

I John Nelson of Elizabeth City County do make my
Testament and last will in the form and manner following
that is to say —

Item, I leave the use of fifty Acres of Land which I Now live on
to Mary Adams during her Natural Life, if she should Marry
then I Give the Said Land to her Daughter Rose Adams, to her
and her heirs for Ever, and likewise I Give my Negro Girl —
Named Grace to the Said Rose Adams and her heirs for Ever

Item I Give to Mary Adams full liberty to cut or sell any
timber or wood off of my other fifty Acres of Land which I Bought
of Henry Allen and likewise I Give Rose Adams her Daughter
Liberty to get wood and timber for the use of the fifty Acres sold
to her off of the Said Land Purchased of Henry Allen

I Give I Give to Hannah Adams Daughter of Mary Adams
fifty Acres of Land, which I Bought of Henry Allen and
likewise my Negro boy called Sam to her and her heirs for
Ever and if the Said Hannah die without heirs my will and
desire is that John Adams her Brother should have her
Legacy —

I Give I Give to Jeremiah Adams son of Mary Adams my
Negro Man Named Crisdale to him and his heirs for Ever

I Give I Give to Thomas Adams son of Mary Adams my
Negro Boy Named Gylacore to him and his heirs for Ever

I Give I Give to John Adams son of Mary Adams my Negro
Girls Violet and Jude to him and his heirs for Ever

I Give I Leave my House and Land in the Town of Hampton
to be sold and the Money arising after my Just Debts is
Paid I Give with the Residue of my Estate ungiven to Mary
Adams and to her disposal that is to say my Negroes Jack
and Dillaway together with my stock and household furniture

but in Case she Marries, then my will and desire is
that the two Negroes, Jack & Dillaway with Stock and
Household furniture &c. to be Equally Divided among the
five Children above Named—

Lastly I appoint Mary Adams my whole and sole
Executrix of this my testament and last will, and
further my will and desire is that whoever is Sen-
= rity for the above Named Mary Adams to this
my will shall Receive ten Pounds out of my Estate,
which I sign and seal this fourth day of July—

In the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven-
hundred and Sixty Nine John Nelson

Signed sealed, published and
declared by the said John Nelson, the
Testator, as and for his Testament and
last will, in the presents of us who in
his presents and at his Request subscri-
= bed our Names as witnesses hereunto

Testes J. W. Brown

Fran Mallory

James Bray Armistead

Phil Mallory

At Court held for Eliz. City County February 28: 1772.

This Will was Proved in Court by the Oaths of John Brodie Francis
Mallory & James Bray Armistead three of the Witnesses thereto and
Ordered to be Recorded

J. W. Brown