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In the Name of God Amen. I William Elden of the
County of Elizabeth City being of sound Mind and Memory do
make my last Will and Testament in Manner following.

I give unto my son John Throck Elden of Plantation on
Back River to him and his Heirs forever my Wife having the
use thereof during her life) she committing no Waste thereon,
nor suffering any to be committed.

Then I give unto my Wife Mary Rose Elden the Use of all my Slaves,
and their future Increase, for the support of herself and Children
until they shall be fully arrived at Age or marry, and upon
either of the above mentioned Contingencies, that my Estate and
their future Increase be equally divided between my Wife and
said Children as shall be then living, my Wife having the
several remaining Allotments of Negroes in her life, even until
another of my Children arrive at Age or marry, my desire is, that
should a Division be made as before, my Wife shall have the
several remaining Allotments as aforesaid; And so on until
the whole of my Children come of Age or marry, But in case
my Wife marry before all my Children come of Age or marry, my
desire is that the Negroes which she has in her possession be
equally divided between her and the Children that are under Age
and unmarried, she having the Use of her Dividend during her
life, and the other Negroes to be in the Care and Use of my
said son John Throck to be divided among my Children as before;
my Wife's Dividend with all their Increase, whether it be
sold equally divided amongst my Children and their representa-
tives; I give unto my said Wife all my Stock of Cattle, Horses,
Hogs and other Goods; I also give unto my said Wife the Cash
that shall be remaining in the House at the Time of my Departure,
together with all Debts due me either by Land or otherwise, my
Debts being first satisfied thereout, to the support of the Maintenance
of herself and Children; I also give unto my said Wife my best

Bed and Furniture, also the Furniture of one Room to her own proper
Use, also the Use of the remaining Part of my house, hold and fixtures
Furniture of every kind and Vincumination during her Widowhood,
her Share equally divided amongst my Children and their present
relatives: To prevent Disputes arising among my Children, my
Will and Deed is that if either of them die under age or unmarried
their Part of Negroes and other Estate be equally divided amongst
the surviving Children that are under age or unmarried.
My Deed is that an Inventory of my Estate be made by my
Executors hereafter named.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my Son George Esq. Executor
and my Wife the said John Esq. Executor of this my last
Will and Testament; In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my Hand and Seal this Eighth Day of June 1700.

Aigned and sealed
by the said

John Esq.

Richard Jackson