs forever.

Item,

I give, devise and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary
Carlton, my negroe man nam'd Hampton, whenever my
said Wife Mary shall either marry or die, to her my said
Daughter Mary and her Heirs forever.

Item,

~~I give, devise and bequeath~~ unto my Daughter Jane
Talbot, my negroe woman nam'd Doll, whenever my said Wife
Mary shall either marry or die, to her my said Daughter
Jane and her Heirs forever.

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I give, devise and bequeath unto my Daughter Kitty
Tarrant my negroe woman named Sue, and when my
wife shall either marry or die my negroe man named
Ned, to her my said Daughter Kitty and her heirs forever
Them,

I give, devise and bequeath the residue of my Estate
to my beloved Wife Mary Tarrant & her heirs forever; to
be disposed of as the ~~my~~ wife pleases, except I do not due
me from the Estate of John Middlehurst deceased which
I give & bequeath to my Daughter Kitty Tarrant and her
heirs forever.

Item,
my will and desire is that there be no Affirmament
or Oath of any of my Executors.

And Lastly,

I nominate, constitute and Appoint my
worthy and trusty Friend William Ballou and my be-
loved Son Francis Tarrant Executors of this my last will
and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this twentieth day of July in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three.

Signed, sealed, published and declared
in the presence of
last will and Testament in the
presence of
Coliza Brought
Ann Brought
Grob Brought,

Carter Tarrant