

At about held for Halifax County the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of March 1771 his Will was proved by the Oath of two of the witnesses and Ordered to be Recorded.

Test Rob<sup>t</sup>. Munford Clk.

And afterward to wit the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June in the same Year Administration of the Estate of the Testator was granted to Susanna Griffin with the Will annexed She having made Oath according to Law and entered into Bond with Richard Griffin Richard Jones and Thayer Anderson her Securities and acknowledged the same.

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Truly recorded Rob<sup>t</sup>. Munford Clk.  
Test R<sup>th</sup> Munford &

In the name of God Amen the fifth Day of April in the year of our Lord 1770 I James Howell of the County of Halifax, County, being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind & memory — Thanks be given to God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say, Mainly & first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner I do give & bequeath my Will and Sole heir What in the first place all my

Last Gifts and Funeral Charges be paid and satisfied. Then I give the Lands to be sold full value and paying the Debt and what effects left is to be in possession of my dearly beloved Wife Jean hands during her natural life, on ly such Houses and Cows which I have given to some of my children which she is sensible of. I do appoint my said Wife Jean and my son Thomas my Id. Executor of this my last will & Testament and do appoint that what Goods or Chattels at my Wife's decease be equally divided between my son James my son Thomas and Samuel and Ruth and and William my Daughters Sarah & Deborah and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former Testament Wills Legacies & Executors by me in any way before this now named Wills & bequeaths ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day and Year above written

Signed Sealed published

James Norrell

Proounced & declared by this act

James Norrell as his last will and Testament in presence of us the Subscribers

John Smith

The Sprague

Reuben Abney

Attest Count held for Halifax County the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1771. This will was presented in Court by Thomas Norrell the Exor herein named who refused to take upon himself the Execution of the Will & the same being proved by the Oaths of two of the witnesses thereto to be true & to be recorded. And on this motion of Smith who made Oath according to Law was granted him for obtaining Letters of Administration of the said Testator in due form. Paul Carrington Gent. became his Surety and they entered into & acknowledged Bond according to Law.

Test Reuben Abney

Truly recorded Test Matthew Ford