

Witness I do make my Sonne Abraham Jones whole sole & of this my last will & Testament, and do appoint  
that Sir Arthur Smith & John Applewhite for to see it performed & they have executed my last will  
the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April anno 1704.

Amos A. Jones seal

John Smith  
John Applewhite

proved in open Court for the County of York the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 1704  
by the Oaths of all the Witnesses and Jurors ordered to Alexander  
Jones & Thomas named & ordered to be sworn

In the presence of the Court

In the Name of God Amen I John Soward being sick in Body but of sound memory (I do make  
e ordain this my last will & Testament as followeth, I give & bequeath my soul to God Almighty God my maker & my  
body to God Heavens, from my will & pleasure to be appointed in my last will, Thomas Walter & Richard Nelson my  
son to be my Executors lawful overseers, over this my will & Testament, over all my lands in Virginia  
from my will is that Sir Stephen Warner shall have, the disposing of all such goods, singularly & wholly of  
mine that are aboard the ship called the King's Merchant John I give & bequeath unto my Son John Soward  
Soward, all singular & wholly my plantation in Virginia called by the name of the King's head situated lying in the  
County of York, containing thirteen hundred & eighty acres or thereabouts, I give & bequeath unto my Sonne  
James Soward all singular & wholly my lands in Virginia called by the name of Blackwater, in the County of York of  
Virginia, with all rights & titles, & all other lands or tenements, whatsoever, shall appear to me belonging in Virginia  
here only excepted, to be disposed of according to my last will & Testament, I give & bequeath  
unto my wife Sarah Soward, all my goods that I have aboard the said ship, to this present Voyage of Trade, and two  
years after, if my son shall make or receive, or by goods sold or by Bills, Bonds or Books whatsoever for my use in  
Virginia, and at the end of the said three years time, I do give & bequeath unto my Son John Soward & James  
Soward, equally to be divided between them, all my Bills, Bonds & Notes, & writings whatsoever, to goods, Chattels and  
all things movable, that is or are to me belonging unto my Son John & James, after the said term of  
three years equally to be divided between them, I give & bequeath unto my Son John Soward & James  
Soward, my five Acres to be disposed of as my Overseers of the said parish shall think fit, I give & bequeath  
unto my Son Overseers, Sir Stephen Warner, Thomas Walter & Richard Nelson, forty shillings apiece, I give &  
bequeath unto Sarah my wife of Sir James, five Acres, I give & bequeath unto my Son Richard Soward, my plantation  
warren, shall have the disposing of my son Richard Soward for three years unto whom he shall think fit  
to grant & provision according to his will, and all the end of the said term my will is that the said Richard Soward  
shall have out of my stock of Cotton in Virginia, one Cow, I do acknowledge this to be my last will & Testament  
I have made under my hand & seal, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, in the year of our Lord God, One Thousand Six hundred & 4

John Soward

Delivered in presence of  
Henry Moore  
Edward Gibb  
Geoffrey Pratt

This will was proved by all the Witnesses being sworn that this is the last will & Testament  
of the said John Soward & seal of the said John Soward  
Witness in Court the Honorable Lord Justice Council John  
Robertson Clerk  
by order of the Court the Honorable Lord Justice Council John  
Robertson Clerk