

In the name of God, Amen. I Wm. Sherwood of James City being and weak in body but I bless God of sound and perfect mind and memory make this my Last will and Testament hereby Revoking all other wills being heretofore made & I Desire that my body may be decently buried at the east end of the Church at James City without the walls and I Desire that my good friend Jeffrey Jeffreys of London Esq.¹ Do send a Grave Stone to be Laid upon my grave with this Inscription here Lies William Sherwood that was born in the parrish of white Chappell near London a great sinner waiting for a joyfull Resurrection.

It I give to such poor of the parrish of White Chappell as Jeffrey Jeffreys Esq. Mica Perry merchant mathew Bateman and Joseph Bassett of the parrish aforesaid or any two of them shall think fit—ten pounds Sterl.

It I Give to the poor of James City parrish ten pounds Sterl. to be Disposed of by my Loving wife Rachel and my Good friends Wm Edwards and Capt. George Marrable or any two of them.

It I Give to Eliz the Daughter of John Jarrett fifty p^{ds} Sterl to be deposited in the hands of M^r Micajah Perry of London mercht. till the said Eliz attain the age of Sixteen years or be married but if the said Eliz shall Die before she attain the aforesaid age or marriage then I Give the aforesaid fifty pounds sterl. to Johannah the wife of John Jarrett to be paid her or any other person by an order under her hand.

It I Give to the Children of William Myer and Eliz his wife fifty pounds Sterlg to be deposited in the hands of M^r Micajah Perry of London merchant for their use to be paid to them when of age or married or to the survivors of them.

It I Give to Mary Jarrett the Sister of John Jarrett twenty five pounds Sterl to be paid her within two years after my decease.

¹ On December 11, 1704, Sir Jeffrey Jeffreys, Knight, Alderman of the City of London, deeded to Edward Jaquelin of James City in the province of Virginia, merchant, 400 acres on Jamestown Island heretofore in possession of William Sherwood (Ambler MSS.).

It I give to Henry Jenkins the son of Capt. Henry Jenkins² my Saddle horse I had of Mr. John Waugh³ with my Best Saddle Bridle pistoll and holsters.

It I Give my Divinity bookes to my Loving wife Rachell desiring her to Give such of them as shee shall see fit to Mr Joseph Pettitt all my history books I Give to Johannah the wife of John Jarrett and all my Law bookes I Give to W^m Edwards, and Dionisius Wright⁴ to be equally divided between them.

It I Give to his Ex^{cy} Sr Edm^d Andros Knt. Gov^r et^c forty shill sterl to buy him a ring and to my Good freind Mr. Hugh Davis and Capt. Arthur Spicer⁵ forty shill each to buy them rings and I give ten pounds Sterl to be Disposed of by my Loving wife Rachell in morning Rings to such persons as shee shall see fitt.

It I Give to my Loving freind W^m Edwards and his heirs for ever the Land he now useth without my Garden pailles Joyning to his Land and the Land within a Line to be run from the southeast end of my Garden pailles till it comes opposite to the Ditch of Mr James Chudleigh's orchard⁶ and from thence by a Line to the said Ditch the said Edwards and his heirs keeping and Repairing a Good and Substantial fence from my Garden pailles to the aforesaid Ditch this Legacy not to take place till my Loving wifes decease.

It It is my will that my Indian woman Dorothy Jubile be free Immediately after my decease being satisfied she is no slave and in full of her Corn and Cloathes I Give her fifty Shill Sterl.

It is my will that Capt. Henry Jenkins have the Goods I bought of Capt. Tolbett he passing his obligations to pay my Ex^{rs} hereafter named the prime Cost in Ap^l next; what he now oweth me by bill or account I hereby discharge him from.

It I Give to Mary Antrobus y^e sum of ten p^{ds} Sterl to be paid her by Jeffrey Jeffreys Esq^r when she shall be free in full of her freedom Corn and Cloathes and if my Loving wife do not think fitt to keep the said Mary or happen to die before she be free then I desire my friend W^m Edwards his wife to take her.

It I give to my Loving wife Rachel the use of all my personall Estate during her naturall life and after her Decease I give the

some to my very good friend Jeffrey Jeffreys Esq but if my said wife should not be content therewith instead of the abovesaid I give her one third part of my personall Estate and the value of one hundred and fifty p^{ts} steel out of the other two thirds and the Remainder of the said two thirds I Give to the said Jeffrey Jeffreys but if my said wife shall be Content with the use of all my personall Estate during her Life I Give her one hundred and fifty pounds to Dispose of as She shall see fit at her Death and to the end it may appear what my personall Estate is it is my will that my Good Friend William Edwards Capt. George Marable^r and Mr John Wright or any two of them Do take an Inventory of my said personall Estate and upon Reputation value the same which Inventory is to be put upon Record by my Ex^{rs}.

It I Give to my Loving wife Rachell all my Lands houses and other Real Estate she keeping y^e same in sufficient Repair during her naturall Life and after her decease I Give the same to Jeffrey Jeffreys Esq and his heirs forever.

It is my will that all my Just Debts by bills or acc^t be Duely paid and if any Difference shall happen about any Debt Due from me I leave the Determination thereof to W^m Edwards Capt. George Marable and Mr Dionisius Wright or any two of them to avoid any further trouble therein and Lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint

^rGeorge Marable patented half an acre on the Island in 1663 and lived in a brick house on the shore near the present ruins of the Hubbert house. His son, Capt. George Marable, sold the lot in 1696 (Hindler MSS). He was sheriff of James City county in 1695 and Burgess in 1702, 1704, 1706. His wife was Mary, daughter of John Hartwell, of Surry, and he had issue George, Jr., and Henry Hartwell Marable. (Quarles, VIII, 62.) William Marable was probably another son of George Marable, Sr. He patented land in 1715 and represented James City County in the House of Burgesses in 1736. Benjamin was probably son of George Hartwell, Jr. Henry Hartwell Marable died Sept. 17, 1774, and his will, made in Sussex County in 1764, was proved in 1774. He names wife Mary, brothers George and Benjamin, and his nephews Hartwell son of George, and Hartwell son of Benjamin. Mary, his wife, died Dec. 26, 1770. Quarles, VIII, 1, 4, 5, 36. * This family was prominent in Lunenburg and Mecklenburg, which were represented in the House of Burgesses by Mathews Marable. His will was proved in Mecklenburg in 1786, and names sons Matthew, Richard, Champion, and John, daughter Elizabeth, son-in-law David Stokes, brother John Marable and wife Mary. For children of George Marable of Charles City County see Quarles, VIII, 62.

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my Loving wife Rachel my full and sole Ex^{ce} and desire my Good freinds Mr W^m Edwards Capt. Geo. Marrable and Mr Dionisius Wright to be overseers of this my Last will and Testament to see it performed but if my Loving wife Rachel doth Refuse to take upon her y^e Ex^rship of this my will I do hereby Constitute and appoint my aforesaid Good freinds Mr W^m Edwards Capt. Geo. Marrable Mr Dionisius Wright Joyntly and severally to be my full and sole Ex^{ce} of this my said Last will and Testament and desire the Court of James City to appoint appraisers.

It I Give to John Jarrett such of my wearing apparrell as my overseers shall see fitt of that I now have withall that I have sent for to England in full of his right or title to any part or parcell of my Estate Real or personall and the rest of my wearing apparrell I Give my Serv^{ts}, to be distributed by my Ex^{ce} and to Each of my God Children I Give a silver spoon of twelve shill price in witness whereof after reading this my will very Distinctly I have to set my hand and seal at the house of Capt. Henry Jenkins this 18th Day of August in the ninth year of his Maje^e reign anno Dom 1697.

W^m. SHERWOOD

Seale.

Signed sealed and owned by the
Testator as his last Will and Testament and witt
nessed in his presence by

W^m AYLETT JAMES JESSELL (?)

GEO. WITHAM, COPE DOYLY

James City County y^e 7th Feb^r 1687

This will was proved by the oaths of all the witnesses

Test, ROBT. BEVERLEY, C. C.

Copied Test. C. C. THACKER, C. C.