

Wm Court held for Isle Wight
County May 28th 1737

The Appraisement of the Estate of William Stephenson deceased was returned into Court by the Administrator and is admitted to Records.

Test Jm. Baker Clk. Qr.
Wm. Stephenson Jm. Baker Clk. Qr.

In the name of God Amen the 27th day of March in the year of our Lord 1738 I John Barnes of Isle of Wight County being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanke be given unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament that is to say principally and first of all I give & Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I commend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent 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 in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my loving son John Barnes One Tract of Land bounded as following beginning at a forked Turkey Oak One oak standing in the line betwixt Richards Williams and the said John Barnes along a line of marked trees to a branch called whiteroot to a marked pine and from thence to a corner tree a black Oak of Mr Richard Washingtons and so running along the said Washingtons line to a corner tree of Nicholas Williams where said Washington did begin and so running down said line betwixt me and said Williams to the first Station or mentioned Oak Concluding two hundred & ten Acres of Land be the same more or less.

Item I give and bequeath to my loving Son Thomas Barnes a Tract of Land being One hundred & fifty Acres be it more or less bounded as following beginning at a pine a corner tree standing in the Indian old field branch so running up the said line to a Spanish Oak a corner tree and so running from thence up to a black Oak standing in a line of Thomas Trakers it being a corner tree & so along the said line to the head of Indian old field branch and so down the said branch to the first mentioned pine.

Item I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Eliza beth Flowers and her husband during their Natural lives and after their deceases to my grandchild Henry Flowers the son of my daughter Eliza beth Flowers a parcel of land bounded which is the plantation they now live in and the land belonging thereto containing One hundred and twenty Acres be the same more or less.

Item I give and bequeath to my loving Son William Barnes all the my

black he hath in his possession. I him I give and bequeath to
 her Sister Davis all that she hath now in her possession
 bequeath to my loving daughter Mary Best the sum of five
 Shillings each. I him I give and bequeath to my loving son Jacob Barnes
 part of the land and plantation as I now live on bounded as followeth
 beginning at a Maple a corner tree upon the side of the swampy swamp and
 then through the said Swamp up the side of Orchard unto a lightwood post
 a corner tree then through the Orchard unto a lightwood post then along
 Upon a line till it comes to the side of whitewort to a white oak a corner
 tree then down whitewort to the swampy swamp then up the swamp to the
 first Station fifty acres be it more or less and a tract of land lying between
 Arthur Washington and Edwards Rivers containing one hundred acres more
 or less and one feather bed & furniture to it and a bed and a chamber in man
 that he is already possessed with

I him I give and bequeath to my Son Joshua Barnes the remainder part of the
 plantation and land on which I live bounded as followeth beginning at a
 Maple and running up the Swamp to a hewn a corner tree that stands be
 tween Nicholas Williams and I the said John Barnes and from thence
 along a line of marked trees to a branch and thence up the said branch to a
 hewn a corner tree and from thence along a line of marked trees across to a
 corner a lightwood post from thence along a line of marked trees to a turkey
 red oak standing between John Barnes and the said I give to Joshua
 Barnes then along a line of marked trees to a whitewort then down whitewort
 unto a white oak of Jacob Barnes so concluding one hundred and fifty a
 cres be it more or less I also give him a mare which he is now possessed with
 and a cow and calf and a gun a feather bed & furniture and a quarter dish &
 after his Mothers decease my still that is the corner cap and Worm and if he
 should die without issue of his body lawfully begotten then the said still to
 be Jacob Barnes I also give my Son Joshua the largest iron pot that is about
 ten Gallons I him I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Sumner
 one tract of land down in the swamps beginning by the Lawrence's to
 her and her heirs for ever and one quarter dish I give unto Thomas Croft
 two Acres of land the same that he bought of me to him and his heirs or of
 signs for ever according to the bounds as then made

Lastly I give all the remaining part of my moveable Estate unto my
 loving wife during her natural life if any thing or part be left unspent
 then that to be divided between Jacob & Joshua Mary & Sarah I do
 hereby Ordain and constitute my two Sons Jacob and Joshua to be my or
 ly and sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament and I do hereby dis
 avow & disannul all other Wills & Testaments heretofore made by me
 having only this and no other to be his last Will & Testament In Witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day & date above written

Witnessed in the presence of us
 W. Williams, Thos. A. Allen, Benj. B. Thomas
 John B. Barnes