

Pages 327-29. Will of Benjamin Fisher of the Parish of Southfarnham in the County of Essex, being sick and weak of body, dated 23 Nov. 1744.

To the child now alive named Ann Fisher the one half of my land I now live on and the one half of the mill which joyns on the same.

My wife now being with child, if it should come to maturity, whether male or female it may enjoy the other half of my land and mill, but in case either should dye, the other to enjoy the whole. If both due then to goe to my other two daughters Mary and Elizabeth Fishers.

To my two daughters Mary and Elizabeth Fishers three Negros, Jane, Doll and Manuell, to be equally divided at the years of twenty-one or when married.

I lend my loving wife Ruth Fisher one Negro Jeney tenn years from this present date.

Thomas Scott shall be appointed guardian to my daughter Elizabeth Fisher and Thomas and James Scots take Doll and Manuell and at the expiration of ten years take Janey. If either of the two girls should dye the survivor to enjoy the three Negroes.

I lend to my loving wife all my real and personal estate not before bequeathed, especially one Negro girle now at Captain Nichos. Smith named Sary Bunch during her widowhood. In case she should marry or dye her children to enjoy the whole.

My mother may have her thirds where she now lives during her natural life.

My loving wife executor.

Benja. Fisher

Wit: J. Tyler, Constant (C) Edmondson, Jane (X) Williamson.

19 Feb. 1744 [1745]. Proved by John Tyler and Jane Williamson.

22 May 1745. Ruth Fisher, widow, declared that she would not accept the legacies to her given by the will and renounced her executorship.

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