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In the Name of God Amen. I William Southern of the County of
Essex and Southwarkham Parishes being very Sick and weak of Body but
of perfect and sound Sense and memory, calling the uncertainty of human
Life to mind, have thought proper to make and Ordain this to be my last
Will and Testament, Revoking and annulling all other Wills and Testaments
heretofore made by me.

Infirmities I recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God. —
hoping for Salvation through the merits and intercession of my blessed
Saviour Christ Jesus, and as for what Temporal Estate God has been pleased
to bless me with I dispose and Devise in the following manner: That is to
say — after my Body is decently buried and all my Just Debts paid —
I give and bequeath to my son William Southern my Land and plantation
on (he being my eldest son), and in case he should Die without heirs of his
Body Lawfully begotten then in that Case it is my Will and desire that,
after my said son William's death my said Land and plantation shall go
to my next son Thomas Southern to him and the Heirs of his Body Law-
fully begotten and in case he shall die without such heirs Lawfully

after my said son William's death my said Land and plantation shall go to my next son Thomas Southern to him and the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten and in case he shall die without such heirs Lawfully begotten, my Will and Desire is that my aforesaid Land and plantation shall descend to my next son and from him down to the youngest in the same manner as mentioned above.

Item it is my Will and Desire that my Negroe Boy George shall be appraised and his Value divided into four equal parts or Lots and my four following Sons to wit, William Thomas, John and George, shall draw their Lot for the said Negroe George, and whoever amongst them shall get the said Negroe George he shall pay to his other Brothers their proportion of the said Negroe George's Value.

Item it is my Will and Desire that my son William shall have my young Horse (being three years old at appraised Value, and his Value shall go in part of his proportion of my Estate when a Division shall take place.

Item it is my Will and desire that the remainder of all my Estate shall

(Including all my out standing Debts) Be appraised and sold and
the money arising therefrom shall be equally Devided among my
four Children, William, Thomas, John and George
and Lastly I constitute and appoint my Friends John Montague and
John Owen Executors of this my Last Will and Testament In Wit-
ness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this Fifteenth Day
of October Domini one Thousand Seven hundred and eighty Three

signed Seald published
and Acknowledged to be
the Last will & Testament
of William Southern
in the presence of us

Wm ^{his} Southern Seal
mark

John Montague
Wm Jones
William Vaps

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At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 15th day of
December 1783 This Last will & Testament of William Southern deceased

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and acknowledged to be
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in the presence of us

John Montague

Wm Simcoe

William Waf

Wm + Southern Seal
mark

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 15th day of
December 1783 This last will & Testament of William Southern deceased
was presented in Court by John Montague one of the Executors therein
named who made oath thereto according to Law. And the same being
proved by the oath of John Montague & William Simcoe two of the
Witnesses thereto is admitted to Record

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Hancock Lee Clerk