

Henrico County December 1716

In the name of God Amen I John Woodson of Henrico County do make & orde-
-re this my last will & Testam^t in manner & form following

Imprimis I Recommend my Soul to Almighty God that gave it & my Body to the
Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Execut^r

Item I Give unto my Son Tarlton Woodson all that tract of Land commonly
called Neck of Land & Swamp to him my said Son & his heirs for ever This
wise give unto my S. Son Tarlton about A Thousand Acres of Land lying
in Henrico County at Dover on the North side James River beginning at the
uper line of Charles Flemming & bounded up the River to John Pleasantlands
near the Mouth of Beaver Dam Creek & so out into the Woods & so on the back
lines to come Opposite to the Lower line of the said Flemming thence to the
Flemmings Corner Tree & so along his back line & uper line to the place be-
gan to him my said Son Tarlton & his heirs for ever

Item I Give unto my Son Jacob Woodson one tract of Land at Dover lying
in Henrico County. begining at Samuel Birks lower line thence down & River
to the lower Side of the mouth of Tanitoe Creek thence into the Woods to the head
line of that Survey, binding on my old Survey, & then up the back lines up
the River ward till it comes to his Brother Tarltons lower line thence on
line & the lower line of Samuel Birk to the place began unto him my S.
Son Jacob & his heirs for ever

Item I Give & bequeath unto my Son John Woodson one tract of Land be-
ginning at Jacobs lower line below the mouth of Tanitoe Creek thence
down the River Ten pole below the mouth of Mill Creek thence on a strait
line to the house of William Hodges up the hill thence on a strait course
into the Woods to strike the Back lines of my first patented Land one
hundred & twenty Pole below where the said line crosses the mill Creek
thence on the back lines Except one hundred Acres which I Give to Josi-
ah Paine Son of Geo: Paine & Mary Paine to be laid out below Mill Creek
& to bind on the said back line to him the S. Josiah Paine. I give the S.
one hundred Acres to him & his heirs for ever. & then my will is that
my Son Johns Bounds shall continue from the S. Creek upwards on the
said Back lines to his Brother Jacobs lower line, thence on that line,
to the River & place began including my Grn Mill & all that part of
Labot Island which lies Opposite to the said tract bounded. By a Strait
line Ten pole below the mouth of mill Creek & Crossing the little River to the

upper line of Charles Flemming & bounded up the River to John Pleasantland
near the Mouth of Beaver Dam Creek & so out into the Woods & so on the back
lines to come Opposite to the Lower line of the said Flemming thence to the
Flemmings Corner Tree & so along his back line & upper line to the place be-
gan to him my said Son Tarlton & his heirs for ever

Item I Give unto my Son Jacob Woodson one tract of Land at Dover lying
in Henrico County. begining at Samuel Birk's lower line thence down & over
to the lower Side of the mouth of Janitor Creek thence into the Woods to the head
line of that Survey, binding on my old Survey, & then up the back lines up
the River ward till it comes to his Brother Tarlton's lower line thence on
line & the lower line of Samuel Birk to the place began unto him my
Son Jacob & his heirs for ever

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Labot Island which lyes Opposite to the said tract bounded by a Strait
line Ten pole below the mouth of mill Creek & crossing the little River to the
Island & so crossing the Island to strike the main River forty pole below
the house of John Prier all which I Give unto my said Son Jn & his heirs
forever.

Item I Give unto my Son Robert Woodson one tract of Land begining at
his Brother Johns lower line at the River thence down the River fifty
Pole below the mouth of Stony Creek thence on a Strait line at right

angles from the River six hundred Yards out thence on a strait line, to strike my back line fifty poles below where the said line crosses stoney Creek.

Thence on the said back lines to his Brother Johns Lower line near where I have given Josiah Paine a hundred Acres so to bind on his Brother Johns lower line so to the River unto him my S. Son & his heirs for ever including my Sawmill & Appertenances to her belonging & that part of Sabot Island which reaches from his Brother Johns line in the E. Island till it comes fifty poles below the mouth of stoney Creek & from thence a strait line to be run to the South or main River unto him my S. Son & his heirs for ever. I Give unto my Son Josiah one tract of land, beginning at his Brother Roberts lower line thence down the River to the mouth of a Gully below where John Maxfield now dwells. thence into the Woods at right angles from the River to be back line thence on the S. line to his Brother Roberts lower line thence on that line to the place began, thence over the little River binding on his Brother Roberts lower line in Sabot Island to the main South River thence down the S. River till it comes opposite to a Gully near where John Maxfield now dwells unto him my S. Son Josiah & his heirs for ever.

Item. I Give unto my Son Stephen one tract of Land beginning at his Brother Josiabs lower line thence down the River to John Fluckabys. thence out into the Woods. at right angles from the River. to be back line, thence on y^t. line to his Brother Josiabs lower line, thence on y^t. line to the place began. Likewise give unto my S. Son Stephen the remainder of Sabot Island from Josiabs lower line to the lower end of the S. Island. both land & Island unto him my S. Stephen and his heirs for ever.

Item. I Give unto my Daughter Judith one tract of Land on James River beginning at her Brother Stephens lower line on the River thence down the River half a Mile thence into the Woods at right angles from the River to y^t. back line of the land, Surveyed by William Womack thence on y^t. line till it comes Opposite with her Brother Stephens lower line, thence on y^t. line to the River & place began. unto her my S. Daughter & her lawfully begotten heirs for ever.

Item. I Give unto my Daughter Elizabeth one tract of Land beginning at her Sister Judiths lower line, thence down the River half a Mile. thence at right angles from y^e. River to the back line of the Land, Surveyed by W^m. Womack thence on that line to her Sisters lower line, thence on that line to y^e. River & place began unto her my S. Daughter & her lawfully begotten heirs for ever.

Item. I Give unto my son Jacob Woodson one tract of Land Opposite Elk Island where Joshua Stephens now or of late did dwell (containing by patent three hundred forty eight Acres, unto him my S. Son & his heirs for ever.

Item. I Give unto my Sons Josiah & Stephen my land at half Sink lying on Chickahomony Swamp in Henrico County. Except One hundred & fifty Acres to be bounded on the line of John Pirant & the Swamp. all the rest I Give unto my S. Sons to be equally divided Josiah to have the upper part & Stephen the lower part. unto each of my S. Sons, their S. equally parts. Severally & not Jointly & unto each of their heirs for ever.

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Item. I Give unto my Son Tarlton one quarter part of Elk Island to him & his heirs for ever.

Item. I Give unto my Son John one quarter part of Elk Island. unto him & his heirs for ever.

Item. I Give unto my Son Robert one quarter part of Elk Island unto him & his heirs for ever.

Item. I Give unto my Son Jacob the other quarter part of Elk Island unto him & his heirs for ever. to be laid out Opposite to his land where Joshua

th money sufficient to purchase a good Negro that then I give the s^d Land unto my s^d Son Tarlton & his heirs for ever.

Item. I do hereby Impower will & desire my Execut.^{rs} to sell all my tract of Land called Bear Forrest lying on Allens Creek & do Moreover fully impower them or some of them to make deeds of sale for the same the product of which I Give to all my Children, to be equally Divided.

Item. I Give unto my Son Tarlton a Swamp, called peirces Swamp to him & his heirs for ever.

Item. I Give my personall Estate to be divided into eight parts that is the whole to be equally divided among my eight Children Tarlton John Robert Jacob Josiah Stephen Judith & Elizabeth unto them & their heirs & Assignes.

And I further will that my Son Josiah & Stephen and my Daughters Judith & Elizabeth be put to School by Direction of my Execut.^{rs} & be learnt to read & write & if it should so happen that any^{me} or more are at any Extraordinary Charges in bringing up the s^d Children, that he or they be reimbursed out of the s^d Childrens parts of their Estates. I also will that my Execut.^{rs} shall kill meat & make use of wheate & wheat is necessary for the family, for this present Year without accounting for the same. Both at Cutch & at Dover. ~~off off off off off off~~

Item. I do hereby Impower my Executors or one or more of them to make an Atheswick Deed of sale of five hundred Acres of Land, which I have bargained with John Maxfield for five Thousand Pounds of Tobacco on the payment of which Tobacco. I impower my Exec.^{rs} to confirm the same to him & his heirs for ever.

I also Impower my Exec.^{rs} to confirm unto Thomas Hamood one hundred & fifty Acres of Land at half sink bounded on Diant's line & the Swamp provided he shall well & truly pay them Three - Thousand four hundred Pounds of Lawfull Tobacco.

Item. I will that my Son Tarlton shall confirm unto my Brother Benjⁿ Woodson the Land he . . . lives on at Chickahomony Swamp.

Item I will that my Son Tarlton shall confirm unto John Cannon Son of W^m & Judith his wife one hundred acres of Land up James River like wise one hundred acres to W^m Cannon provided he pays to my Exec.^{rs} Ten Pounds Countroy pay.

Item. I will that he confirm unto Cha: Huddesey one hundred acres of Land. for which I have recd. payment & one hundred more if the s^d Huddesey does well & truly pay 80 Bushels, wheat & bring it to Dover mill.

I Further will & hereby Impower my Exec.^{rs} to confirm unto Edw^d Lester a dividend of Land up Mill Creek which I formerly bargained for.

I also Impower my Exec.^{rs} to confirm unto Henry Lester two hundred acres of Land up mill Creek provided he will pay them

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Twenty Pounds Currant money.

Also Impower them to Confirm unto Robert Hughes three hundred Acres of Land being part of five hundred for which I have Charles Flemings bond for, the remaining two hundred to John Jones of Manakin Town.

One hundred Acres I will. may be confirmed to W^m. Thornell lying between Robert Adams & the line of Richard Woodson provided he shall well & truly pay Ten pounds ready Cash.

Further will that if any one or more of my Children should dye without heirs or before they arrive to the Age of twenty One Years. That then his he or their Estate. shall be equally divided among the Survivors & the heirs of such as have arrived to the Age of twenty one Years or have had lawfull heirs before they arrive to that Age to be equally divided.

And lastly what real Estate moveable, or immoveable not heretofore given I give to my Execut: hereafter named. to them, their heirs & Assignes, for ever, hereby nominating, & appointing my Sons Tarlton Woodson, John Woodson Robert Woodson & Jacob Woodson to be my Execut: to this my last will & Testam: ^{heretofore} revoking all other wills by me heretofore made. (As witness my hand & Seal this 23th day of November Anno Domini 1715.

Sealed Signed Delivered and
Acknowledged in presence of

James Locke
Arthur A. M^{arkham}
Edward X^{marke}
Barth^{his marke} Newcome
Mathew M^{his marke} God his marke

John Woodson



At a Court held for Henrico County the
5th Day of December 1715

This will was proved by the Oaths of James Locke, Arthur Marcum
and Mathew God three of the witnesses thereto, and was thereupon
admitted to Record. Test William Randolph Clerk

To all Christian people to whome these presents shall come know ye, that I John Ellis of the County of Henrico planter, for divers good causes, & considerations me here to moving; but more especially for the sum of five thousand Pounds of every way good Tobacco, to me in hand paid by Robert Napier of y^e same County y^e receipt there of, thereby acknowledge & my self fully contented & paid; have bargained & sold & doe by these presents bargain & sell to y^e Robert Napier his heirs & Assignes for ever. one tract or parcell of Land lying & being in the afores. County by Estimation one hundred & fifty Acres be the same more or less, & bounded as followeth beginning at y^e mouth of Peters branch where it mouths into Tuckahoe Creek & so up that branch y^e severall courses thereof till it comes up to Ellis back