

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Batts of the County of Essex
being Sick and Weak of Body but of perfect sense and memory praise be Almighty
God for the same: And calling to mind the Uncertainty of this present Life, do hereby
Make this my last Will and Testament as follows. First I bequeath my Soul to
Almighty God who gave it me: and my Body to be decently Interred at the discre-
tion of my Executors hereafter named; And for what worldly goods I have, do give and
dispose of as follows.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Loving Son John Batts the plantation whereon
I now Live, also Three negroes, to wit, Peter, Judy, & Sarah, also six head
of breeding Cattle, Two Sows, Two ewes, and one Gunn; To him and his heirs
for ever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Loving Son Thomas Batts my half Lot of Land
lying and being in Hampton Town in the aforesaid County of Essex, also Two
Negro men, to wit, Tom & Will; to him and his heirs for ever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Loving Daughter Lydia Batts One Negro girl
called Moll, also the sum of Twenty Pounds in Cash, to her and her heirs for
ever.

Item. All the rest of my estate, of what nature, or kind so ever, after my Just Debts
Funeral expences are paid, I give and bequeath to my Loving Son Thomas
Batts, and to his heirs for ever.

Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my Loving Friends William Wooten
and Thomas Tabb to be Executors of this my Will; and do revoke & annul
all former Wills heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I have here-
unto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 21. Day of March in the
Year of our Lord Christ 1737. 8.

Sign'd Seald and Deliv'd
in the presence of
John Webb

John Webb
Susannah Webb
mark

his
Thomas Batts
mark

May 1788
Pied, with

Spindle Successes

1737