

In the Name of God amen I Meritt Westwood of the County
County of Elizabeth City being Sick & weak but of sound
memory do make this my last Will and Testament in man-
ner and form following

I give and bequeath ^{to my} loving Wife Elizabeth Westwood & my
Daughter Sarah Westwood all my lands to be equally divi-
ded between them & to their heirs for ever

Item In Case that my Wife should be now with Child and it
proves to be a boy I then give all my said Lands to him
and to his heirs forever In case it should be a Girl then
it is my Will and desire that the said Lands be equally
divided between my said Wife & Two Daughters, and their
heirs for ever, My further Will and desire is that if
my Daughter Sarah and the Child my Wife now goes
with, should die before they come to age or
marry, That then I give the Fifty Acres of land which
now lie being part of my said Lands to my Wife Elizabeth
Westwood & to her heirs for ever, with liberty to get Rails
& fire wood off the other Lands during her life, And the
remainder of my said Lands I give and bequeath to be
equally divided between William Westwood & John Still-
Westwood Sons of William Westwood to them & to their
heirs for ever, In case they die before they have lawful
Issue, I then my Will and desire that the said Lands descend
to Worlick Westwood son of Worlick Westwood to him and to
his heirs for ever.

Item My Will and Desire is that my House hold ~~furniture~~
Kitchen furniture, and ~~all~~ my Stocks of all kinds be
after my just Debts are paid shall remain on my said
Lands for the use of my said Wife and Children.

Item, I Give and bequeath to my loving Wife Elizabeth Westwood,
my Daughter Sarah Westwood, and to the Child my Wife
now got. with all my Negroes with their future Increase
to be equally divided between them, ~~between and between~~
~~between and between~~, In case my said Children should die before
they come to lawful age or married, I then give to William
Westwood & John Stith Westwood Sons of William Westwood
each of them a Negro boy & girl And, In case the said William
& John Stith Westwood should die before they come to age, then
~~then~~ my Will and desire is that the said Negroes descend
to Worrick Westwood son of William Westwood.

Item I do hereby Constitute and appoint my loving Wife
Elizabeth Westwood my Executrix, Cap^t Miles King & Cap^t
Worrick Westwood Executors to this my last Will & Testament
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my Seal this Twenty fifth day of March 1777
Signed Sealed & declared } *interposed before signed*
in presence off — } M^r Witt Westwood
March

W. King
Francis Mallory
Samuel Jones