

Wm Arnold
Will

In the Name of God Amen. I William Arnold Sen^r of the County of Halifax, being in a low State of health, but of sound disposing sense and memory; do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, in manner & form following, that is to say. First, I desire all my just debts be fully paid & satisfied. Item I give unto my Son William half the tract of land on which I now live on, to be divided by a line or lines, to begin at a hickory bush near a pig pen which I have mark'd for a corner the line to run in such a manner as to leave my dwelling house on the South side of the said line, and that part which lies on the North s^d line to be that part which I give unto my aforesaid Son William. Item I give unto my said Son William five Negroes namely, Peter, Hannah, Abram, Tom & Peggy with their future increase to him and to his heirs for ever. Item I lend unto Mary Arnold Widow of my deceased Son (David) the other half of my land which may lay South of the line aforementioned, together with the dwelling house in which I now reside together with the other improvements, and also two negroes. Namely Arney & Jory and their future Increase during her natural life, and at her death to be divided among my Son David's Children, (To Wit) Keziah, Carter, David & William in the survivors and their heirs for ever. Item it is my desire that my land I purchased of James Arnold containing two hundred and twelve acres, be sold and the money arising from the sale, to be applied to the payment of my debts. Item I give unto my daughter Elizabeth, two Negroes (Viz^d) Sawney and Peggy with their future

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bush near a pig pen which I have mark'd for a corner the line to run in such
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that part which lies on the North s^d line to be that part which I give unto
my aforesaid Son William. Item I do also give unto my said Son William five
Negroes namely, Peter, Hannah, Abram, Tom & Peggy with their future increase
to him and to his heirs for ever. Item I lend unto Mary Arnold Widow of my
deceased Son (David) the other half of my land which may lay South of the
line aforesaid, together with the dwelling house in which I now reside together
with the other improvements, and also two negroes. Namely Arney & Jerry and their
future Increase during ^{his natural life} and at his death to be divided among
my Son David's Children, (To Wit) Keziah, Carter, David & William in the
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James Arnold containing two hundred and twelve acres, be sold and the money
arising from the sale, to be applied to the payment of my debts. Item I give unto
my daughter Elizabeth, two Negroes (Viz^d) Sawney and Peggy with their future
increase to her & to her heirs for ever. Item I give unto my daughter Anna, one
Negro Man named Sam, and also the first Child that the Negro girl called
Dinah may have, which s^d Negro Dinah is a bequest hereafter to be made
Item I lend unto my daughter Anna the Negro girl called Dinah provided
she will take into her care and direction my Grand Son Amariah W Griggs

untill he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years; the loan of which negro is intended
(Together with her first Child) as a Compensation for supporting & Educating my
said grand Son. Item I give unto my grand Son Amariah M. Griggs one
negro called Dinah, and a bed & Furniture, together with her future increase
Except the first child the said Dinah may have, which is before bequeathed
to him and to his heirs for ever, but it is my meaning and express desire that this Legacy
shall remain in the possession, and be subject to the controul of my daughter Anna,
untill my said grand son shall arrive to the age of twenty one years and in case my
said grand Son should die before he arrives to the age of twenty one years, then the
Legacy bequeathed to him shall be equally divided among the whole of my living
Children & their heirs. Item, I give unto my daughter Petha two Negroes (viz. ¹/₂)
Sillah & Jack, with their future increase to her & to her heirs for ever. Item, I give
unto Shearon Osborne during his life two negroes to Wit, Jese & Phillis together
with their future increase, and after his death, I give the aforesaid negroes with
their increase to be equally divided among the children of my daughter Patty, now
deceased namely, John Osborne, Polly Osborne, Edward Osborne & Fanny Osborne, or
their survivors of them and their heirs lawfully begotten. Item it is my will and desire
that all the rest of my Estate be it of every kind or nature whatsoever, after
paying my just debts, be equally divided among all my children or the survivors &
their heirs (Except my grand Son Amariah M. Griggs, whom I have already
provided for as full as I intend. Item. I do constitute and appoint my trusty friend
William Terry & my son William Arnold Executors to this my last will & Testament,
hereby revoking all Will or Wills by me hitherto made, and confirming this to be

my last Will & Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 30th day of April 1801.

Signed, sealed published
Pronounced & declared by the
said William Arnold Sen^r as his
last Will & Testament in the presence
of us who in his presence and in
the presence of each other have
hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses

Thomas Malone, David ^{his} Bell, Frances ^{her} Bell, ^{Wm} ^{his} Owen.
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At a Court held for Halifax County the 27th day of July 1801

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The within written Last Will and Testament of William Arnold Sen^r dec^d.
was exhibited in Court and proved by the oaths of two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed
and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of William Arnold Jr one of the
Executors therein named who made oath according to law Certificate is granted him for
obtaining probat thereof in due form he giving security whereupon he the said
William Arnold Jr with George Hamblin Shearm & borne and Joseph A
Allen his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of ten
thousand dollars Conditioned according to law. And William Terry the other Executor
therein named having refused to take upon himself the burthen of the execution thereof
the same is ordered to be certified.

Truly recorded

Teste

Bergman

Teste John Wimbush C. H. B.