

In the name of God Amen I William Copland of the parish and
County of Elizabeth City being in a weak and languishing
condition, and knowing it is the fate of all men to die
do make and ordain this my last will and testament in
manner and form following

I give I bequeath my Soul into the hands of my merciful
redemer hoping through ~~the~~ meritorious death and passion
to receive the full fruition of all my sins and my body to
with its original directly to be interred and as for my worldly
effects I give and bequeath as followeth

Item I give unto my daughter Mary Lettmore one negro man
named Dumbtable and one negro boy named Nero to her & her
heirs forever I also give her my 2^d Daughter five horses
of two years old each my bay horse which is already broken
besides what I have already given her

Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth White one negro woman
named Doll and one negro boy named Will and all that her
husband Charles White shall owe to me on the settlement
of our ^{4th} ~~widow's~~ ^{widow's} ~~share~~ ^{share} already given her
of our ^{4th} ~~widow's~~ ^{widow's} ~~share~~ ^{share} provided ^{that} my 2^d Daughter comes her self
in person to receive them otherwise the 2^d Legacies to be
equally divided between my other three Daughters

Item I give unto my Daughter Elsie Copland one negro man named
Jacob and one negro boy named Pompey and one negro girl
named Popsy also my second best bed one rug a pair of
sheets and one bedstead ten ~~new~~ lambs one Iron gray horse
unbroken and my best to her and her heirs forever to be
delivered to her at the age of eighteen year or marriage

Item I give unto my Daughter Copland Copland one negro man
named Boston one negro boy named Steppy and one negro girl
named Agass my large looking glass ten ~~new~~ lambs my young
black mare with her ~~mare~~ ^{mare} and my third best bed one rug
one pair of sheets and one bedstead to her and her heirs forever
to be delivered to her at the age of eighteen years or marriage
Item I give to my above four Daughters all my lands equally to be
divided betwixt them to them and their heirs forever
Item I give unto my brother Felony Copland my best bed and rug my better brother
viz Mingo York and James to her and her heirs forever

I also give the use and labour of my negro woman Pegg during her
natural life and after her decease I give the ~~to~~ negro with all
her increase equally to be divided between my two youngest daughters
Elosha & Copeland and to their heirs forever.

From my will and desire is that all my negroes remain together till the twenty
fifth day of December next to finish the crop now begun which
crop when made together with all the profits of my lands till the
time aforesaid I give unto my ~~to~~ wife and also all the residue of my
estate not before given I give unto my loving wife whom I make
my whole and sole executrix of this my last will, and testament
in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
twenty ninth day of March 1738

I also desire my estate be not appraised

Signed Sealed & published

in presence of

Wm Copeland

John Nelson

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his marks
John F Gordon