

In the Name of God. Amen. I
 William Blake of Nottoway Parish in the County of
 Isle of Wight being very Sick and weak of Body but of perfect
 Sense and Memory, all Laud & Praise be given to God. I
 therefore do make, Ordain, Constitute and Appoint this my last
 Will and Testament in manner and Form as followeth / That
 is to say / First and Principally I commit my Soul to God the
 Father of Spirits, Trusting and Firmly believing that thro
 the Merits and bitter Passion of his Son, and my Soul Saviour
Jesus Christ Receive full pardon of all my Sins.
 Secondly I commit my Body to the Earth from whence it
 was taken to be Decently Buried in a Christian like manner
 at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned. And
 for what worldly Estate it hath pleased the Lord to bestow on
 me I give in manner following.

Item. I give and Bequeath the Use of my Plantation whereon I
 now live to my loving Wife Mary Blake during her natural
 Life Containing two Hundred Acres more or less Bound as
 followeth. All my Land of the East side my Spring Branch
 then up the various Courses of that Branch to John Barrow
 Land. Immediately after her Decease I give and Bequeath
 the said Land or Plantation to my Son Vespurns Blake to
 him and his Heirs for ever.

Item. I give and Bequeath to my Son Benjamin Blake all my
 Land on the West Side the aforesaid Branch to the Extent of the
 Old Lines to him and his Heirs for ever.

Item. I give and Bequeath to my Son Thomas Blake the Land
 whereon he now liveth to him & his Heirs for ever.

Item. I give and Bequeath to my three Sons, my Son Tho Blake
 my Son Joseph Blake and my Son Benjamin Blake their parts
 of a new Survey of Land, as it is Divided by a Line of market Trees
 and Meadows. Each others part joining their other Land to them
 and their Heirs for ever.

Item. I give and Bequeath to my Son Joseph Blake one Survey
 of Land lying in the Fork, Thomas Pursels Branch to him
 and his Heirs for ever.

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Item. I give and Bequeath to my Loving Wife Mary Blake my
Articles of my Moveable Estate as followeth. her Choice of new
Feather Bed and Furniture, four Cows & Calves, and one three
Year old Stear, two breeding Sows, & Barrows five, two Cows &
Lambs, two Iron Pots, one smothering Iron & Heaters, three
stone Bottles, one Trunk, one Table, one Wooden Wheel & Card
and one Linnen Wheel, two Horses, one called Talley and the
other Durdens, all my tite Casks, four Pewter Dishes, six
pewter plates, and twelve pewter spoons, all the unsprung Cotton
the third of all the Virginia Cloth that is unused, three pound
Cask; Likewise the half of my Crop of Corn and Tobacco I
likewise give the Labour of one Negro fellow called Peter during
her Widowhood: Immediately after her Marriage or Decease
the said Negro to be sold at publick Sale for Money, and the
Money Divided amongst my Children. Also I give the Use of
my Mill to my loving Wife during her Life; Immediately after
her Decease I give the said Mill to my Son Jephsons Blake.

Item. I give the Remaining part of my Estate to be sold at
publick Sale for Money a Years Day pay allowed giving security
as Required and the Money to be Equally Divided amongst my
Children. And I do appoint my loving Wife Mary Blake and
my Son Joshua Claud, and my Son Thomas Blake, Executors
of this my last Will and Testament, making Null all other
Wills made by me. As Witnefs my Hand and Seal this
first day of November 1742.

Signed Sealed & Delivered

William Blake

In presence of Us

John Barrow, Saml Smith.

At a Court held for Isle of Wight County March 12 1746.

The last Will and Testament of William Blake Deed was presented
in Court by Mary Blake, Joshua Claud & Thomas Blake the
Executors therein named who made Oath thereto; and being proved by
the Oath of John Barrow, who also Deposed that he saw Samuel
Smith sign the same as a Witnefs thereto is Ordered to be Recorded.

Jeph. M. Baker C. C.