

In the name of God Amen. I Thomas Reist of the
County of Elizabeth City Being sick and weak in Body
But of perfect Senses and Memory Thanks to Almighty
God for the same do appoint this to be my last will
in manner and Form as Followeth (Wit)

Item. I Give the up of my Plantation at Newports News
to my Loving wife During her natural Life and
after her decease Give her said Plantation
my son James Reist and his Heirs for ever.
I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving son Thomas
Reist the Plantation whereon I now live Reserving
the third part of the said Plantation for my son James
Reist to be Enjoyed by him when he comes to take state
age or married, and in case my wife should
die at that time then my son James to have no
part of the same, & the third part to be Laid off
Joining to the Land of my son the Remains and from
thence I run into the Woods.

Item. I Give the up of four negroes (viz) Matthew, Dick,
Nell, & Doll to my Loving wife During her natural
Life and after her Decease to be Equally Divided
amongst my ~~children~~ children.

Item. my will and Desire is that my Negro man Frank
be sold for defraying my Debts &c.

Item. I Give and Bequeath to my Loving son
Thomas Reist, James Reist & Martha Reist
the Remaining part of my Negroes to be
Equally Divided amongst them when my Eldest

comes to Lawfull age or either of them married
and that the Said Negroes be kept on my said
Plantation to work for the Support and
Maintainance of my said Children untill
the time aforesaid and in Case either my said
Children should die before they come to Lawfull
age or married my wife and desire is that they
the Said Negroes be Equally divided Between the
Survivors

Item I give and Bequeath to my Loving wife all the
Cattle hogg & mare that Run on the Planta-
tion at Newports news as also one I Sherbed
& Furniture & Twenty shillings worth of p^rson

Item I give the Remaining part of Estate to be Equally
Divided amongst my loving Children Thomas
James & Martha Heirs.

And Lastly I appoint Mr. Thomas Smith
Mr. Frances Jones my Executor of this
Last will In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and Seal this Twenty third day of
Feb^ruary 1752.

In the last par. Mr. Tho. Watts son
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Attest
John Ross

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A Court held for Eliz. City County March 3. 1752

This Will was presented in Court and proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto and by the Court Order'd to be Recorded And on the Motion of Tho: Smith & Tho: Watts two of the Ex^{rs} in the Will named who made Oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probat thereof in due form giving Security Whereupon they together with Charles King Francis Jones & Matthew Watts enter'd into Acknowledged Bond the Francis Jones the other Ex^{rs} named in said Will appeared in Court & refused to take upon him the Executorship thereof

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W. Mager Clerk
