

¶ Robert Sandefor Russell of the County of Elizabeth City  
do hereby make my last Will and Testament in  
manner and form following, that is to say —

1<sup>st</sup>. I desire that all my personal Estate, which I do not  
hereafter devise, be immediately sold, after my deceas  
and out of the monies arising therefrom all my just  
debts and funeral expences be paid and if it should  
prove insufficient for the above purposos, then I  
desire that my Executors hereafter named shall hire  
out my two Negros Jim and Ben privately until the  
monies arising therefrom be sufficient to discharge  
the same.

2<sup>dly</sup>. I send to my house keeper Mary Saunders during  
her natural life all that part of my Land where on I  
now live, lying and being on the North side of the road  
leading to Warwick, also I send the said Mary Saunders  
during her natural life the following Negros  
Hannah and her two children, that is to say Dick and  
Bragg, and it is my desire that Mary Saunders shall  
keep and maintain old Sarah during her, the said  
old Sarah's life, and she, the said Mary Saunders,  
shall have two years hire of Jim and Ben after  
their being hired out to pay my debts as above, as a  
~~consideration for the same,~~ ~~Agree unto the said~~

~~Mary Saunders one Bed and furniture all my~~  
Household and Kitchen furniture, two Cows and  
one Ox and pigs to be chosen by her from among my  
Cattle and Hogs for ever —

3<sup>dly</sup> I desire that Neither of the Brothers of the said  
Mary Saunders shall either live with her or tend

Any part of the Land which I have lent her and if she  
should suffer them so to do it is my desire that she  
shall forfeit her right to the said Land.

4<sup>th</sup> At the death of the aforesaid Mary Saunders  
if she should forfeit the said Land, I give the said  
Land which I have lent her, the said Mary Saun-  
ders, to my Relations Pennel Russell and Peter Gar-  
row and their Heirs for ever to be equally divided  
between them, and the Negroes which I have lent the  
said Mary Saunders I dispose of at her Death, in the  
following manner viz, I give Hannah to my relation  
Francis Garrow and her Heirs forever, I give Dick  
to Richard Morris and his Heirs for ever, and I  
give Risy to Pennel Russell and his Heirs for ever

5<sup>th</sup> I give all my Land lying and being on the  
south side of the Road leading to Warwick to my  
friend Everard Robinson and his Heirs forever  
and I also give the two Negroes Jim and Ben which I have  
desired to be hired for sundry purposes, after being  
Hired out as before mentioned to my said friend  
Everard Robinson and his Heirs forever.

6<sup>th</sup> I give my Crop of Corn together with four hundred  
~~pounds of Tobacco~~ to my house keeper Mary Saunders

And Lastly I do hereby constitute and  
appoint my Friends George Purdie jun<sup>r</sup> and  
Everard Robinson Executors of this my last  
Will and Testament hereby revoking all other  
Wills or Testaments by me heretofore made

In Witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my my Hand and affixed my Seal this  
fifth day of November in the Year of our Lord one  
thousand seven hundred and Ninety eight  
The word give, was interlin'd before signed.  
Signed sealed, published  
and declared as and for Robert J Russell  
the last Will and Testament  
of the above named Robert  
Sandefur Russell in presence  
of us

John Robinson  
William & Henry  
John Newmarch

Having since the making my Will recollected their still remained  
something which I would wish to do have thought proper to add the  
same by way of codicil in the following manner that is I give unto  
my Friend William Allen living near Steamkings Ordinary my -  
Horse colt to him and to his Heirs forever In Witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal to this Codicil to my  
will this day of March one thousand seven  
hundred and ninety nine —————

Signed sealed published and declared by the  
testator as and for his codicil to ~~and~~ his last  
will and testament in presence of us who  
witnessed the same in his presence and at  
his request.