

In the name of God Amen I William Fletcher
of South Farnham Parish in the County of Essex being sick & weak of body but
of perfect sense and memory thank be to Almighty God for the same Do make
and ordain and appoint this my last will & Testament hereby revoking all
other will or wills by me made here before first to give and bequeath my soul
body & whole made it in pure and certain hope of the Salvation through y^e
merits of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ and my body to
the Grants from whence it came to be decently buried at the discretion of

My Executors hereafter named I Item it is my will & desire that all my just
debts and funeral expenses be first paid I Item I lend unto my loving wife
Martha Fletcher all my whole estate of what kind so ever during her widow
hood I Item it is my will and desire that my said living wife shall have the
use of my dwelling plantation and all other and thereto belonging till my son
Nathan Fletcher shall come to the age of twenty years I Item it is my will &
desire that my son Nathan Fletcher shall be under the tuition of my loving
wife till he shall come to the age of twenty years and that my said living wife
do give him three years schooling I Item it is my will & desire that my
son William Fletcher shall be under the tuition of Mr. Gatenwood and
Katherine his wife till he shall come to the age of twenty years I Item I
give & bequeath to my son William Fletcher when he shall arrive to the age
of twenty years two of my gloves. I Item it is my will & desire that all the
remaining part of my estate of what kind so ever be equally divided between
my three children Nathan Fletcher James Fletcher & Phillis Fletcher as they
shall come to age I Item it is my will & desire that in case my loving wife
Martha Fletcher should die before my children come to age then it is my
will & desire that James Hopkings shall take my estate together with my
three children Nathan Fletcher James Fletcher & Phillis Fletcher & have
the managing of my estate & children till they shall come to their respective
ages I Item it is my will & desire that my estate be inventoried and apprais
ed I Item I appoint & constitute my loving wife Martha Fletcher my whole
& sole executrix of this my last will & Testament and it is my will that my
said w^{ife} shall not give any security for her execution of this

Signed Sealed Published and declared
in the presence of us the 6th day of
February 1727/28

John Wainor

John Buford

William Buford

William W. Fletcher (seal)
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At a Court held for Essex County on the 19th day of
June 1728.

This last will & Testament of William Fletcher deceased was proved by the
oaths of John Buford and William Buford witnesses thereto & ordered to be
Recorded.