

Little North of New Milford, Connecticut

Day of September 1745. Leonard Helm in of Parish & County of Frederick
a Colony of Virginia, being afflicted with an illness of the Body
in Memory, Thanks to God Therefore Calling to mind y^e Mortality of my Body,
knowing y^e it is Appointed for all men one to die, do make and publish
my last Will & Testament, viz. Principally and first Shall I Recommend
my Soul to God, and my Body to the Earth to be Buried at y^e Discretion of
my Executors; and as touching such worldly Estate where with it hath pleased
God to Bless me in this Life, I have devised & Dispose of y^e same in the fol-
lowing manner and form. Item, I Give and Bequeath to my Son
Maybray Helm y^e first Part of my Young Black Man.

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Son Christopher Helm Forty Shillings Current money of
the Colony of Virginia.

Item I Give to Christopher Helm Forty Shillings Current money of the
Province.

Item I Give to Bright Madding Youngest Daughter

Item, I Give to Edward Doughton Fifteen Pounds Current Money of the
above said Province and an Horse & to Live with my Son Madding till he
be fifteen Years of Age, and then to be sent to my Son Madding Helm and his
Pounds with him only.

Item, I Give to Leonard Helm Junior my House and Household Goods
(y^e Beds & Bedding Excepted) and y^e Young Black Man, as also y^e Planta-
tion and his Share of y^e Crop (and y^e said Leonard shall give a just account
of y^e Two last Years Crops of Tobacco, to y^e Executor hereof according to Law,
likewise I Appoint my Son Leonard to be Joint Executor with Madding

my Soul to God, and my Body to the Earth to be Buried at y^e Discretion of
my Executors; and as touching such Worthy Estate wherein it has the Use,
God to Bless me in this Life, I Give, Devise and Dispose of y^e same in the
following manner and form. Item, I Give and Bequeath to my son
Maybry Helm y^e first Part of my Young Black Man
Hesse, I Give and Bequeath to my son Joseph Helm the full Billings of my
money of Virginia.

Item, I Give to Christopher Holms Forty Shillings Current money of y^e same
Province.

Item, I Give to August Madding Youngest Daughter

Item, I Give to Edward Brington Fifteen Pounds Current Money of the
above said Province and an Horse, & to live with my son Meredith till he
be fifteen Years of Age, and then to be sent to my son Minding Helm and Ten
Pounds with him only.

Item, I Give to Leon and Helm Junior my House and Household Goods
(y^e Beds & Bedding Excepted) and y^e Young Black Man, as also y^e Planta-
tion and his share of y^e Crop (and y^e said Leon and Helm shall give a just Account
of y^e Two last Years Crop of Tobacco, to y^e Executor hereof according to Law,
likewise I Appoint my son Leon to be joint Executor with Meredith
on Condition y^e he shall agree to this my Last Will, otherwise not.

Item, I Give and Bequeath to my Eldest son Meredith Helm, whom I

I do hereby certify that all and every the former Will & Testament, legacies, Bequests and Executors by many were before named, Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 4th Day of June above written

Signed, sealed & Delivered by the said
Leonard Helm as his last Will & Testament
in presence of us 3 Subscribers

Geo. Helm (Seal)

John Gordon

James F. Scott

Duncan Stewart

At a Court continued & held for Frederick County on Wednesday
the 6th Day of November 1775.

This Last Will and Testament of Leonard Helm Deceased was Proved by
the Oaths of John Gordon, James Scott, and Duncan Stewart, the Witnesses
Hereto & Meredith Helm Executor therein named, having made a solemn Oath
according to Law, the same is admitted to Record.

Test: Woods, Esq. Clerk

Known all Men by these presents that we Meredith Helm, John Lemay & William
Roberts are held and firmly bound unto William Wood, Esq. of the Dist. Court