

Hampton November 11-1802

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In the name of God amen" -

I Mount Edward Chis-
man of the county of Elizabeth City do ordain,
proclaim & acknowledge being sound in mind
and judgement this to be my last will
and testament - - -

Impremis - I give and bequeath unto my loving
wife Mary Chisman and to her heirs forever
one fourth of an undivided tract estimated
at four hundred acres lying in York County
on ~~beach~~ Creek - - -

Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife
Mary Chisman during her natural life the
following negroes; to wit, Abraham; Rachel
~~Charlotte~~, ~~Freely~~ & Old John - after her
decease it is my wish that the above
mentioned negroes with their increase should
be equally divided between my surviving
children or their heirs in case either of them
marries before the death of my wife -

Item - I also give and bequeath to my wife
Mary Chisman all my household & kitchen
furniture with all the personal effects
of which I may die possessed and her heirs
forever - - -

Item I further appoint my wife
Mary Chisman my sole executrix, and it is
my desire that she act in that capacity
without being obliged to give security for the
proper management of my estate, having full
confidence in her discretion and integrity -

In consideration of which I invest her as
executrix with full power to act on my
estate, not specifically devised, in any
manner which may appear to her for the
benefit of herself and children -

^{test} Signed in presence of Mount Eden Shipman
John S. King
Robert Lively
Dorothy H. Hewitt

Wit: truly 6th day 28: 1905. Proclm'd
in Court and prov'd by the oaths of R^{ts} Lively
and Dorothy Hewitt, Gorder to be recorded

Teste
W. H. Woodruff Clerk

W. S. Chapman dated
last May. 1902

Recorded by W. H. Woodruff