

Sarah Needhams
Will

Recorded

1766

In the Name of God Amen I
 Sarah Needham of the Parish & County
 of Eliz^a City being Sick and Weak but
 of perfect Sense and Memory do make
 and Ordain this my last Will and Testament
 in Manner following that is to say.

I give unto my loving Son Joseph
 Needham my Negro Man named Mercurius
 and my neg^r Woman named Jane to him and
 his Heirs forever he relinquishing his Right
 to a Negro named Bejo which was his fathers
 but not otherwise. He also paying to his two Sisters
 Anne Needham and Sarah Needham the Sum of
 Seventeen Pounds ten Shillings to each of them
 I also give unto my Son Joseph one Cow
 after my just Debts and funeral Expenses are
 paid. Item I give unto my Daughter Ann
 Needham one Cow after my Debts and funeral
 Expenses are paid. Item I give unto my
 Daughter Sarah Needham one Cow after my
 Debts and funeral Expenses are paid.
 Item I give unto my Son John Needham
 one Cow after my Debts and funeral Expenses
 are paid. Item my Desire is that my
 Negro Woman named Bejo be hired out
 and the Money arising for the hire of the
 Said Negro to be equally divided between
 my Son John Needham and my Daughter Susanah
 Lenard. also my Desire is that when my
 Son John Needham comes of Lawful Age
 that then the Said Negro Bejo be sold and the
 Money arising from the Said Negro be equally
 divided between my Son John Needham and my
 Daughter Susanah Lenard.

but if my Son John Needham should die
before he comes to Lawfull age that then
I desire that his share of the Negro be equa-
lly divided betwixt my other Children viz
Joseph, Ann & Sarah and ~~all~~ ^{the} rest of
my Estate I desire may be equally divided
betwixt my all my Children after my just
Debts and funeral expences are paid.

Lastly I constitute and appoint my
Loving Son Joseph Needham my sole
Executor of this my last Will and Testam-
ent hereby revoking all former Wills
by me made as Witnes my Hand this
second of October one thousand seven
hundred and sixty six

Signed sealed
and acknowledged
in presence of

Sarah ^{her} Needham
Mark

Apphia ^{her} Tompkins
Mark

Mary Selden
Joseph Selden

At a Court held for Elizth City County May
25th 1769.

This Will was presented in Court
and proved by the Oaths of Joseph Selden & Affia
Sompkins two of the Witnesses thereto and
Ordered to be Recorded And on the Motion of
Joseph Needham the Executor therein named
who made Oath according to Law Certificate is
granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in
due form upon his giving Security Whereupon
he together with George Lattimers entered into
& Acknowledged & Signed &c.

W. Wager Clerk