

makes over unto the said William Gills his heirs or assigns one hundred and fifty acres  
 of Land lying and being on the South side of Cheshamway Swamp in the County of  
 Henrico and Bounded as follows to wit Beginning at a Corner Tree of the Land formerly  
 taken up by Stephen Tenter thence on Lines the South Eighty Chain to a Corner white Oak  
 thence South West one Hundred and Nine Chain to a Corner of several marked Pastures  
 thence North Eighty Chain to Cheshamway Swamp to a white Oak thence Down the Swamp  
 Corner thereof making on a straight Line one Hundred and nine Chain to the beginning of the  
 said one Hundred and fifty Acres of Land above Bounded was part of a tract of Land  
 taken up by Thomas Merdeth and his heirs or assigns by Deed under the Great Seal of the  
 Recorded in the County Court Books of Henrico the same Day and at the State Court to be  
 put to use properly Claim of me the said Samuel Merdeth my heirs or assigns of unto the  
 said one Hundred and fifty Acres of Land and plantation or the same more or less according  
 to the above Bounds or unto any part or parcel thereof with singular the premises with the  
 Appurtenances and the Privileges and Reversions thereto. And I remainder of all and singular  
 the premises with there and every of their Appurtenances to have and to hold the said one  
 Hundred and fifty Acres of Land above Bounded and all the premises after the premises  
 herein before mentioned and intended to be hereafter granted unto the said William Gills and  
 his heirs to the only use of the said William Gills and his heirs Executors and Administrators  
 the aforesaid premises with the Appurtenances unto him the said William Gills and his heirs  
 and assigns for ever against me the said Samuel Merdeth and my heirs and all claiming  
 right by or from or under me them or any of them or any other person or persons who shall or  
 have and will warrant and for ever defend by these presents in witness whereof I have  
 hereunto put my name and affixed my Seal this first Day of November in the  
 Year of our Lord MDCCLXXI

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
 in the presence of us —  
 James Deane  
 James Price  
 James F. Hambleton

Samuel Merdeth

Public and quiet possession of the within premises by delivery of Turf and Twig of the  
 Group of the said Land is the usual Symbol of Giving and Taking was Delivered by me the  
 said Samuel Merdeth to the within William Gills as witness my hand this first Day of  
 November in the Year of our Lord MDCCLXXI  
 Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of us

James Deane  
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at a Court held for Henrico County the last Day of November  
 Samuel Merdeth acknowledged this Deed with the Group of Turf  
 & Twig to the said William Gills his heirs and assigns  
 personally Examined Relinquished her right of Dower to the said  
 Land therein conveyed and the same was thereupon Admitted  
 to Record

In the Name of God Amen I George Archer Son of the County of Henrico  
 & parish of Bristol being Sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect mind by the  
 be God for it do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form  
 as follows to wit That is to say Last and principally I Recommend my Soul to the hands  
 of God that gave it me Hoping through the Merits of my blessed Saviour to receive  
 and free pardon for all my Sins and my Body to be Buried at the Discretion of my

Executors hereafter mentioned and as to my worldly Estate which it hath pleased God  
 to bless me with: after my Debts and Funerall Charges paid I give in followeth Nam I give  
 and bequeath to my Son in Law Lewis Esq one hundred Acres of Land beginning upon the  
 old Town Creek at the upper Falls his Cornfield next to Fowler's and so running down  
 the line to a Corner tree in Thomas Webster's Cornfield from thence down that line  
 between Webster and me to complete the aforesaid Compliment of one hundred Acres  
 to be laid out in a Square to the place begun at which said Land I give to him and  
 his Heirs for ever I give to my Son George Archer the use of this part of my Land and  
 live on next to the River during his natural life beginning forty or fifty yards above the  
 mill Road running out of the main Road at a Hickory Tree on the Line of Dan  
 Baggs and mine and running from that tree to the mouth of a Branch running in to  
 Fleet run between my two Sons George and William and after my Son George Deceases  
 give the said Land to my Son George Two Sons George & Peter to be equally Divided between  
 them from the River out to the said line as they shall agree which said Land I give to  
 my two Grandsons George & Peter and to their Heirs for ever likewise I give unto my Son George  
 Two Sons George and Peter my Negroes Names Frank & Tom to them and their Heirs for ever  
 only my will and Desire is that my Son George shall have the use of them during  
 his Natural life I give to my Son William Archer from the Aforesaid Hickory up the  
 said Line between Dan Baggs and me to two white Oak Corner Trees thence  
 on a straight line to the mouth of Porter Spring Branch when it comes in to Fleet run  
 thence down the said Line to the mouth of the aforesaid Branch to my Grandsons  
 and when said Land I give to my Son William and his Heirs for ever I give  
 to my Son William and my Son George two Sons George and Peter after Lewis Esq's  
 one hundred Acres of Land is laid out as aforesaid at his Cost and Charges more or less  
 as may be but of my Land above my Son William's Land already given him that I do  
 give to my Son William and his Heirs for ever the other  
 half of my Land to be equally Divided between my two Grandsons and their Heirs  
 for ever and my Grandsons to have the first Choice of my will and Desire is my Son George  
 to have the use of his Two Sons part during his life I give and bequeath to my  
 Son William and my Son George Two Sons George & Peter all my Land known by the Name  
 of Big Lake containing near hundred Acres excepting four hundred Acres on the edge  
 of said Lake which I formerly sold to Thomas Manpus Williams Dunavant  
 and above the Creek which I order to be laid out by my Son and Grandsons according to  
 said Manpus which I order to be laid out by my Son and Grandsons according to  
 said Manpus run to between three hundred Acres for Thomas Manpus & Williams  
 and said Land to be equally Divided between them and to their Heirs for ever and the other  
 hundred Acres to be laid out for said Cascood below the land of Manpus and  
 Dunavant and to his Heirs for ever and the Remainder of the aforesaid nine hundred  
 Acres (that is to say) five hundred Acres I give to my Son William and my Son George  
 Two Sons George & Peter that is to say one half of the Remainder I give to my Son William  
 and his Heirs for ever the other half I give to my Grandsons George and Peter to be  
 equally Divided between them which I give to them and their Heirs for ever my will and  
 Desire is my Son George shall have the use of the Land I give his two Sons during his  
 Natural life I give to my Son George Two Sons George & Peter all my Tract of Land  
 known by the Name of Wintpocks to be Divided from the River out as equally as  
 possible for to have the lower part George the upper part which said Land I give to my  
 two Grandsons aforesaid and to their Heirs for ever only my will and Desire is my Son George  
 shall have the use of the said Land during his Natural life I give to my  
 two Sons George & Peter a Negro Boy named Rinsie to him and his Heirs for ever when he

them from the River out to the Land line as they shall agree which said land I give to  
my two Grandsons George & Peter and to their heirs for ever likewise I give unto my Son George  
two sons George and Peter my Negroes Named Frank & Tom to them and their heirs for ever  
only my will and Desire is that my Son George shall have the use of them during  
his Natural life. Item I give to my Son William Archer from the Aforesaid Hickory up the  
said line between Dan Rodgers and me to two white Oaks Corner Tree thence  
on a straight line to the mouth of Porter Springs Branch when it comes in to Fleet run  
thence down the said Run to the mouth of the Aforesaid Branch to my Grandsons —  
Land when said Land I give to my Son William and his heirs for ever. Item I give  
to my Son William and my Son George, two sons George and Peter after Lewis dies his  
one hundred Acres of Land is laid out as aforesaid at his Cost and Charges thereunto  
of his own and of my said above my Son William Land already given him that is to  
say the said 100 Acres I give to my Son William and his heirs for ever the other  
100 Acres I give to be equally divided between my two Grandsons and their heirs  
for ever and my Grandsons to have the first Choice of my will and Desire is my Son George  
to have the use of his two sons part during his life. Item I give and Bequeath to my  
Son William and my Son George, two sons George & Peter all my Land known by the Name  
of Long Creek containing near hundred Acres excepting four hundred Acres on the upper  
part above the Creek which I formerly sold to Thomas Mannings William Dyerward  
and John Starcock which I order to be laid out by my Son and Grandsons according to  
the line formerly run to contain three hundred Acres for Thomas Mannings & William  
Dyerward to be equally divided between them and to their heirs for ever and the other  
four hundred Acres to be laid out on Dock Pascocks below the land of Mannings and  
Dyerward and to his heirs for ever and the Remainder of the Aforesaid near hundred  
Acres (that is to say) four hundred Acres I give to my Son William and my Son George  
two sons George & Peter that is to say one half of the Remainder I give to my Son William  
and his heirs for ever the other half I give to my Grandsons George and Peter to be  
equally divided between them which I give to them and their heirs for ever my will and  
Desire is my Son George shall have the use of the Land I give his two sons during his  
life and after his death I give to my Son George two sons George & Peter all my Tract of Land  
known by the Name of Wintpocks to be divided from the River out as equally as  
possible. Item to have the lower part George the upper part which said Land I give to my  
two Grandsons after and to their heirs for ever only my will and Desire is my Son George  
during his life have the use of the said Land during his Natural life. Item I give to my  
Son George two sons George & Peter a Negro Boy named Jimmie to him and his heirs for ever when he  
comes to his age of Twenty one. Item I give to my Daughter Blanch Esq one Negro Girl name  
Cock to her and her heirs for ever and likewise I give one Feather Bed and Boudier once  
a Year and Blanket one large Seal Skin Trunk, two pewter Dishes and four pewter plates  
and one locking Glass. Item I give I give to my Son George two sons George & Peter a Negro Boy named  
Mathias to him and his heirs for ever when he comes to his age of Twenty one.  
Item I give I give to my Son George Archer all my Cattle and Sheep and my largest Brass  
Kettle and one large Iron pot likewise I give him all my Drapers Crew and my will and  
Desire is that my Son George order that he may keep his Cattle peaceably and quietly  
upon the plantation. I now live on during his Natural life. Item I give to my Son  
William Archer my two Negroes Named Nels and Moll to him and his heirs for ever  
only my will and Desire is that my Child Boy or Girl that I shall have of

