

273) In the name of God a men

I William Ayres of Essex County Being Sick & weak in Body, both in perfect sense & Memory do make this my last Will & Testament, in manner and Form as followeth, in the first place my desire is That all my Debts be truly paid

Item I give to my son Samuel Ayres one negro Man named Godfre to him & his heirs for ever,

Item I lend to my Beloved wife Roseannah Ayres all my Estate Both Real & personal during of her life or widowhood, but if my wife should marry, my Desire is that she should have one third part of my Estate, & the remainder to be Equally Divided

Between my four children Samuel Ayres Mary Scott Ayres living Ayres & Burdett Ayres to them & their heirs for Ever, my Desire is that the half acre of land in Leeds Town being & lying in the County of Westmoreland should be sold & the money to be for the use of the Estate, & lastly I con-

stitute & ordain my Beloved wife Roseannah Ayres my Ex-ecutrix & Samuel Ayres John Ford & John Mack Executors of this my last Will & Testament

Charles Brown

John Goodrich

William Ayres

Witness my hand & seal this 31st day of August

John Bondwith
Kelly Gaines

Witness my hand & seal this 31 day of August
1796

My desire is that after the death of my beloved wife my land
should be sold and the money Equally divided between my four
Children within Names

John Bondwith
Thomas Ayres

William Ayres

Sept^r 4th 1791

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 20th
Day of Feb^r 1792. This last will and Testament of William Ayres
deceased was presented into Court by Samuel Ayres, one of the Ex-
ecutors therein named and proved by the Oath of Charles Brown
and John Bondwith two of the witnesses subscribed to the same and the
Codicil thereto annexed was also ^{proved} by the oath of the said John Bond-
with and Thomas Ayres the subscribing Witnesses thereto and the said
will and Codicil proved also by the oath of the said Executor which
were ordered to be recorded. Whereupon a Certificate was granted
to the said executor in order to his obtaining probate of the said Testa-
ment in due form Bond being given according to Law.

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W. M. Lee Clerk