

In the Name of God, Amen. I Samuel Armistead of the Parish and County of Elizabeth City being Sick and weak in Body but of sound and disposing Mind and Memory do make this my last Will and Testament in Writing as followeth —

First. I desire that all my just Debts and Funeral Expenses be first satisfied and paid —

Item. my Will and desire is that the whole of my Estate real and personal remain in the possession of my loving Wife ^{and as by her kept together} until one of my Children shall arrive to the Age of twenty one years or marry, and the profits thereof be applied towards the Support and Maintenance of herself and all my Children during that Period. And that then, that is to say, as soon as either of my said Children shall come of Age or marry as aforesaid, the Slaves and Personal Estate be divided into two equal Parts, and one Part be equally divided amongst my Children that may be living at that time, and the other half I desire my loving Wife may have the use of during her natural Life and at her Death to be divided amongst my Children as aforesaid —

Item. my Will further is that when my eldest Son comes of Age, my Wife is to take her Dowry in my Lands —

Lastly. I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my loving Wife Franky Armistead whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking disannulling and making void all former Wills & Wishes by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this seventeenth Day of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty four.

Signed, Sealed, Published & Declared to be the last Will & Testament of the Testator, in presence of

Samuel Armistead

Hinde Russell

Wm Smith

Eli Smith

In a Court for Eliz^a City County. This day June 24th 185. This Will was produced in Court and proved by the Oath of William Smith one of the Witnesses thereto and sworn for further proof and a Court held for Elizabeth City County Thursday July 28th 185. This Will was further proved by the Oath of Hinde Russell one of the Witnesses thereto and sworn to by Geo^s W. Gordon the Attorney of Franky Armistead the Ex^r in the Will named above and according to Law Certificate

is granted her for obtaining a probat thereof in due form upon her
giving security Whereupon she together with John Cary and
his Associates her securities entered into and acknowledged Bond with
penalty of \$1000 conditioned as the Law directs.

Teste James Salt. Clerk.

James Salt