

deat. Number the Testaments One Thousand seven  
 hundred and fifty  
 Signed Seal & pronounced } John & English  
 to be his last Will and }  
 Testament in the Presence  
 of

William Watkins Junr. Jesse Mathews. Jacob & Spivy

At about held for Islet of Wight County March 7<sup>th</sup> 1750  
 The last Will and Testament of John English deced  
 was presented in Court by Mary English the Executrix  
 Person named who made oath thereto and being  
 proved by the oath of William Watkins and Jesse  
 Watkins two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be  
 Recorded  
 Test J. Baker

In the Name of God. Amen. the 28<sup>th</sup> day of November  
 1748. I Mary Council of the Islet of Wight County and Parish of  
 Newport in Virginia having lived to the Age of very near  
 Seventy one being at this Present in Health of Body and  
 of perfect Mind and Memory I praise the Lord therefore  
 and calling to Mind the Uncertainty of this Life and  
 knowing that is appointed for all Men once to die have  
 thought fit to make this my last Will and Testament  
 in the following Manner and Form. First I recommend  
 my Soul into the Hands of almighty God that gave it  
 and my Body to the Grave to be decently buried in  
 Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors  
 hereafter mentioned. and for my Worldly Estate that it  
 hath pleased God to bless me withall I Give and  
 Bequeath the same in the following Manner and Form  
 First I leave to my beloved Wife Susannah the  
 Use and Command of all my Negros during her  
 Natural Life and the Plantation whereon we now live  
 for

for the same Term. I give to my four eldest Daughters Mary Ann, Martha, and Lucy, each of them one Shilling besides what I have already preferred them with all Term. I give to my Son Hardy Council, that Hundred acres of Land that whereon John Sherrard just now lives on to him his Heirs and assigns forever. I also give to my said Son Hardy, my Negro Woman called after his Mothers Decease. Term. I give and Bequeath to my Son Charles Council the Plantation, whereon he now lives with two Hundred acres of Land, beginning at a Corner Tree, that parted the Land of William Braswell and myself and to his Heirs and assigns forever. I also give to my said Son Charles my Negro man called Bowman after his Mothers Decease. Term. I give to my Son Michael Council all the Land that I now hold in Carolina and the Plantation he now lives on to him and his Heirs and assigns forever. I also give to my Son Michael my Negro man called Dick, after his Mothers Decease. Term. I give to my Daughter Susannah Council three Hundred acres of Land, that lies on the Head of the Branches of King-sale and the Branches of the Beaver Dams, according to the Bounds thereof to her and heirs and assigns forever. I also give her one Feather Bed, and the Furniture that belongs to it. Term. I give to my Daughter Christian Council all the Land that I hold on the western side of the Beaverdam Swamp except ten acres, to her and her Heirs and assigns forever. I also give her one Feather Bed, and the Furniture belonging to it and also all the Cattle, that is now called hers, and their future Increase. I also give her my great Book, wherein her Age is set, the Land. I give unto her as by Estimation Two Hundred acres. Term. I give and Bequeath to my Son Joshua Council the Plantation whereon I now live, with all the Land belonging to it being three Hundred and fifty acres, to him and his Heirs and assigns forever, after his Mothers Decease. I also give him one Feather Bed, and the Furniture

belonging to it, also my Will is, that my Son Joshua  
 shall have Liberty to work anywhere on the Land  
 not hurting his Mothers tilled Ground, nor any of  
 her immediate Concomiance. The Bed and Furniture  
 I have already possessed him withall. All the Rest of my  
 personal Estate, within doors and without, I leave it  
 to my loving Wife, to her and to her disposing.  
 My Will is further, that my Son Joshua, after his  
 Mothers decease shall have my Negro Man Peter, and  
 also give to my Son Joshua, ten Acres of Land at the  
 Corner of my Land next Heels - Foley  
 And I do make and Ordain my loving Wife  
 Susannah Council and my Son Charles Council  
 to be my Executors and Executor of this my last  
 Will and Testament, bearing Date this twenty second  
 day February anno Domini 1749.

Signed, Sealed, in the Presence  
 of these Witnesses

Hardy Council

W. W. Jacob Dickinson Wit. Rob<sup>th</sup> Johnson  
 Hardy Lawrence

Then recd of my Father Hardy Council the one Feather  
 Bed and Furniture, that being the Feather bed and  
 Furniture that he left willed or bequeathed to me in his  
 last Will and Testament within mentioned and now  
 received the s<sup>d</sup> Bed in my Fathers Lifetime. Given under  
 my Hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1750.

Witnessed by Robert Whiffles } Joshua Council

At a Court held for Islet Night County March 7<sup>th</sup> 1750  
 The last Will and Testament of Hardy Council Jons.  
 decd. was presented in Court by Susannah Council  
 and Charles Council the Executors therein named who  
 made oath thereto and being proved by the oath of Hardy  
 Lawrence, and the affirmation of Robert Johnson, two  
 of the Witnesses thereto, and ordered to be Recorded

Test J. S. Parker