

In the name of God Amen

Thacker I Edwin Thacker of the County of Middlesex being Sicken and in danger
of sound and perfect mind and memory (thanks be given to God for the same) do make this my
last will and Testament in manner and forme following. And first and principally I com-
mit my Soul to God hoping that (through the standing prayer and intercession of my
friends and Intercession of my blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ) to receive full & free
remission and forgiveness of all my sins and to inherit Everlasting Life in that place which
God almighty has prepared for those that Love and fear him. And my body I commit
to the Earth in sure and certaine Hope of a joyful resurrection to that Evernall life
to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

Item I will that all my debts and funeral Charges be paid.

Item Whereas I have lately bought fourteen hundred forty two acres of Land of Henry Wood
Esq. for which I have paid him three hundred pounds sterling and whereas by agreement I am
to give two hundred pounds sterling more upon his signing a deed for the said Land and upon his
mother the Lady Clara Wood and his wife relinquishment of their right of dower in the
same my will therefore is that a Sum of two hundred pounds sterling be by my Executors
after named Lodged in the hands of Arthur Brady Esq. Merchant in Lane whom I hereby
do hereby request to make a tender thereof to the said Henry Wood Esq. before a Notary
publick and to deliver his deed as also his said Mother and wife deeds of relinquishment
of their right as aforesaid in witness of their sayd assent to signed such deed to whom I shall

hereafter in this my will give the said Land to get the said Notaries attestation of the
Tender and refuse all witnessed by persons that upon occasion may serve the same
in Virginia ~~live & be~~ and upon the receipt of which Dees witnessed also by persons that
may serve them in Virginia ~~live & be~~ I leave the said for the said Bailey Esq. to pay
the said sum of two hundred pounds Sterling according to the Tenor of the certain writings
under my hand in the nature of bills of Exchange directed to Cap^t John Lewis late of
London. March 10th Dec^r for the payment of the said two hundred pounds Sterling which
said writings I desire may be taken in from the said Dees at the payment of the
two hundred pounds and together with the said Dees sent to my Ex^{ors} hereafter named
whom I desire to pay the said Bailey for his trouble therein and for his reasonable
charges about the same the said sum of two hundred pounds Sterling to be made
up out of my estate in England and Virginia and out of my Debts and to be paid

And I will that all my household goods now belonging to my dwelling house, kitchen
and other houses upon my dwelling plantation together with the plough
horses, my riding horse and two cart horses remain as it is for the use
of my dear Loving wife for ever. Then in giving the said Land or the
value thereof to my Ex^{ors} I do not mean the said to be my Ex^{ors} to be my Ex^{ors} to be my Ex^{ors}
for a year or more and in my will I do not mean that the said Land or the
value thereof should be sold for the said Land or the value thereof

Item I give and bequeath unto my Said daughter Anne and Loving wife my Negro woman an Ann-
together with her future increase as also my Negro man Sampson I give and
bequeath to her and her heirs and assigns for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my Said wife my Negroman Dick and my negrowoman
called Nanny to her her heirs and assigns for ever

Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving daughter Anne Thacker and to her
heirs and assigns for ever my Negro boy Ned and my Negro Girl
Frank to be delivered to her when she attains to the age of fifteen
years or sooner at the Discretion of my Executors but in case she dy or be-
fore she attains to the Said age then I give the Said two negroes to my
two Sons Edmund & John and their heirs for ever

Item It is my will that all the rest of my Negroes by name Doctor Jack Simpson Betty
Hanna Ripley Letty Robin Sarah Gile Monney and their Increase shall
be kept and Employed upon my severall plantations according to the discre-
tion of my Executors for the advantage of my two Sons Edmund and John Thacker
in and sayng some Tobacco or any other thing to be sold in the Country or
shipped for England and the many to be sold in the hands of some
Merchant or March^{ts} at the discretion of my Executors for the use of my
two Sons and to be further disposed off at the discretion of my Executors

two Sons and to be further disposed of at the discretion of my Executors
in buying up my said two Sons for Clothing for themselves and Negroes for
their working tools eating and all other necessaries or buying such Negroes
as my said Executors shall think fit to buy for the use of my said
two Sons to be Employed as aforesaid my said Executors not to be respon-
sible for any of the said Negroes that shall happen to dye hereby depre-
cating my said Executors to act for my said two Sons as they would
do for themselves my said Sons to be over all Expenses and mis-carriages that
may happen in the management of their parts of my Estate and to have in-
crease and profits thereof.

Item I give and bequeath all my Cattle be Equally divided between my said two Sons and
my wife. I give and bequeath my wife Frances when my Executors shall see
fit and convenient or when my said wife shall desire the same to be done one
my said two Sons to be kept upon my plantations and to be
in my said County and Parish by which at the discretion of my Executors
they may do any of them or their increase as they shall think best for the advan-
tage of my said Sons for any or several or other use or uses of them for
the use of my said two Sons or for any other use at the discretion of my said
Executors to be done and to be paid the same as

Robt. Lora And I give unto my dear and loving wife and her heirs and assigns and bequeath unto my two sons Edm. Thacker and John Thacker to be Equally divided between them so soon as my son Edm. shall attain to the age of twenty one years or at the age of seventeen in case my Executors shall see fit my son Edm. after such Divisⁿ made by my Executors or persons to be chosen by my sons without going to Law to receive his part into his possession for his own use & my son John's part to be Impleyed for his use by my Executors till he comes to the age of Twenteen or Twenty one years at the discretion of my Executors when he is to have it

Item It is my will that in case my Executors find Doctor Jack or any of the Negro men belonging to my said two sons to be truly that they be Impleyed to Look after the rest of the said Negroes as my Executors shall see fit, allowing them provisions Equal to an overfoot vizt half a wheeling beefs one Carrow Hogg for Bacon one one small hogg for Pork and such other things as my Executors shall think reasonable for such a truly Negro not allowing any of the Negroes to keep any Stock of their own

Item I give unto my dear and loving wife Frances all my dwelling plantation and houses there upon and the Lands that I bought of my Brother Henry Thacker of Henry Suggwell of William Hunt of John Davis and Maurice Cochrans of Land assigned me of fifty eight acres beginning to Little's quarter line

together with a Slip of Totten's quarter land that I gave to Henry Suggs as
Land for as the next small branch for me during her Natural Life
provided she remains a widow or provided she does not Claim her right of
Dower to any of my other Land

Item I give ^{and bequeath} unto my Loving daughter Anne Thacher for me during her Natural Life
provided she keeps unmarried three hundred acres of Land to be Laid off and to in-
clude Totten's quarter plantation and the Land adjacent Thereto not going over
the main branch of Nuncock Creek from the time of her being fifteen years of
age for her only life and behoofe to Employ Such Servants as she shall from
time to time have or procure

Item I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Anne Thacher seventy five pounds
Sterling to be paid her by my Executors at the age of fifteen years or there-
after as soon as it may be all which Land I Regress and hereby know before
given her is full of her portion by me designed for her

Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving son John Thacher and to the
 heirs of his body Lawfully to be begotten forever my six hundred acres
 of Land lying in the County of Middlesex more or less as may be
 the same is the name of the plantation which I have by my
 will given and given to be held to the same

the said land unto my Loving Son John Thacker and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten forever and in case of his death without heirs as aforesaid then I give the said land to my brother Henry Thacker and his male heirs and to the male heirs of their body lawfully to be begotten forever and for want of such heirs to my own right heirs forever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my said Son John Thacker the patent of Land granted to me or that small part of it that lies within the bounds of the old plantation Tract which was formerly deserted by William Briscoe

Item I give and bequeath unto my said Son John Thacker one hundred & forty acres of Land by me bought of Thomas Durr —

Item I give and bequeath unto my said Loving Son Thacker and certain piece or parcels of Land to the same two hundred acres more or less lying in the said County of Middlesex and bounded as followeth beginning at the mouth of a Branch upon the maine River of Amherst Brook at corner trees of John Davis his Land where the snow trees stand — running on the said maine Swamp and running up along the said maine Swamp its course all furthest to the mouth of the next Branch just above which has been an old wolf's Trapp in a small Island then up along the run of the said small Branch to the head Spring thereof and

along the run of the said small stream to the head of the same
thence crossing the woods by a straight line of marked Trees to be made
to valleys called the Deep Bottoms where the road crosses the same
which said Road Leads into the neck thence down and along the
Deep Bottoms and the green branch to the outmost part of the Line of
Land known by the name of Potters quarter Tract then a long straight
Line East to the Land of John Davis then along his line of marked
Trees to the first mentioned Branch and a little down the said Branch
the line will come to the place it began. All which last men-
tioned three parcels of Land I give and bequeath unto the said John
Thacker and to the heirs of his body Lawfully to be begotten forever
and for want of such heirs I give and bequeath the said Land unto
my Loving Son Edwin Thacker and to the heirs of his body Lawfully
to be begotten forever and for want of such heirs then to my brother
William Thacker and the male heirs of his body forever and for want
of such heirs then to my right heirs forever.

I give and bequeath unto my Loving Son Edwin Thacker and to the heirs of his body
Lawfully to be begotten forever all my Tract or parcels of Land known by
the name of Potters quarter Tract according to the partition that by you and I have
made by deed in and to the said Edwin Thacker and his heirs forever
the same being of the size and given to my son, the said Thacker and his heirs

of by me conveyed to John Davis and for want of such heirs I give and bequeath
the said tract of Land (except as before excepted) unto my son John Thacker and
to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten forever and for want of such
heirs then to my brother William Starab and the male heirs of his body lawfully
to be begotten forever except further it is my will that in case of the death
of my two sons and the heirs of their bodies lawfully to be begotten as aforesaid
my said daughter Anne Thacker shall have and enjoy the three hundred
acres of Land part of the said tract before in this my will given her to her & her
heirs forever.

Item It is my will and accordingly I give and bequeath unto my Loving Son Edmon Thacker
and to the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten forever all and singular the
lands plantations and houses by me allotted in this my will to my dear and Loving
wife Frances Thacker which allotted unto her in lieu of her third of all my Lands
according as the same is expressed and set down in this my will which said lands plan-
tations and houses he is to have and enjoy after her decease and in case of his death
without heirs as aforesaid then I give and bequeath the same unto my son John
Thacker and unto the heirs of his body lawfully to be begotten forever and
for want of such heirs then to my daughter Anne Thacker and to the heirs of her
body lawfully to be begotten forever and for want of such heirs to my bro-
ther Nicholas Corbin Thacker and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving Son Edmon Thacker and to the heirs of his

Now I give and bequeath unto my Loving son John Thacker and to the heirs of his
body Lawfully to be begotten forever Six hundred acres of Land Beginning at
the mouth of Hollybush Swamp Branch or Cove and running according ^{to the old} known and
reputed bounds and lines of the patents deeds or otherwise parcelled and granted
to me according as the same has been assigned unto me by deeds writings or
otherwise the said patents deeds or Joyntures upon the South Side of the main
head of Nincock Creek and upon the mouth of Hollybush Branch which runs
its due course from the mouth of the said Hollybush Branch or Cove
or the lower part thereof according to the ancient line which goes through
the Glebe or lot of the said according as the same has been let and enjoyed to the
ancient Corner Free if the same be to be found which takes a considerable neck
or parcel of Land on the lower side the ^{said} Hollybush Swamp or Branch and
for want of such heirs to my son John Thacker and to the heirs of his body
Lawfully to be begotten forever and for want of such heirs to my Loving
brother Timothy John Thacker and to the heirs of his body Lawfully to
be begotten forever and for want of such heirs to my daughter Anne Thacker
and to the heirs forever.

Now I give and bequeath unto Anne Thacker and to the heirs of her body forever an
undivided share of Land to be divided by a north and south line in other
words the same being divided according to the said division
between five acres or less and half an acre and one fourth of an acre

all part in case he takes up an the upper part on the north side the said Parcel
I give and bequeath unto my loving sons Lawrence and John Thacher and to the heirs of
their bodies Lawfully to be begotten forever all the rest and residue of my Tracts
of Land in Cumberland Neck to the same Eighteen hundred and thirty acres
more or less to be Equally divided between them my said two sons by a middle South
Line crossing the whole Tracts of Land that part of which adjoining to the Line
of my brother William Stanard to be my son Edmund and the other part to be my
son John to be to them and their heirs as aforesaid and to the survivors of them
and for want of such heirs I give and bequeath that part of the said Land
allotted for my said son Edmund unto my said brother William Stanard and
his heirs forever and the other part allotted for my said son John unto my
son John Thacher and his heirs forever

I give and bequeath unto my loving sons Edmund and Frances Conway and to
their heirs and assigns forever six hundred acres of Land part of a patent of
2634 acres granted to me according as the same shall be sold up in that part
of the said patent next Chappaquodick River to be Equally divided between
them

I give and bequeath unto my son Edmund Sullivan and to his heirs and assigns
forever the one half part of the remaining part of the said tract of 2634 acres

of land to be laid off on the furthermost part of the said whole tract of land
from Rappahannock river by a line running as near parallel with the River
as may be. the rest and residue of the said Land I desire and Impower my Executors
hereafter named to sell and dispose of for money for the use of my said
two Sons and that my Executors or any of them sell no further right or
title to the said Land than according as it is granted me by patent with-
out any Generall Warranty and the money it shall be sold for I give to my sa-
id two Sons to be paid out for their use at the discretion of my Executors
provided that if in case no person or persons will accept of the right and title
of the patent without a Generall Warranty as aforesaid that then the said
Land I give for the use of my said two Sons their heirs and assigns forever
I give and bequeath unto my Loving brother Rachely forbin Thacher his heirs and assigns
forever all and singular my claims in the northern neck (now) between Rappahan-
nock and Potomack rivers be the same seven hundred acres or less keeping
my said Concessions and charges that both shall accrue for the same
wherein my Loving brother Jonathan and myself have been concerned in two parts of the
same by a Grant of our family which was granted to us by patent and the other
part granted to our son Charles by patent which said Lands under some
names of the said Jonathan & Charles Thacher his heirs and assigns
forever and I myself of our family as the same is granted to

My heirs shall be bounden abond to my Executors hereafter named of 100 Sterling
to make payment of the one halfe part of the real value of the said two tracts
of Land according to the true value thereof they sell it for but in case here or
they refuse to give such bond ^{which} then my Executors of this my will are hereby
Impowered to sell the right and title that my heirs assign or may claim
of or under me or them have might or may have in and to the said
Land that is granted in my name and the said Boughdon to have that granted
to Johnsen in Lien thereof and in case the Land be sold the money it
shall be sold for to be for the use of my two Sons Edm & John in case
it be not sold the same to my two Sons their heirs and assigns forever
Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving Brother Henry Thacher what he owes
me upon balance of account the same being about twenty five pounds
Item I give unto Edward Wyddon all the debt he owes me
Item I give unto Robert James all the debt he owes me
Item I give and bequeath unto my Loving Son Edm Thacher my manure and
future increase as also my young Black Horse
Item My will and desire is that my Executors take Especial care to have my aforesaid
two Sons brought up in the fear of God and Educated as well as their Estates
will admit of at the discretion of my Executors my daughter Anne I
will that she be maintained and Educated as far as discretion of my Ex-

will then be to maintain and educate also at the discretion of my ex-
-ecutors out of my Said Sons Estates till the money be paid in this my will
given her is paid to her

And Lastly I do hereby constitute authorize and appoint my Loving brothers Henry
Thacker Nicholas John Thacker & William Standen & my Loving son Edmund
Thacker Executors of this my Last Will and Testament Desiring my Said Lov-
-ing brothers to be careful in having my children well brought up and
Educated as aforesaid as also in the management of their Estates for their
Advantage as before in this my will I have desired them I hereby revoke
-ing and making null and void all wills and Testaments by me heretofore
made and in Testimony that what is contained in those three halves
-sheets of Paper is my Last Will and Testament I have hereunto set
my hand and Seal this Second Day of April Anno Domini one thousand
-Eight hundred and four

Wm Thacker

Signed Sealed published and declared to be
his last will and Testament in presence of

Thos. H. Abman
John Davenport
Richard H. H. H.

At a Court held for the County of
Essex the 12th day of May 1804

This will (containing three sheets) was the only one
in Court by the will of Wm Thacker & his heirs & assigns
the said Wm Thacker & his heirs & assigns