

In the name of Amen the sixteenth Day of August 1700
I Tho: Carter Sen: of the County of Lancaster being sick in body but of
sound perfect memory thanks be to almighty God and calling to Remembrance
the Uncertain Estate of this transitory Life and that all flesh must yield unto death
when it shall please God to call doe make constitute ordain and Declare this my
will and testament in manner and form following Knowing and annulling by
presently all and Every testament and testaments will and wills heretofore by
me made and Declared Either by word or writing and this is to be taken only for
Last will and testament and none others and first being penitent and
from the bottom of my heart for my sins past most humbly Desiring
forgiveness of God and commit my soul unto almighty God my Savior and
Redeemer in Christ and by the merits of Jesus Christ to trust and believe
assuredly to be saved and to have full Remission and Forgiveness of all my sins
and that my soul with my body at the General day of Resurrection may
Rise again with Christ and through the merits of Christ Death and passion
possess and inherit the Kingdom of Heaven prepared for his Elect and
Chosen and my body to be buried in such place where it shall please my
Executors hereafter named to appoint and now for the settling of my
temporal Estate and such Goods Chattels and Debts as it shall please God
far above my Desire to bestow upon my Son and Daughter and Discharge
same in manner and form following that is to say that I will that all
Debts and Dues as I owe in Right or Conscience to any manner of
person or persons whatsoever shall be well and truly contented and paid
or ordained to be paid within convenient time after my Death
my Executors hereafter named I am of due mind and memory to pay unto
William Fisher for the purchase of the 50 Acres of land bought by him
within three months after my Death to be paid unto him with his brother
and both his mother have what timber she shall have occasion for for
wood and fences on my now dwelling plantation during her life but then shall
have no interest or right in it but I do give unto my Son John Carter to him and his heirs
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temporal Estate and such Goods Chattels and Debts as it hath provided for
far above my Debt to be paid upon my Death and I will that all
same in manner and form following that is to say first I will that all
those Debt and Dues as I owe in Right or Conscience to any manner of
person or persons whatsoever shall be well and truly contented and paid
or ordered to be paid within convenient time after my Death and
Execution hereafter named I do give unto my son George Carter executor of
William Carter his last will and testament the 50 Acres of Land which he bought
within three months after my Death to be paid to my son George for the laying it out
and to his mother have what timber she shall have occasion at for the growing
wood and fence on my now dwelling plantation during her life that then she shall
have no benefit of it but I do give it to my son George Carter to him and his
heirs for ever only Reserving my wife to have a share of Land to him and his
timber she shall have occasion for the growing and building on the my now dwelling
plantation but whereas the 50 Acres is in England and if it should happen to
be sold now or come in again I do give the 50 Acres to my son George Carter to him and his
heirs for ever I do give unto my son George Carter and his heirs a share of Land
to him and his heirs for ever only Reserving the same privilege to my wife
as in the other two I do give my negro Dick unto my son George with
her natural life Catharina during her natural life and then to be divided among
all the rest of my children only my son George to have no share of him
I do give all my personal Estate whatsoever of to be equally divided
amongst my loving wife and children only Reserving the great debt to my
wife whereas my son in law hath received fifteen hundred and fifty pounds of to be
in part of what I do give his grandfather in law I do give his wife and children no recovery
for it and if the 50 Acres will not be accountable for it then I say with the
he shall have no part of my Estate but only one shilling for his part of the
wife's portion I do give unto my son George Carter and my now dwelling
plantation with one hundred acres of Land to it to him and his heirs for ever
after my now dwelling wife Catharina's decease I do give and Nominate my son
George my Executor and my loving wife my Execution of this my last will and
testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day and
year above written published in the presence of my words and signed on the hand before
me

Signature *John Davis* Signum *Tho: White*
Signature *Richard R. Hopkins*

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