

Copy of the will of Joseph Godwin

In the name of God Amen, I Joseph God:-- of Narromund County, being sick and weak but of perfect sense and memory do make my will as follows:
Viz:t I Give unto my loving wife Joanna Margaret Godwin the following slaves Viz:t Lucy Bridgett, Violet, Hannah, Cesar as also the land and plantation I now live on, also the land whereon Mary Babb lives, together with all my cattle, hogs, horses and, furniture, together with two negres Vizt; old Sarah and black Sarah as also all my household goods of what nature and kind soever within doors and without the sd. land, slaves and furniture &c to her and her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Christopher Godwin the land commonly known by the name of Pages and Beunans to him and his heirs forever, containing by estimation Two hundred & Eighty three acres, also my negres Quash and Moll. Item, I give unto my daughter Saphiah Godwin my negers, Robin & Fortune to her and her forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Godwin my negro Ned, Judy and Jack to her and her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Godwin my negres Jenny and Flora. Item, my will is that all the Tobacco which is Ten thousand two hundred and twenty-four pounds of Tobo. contained in nine hogsheads, also the produce of the tobacco shipped to Glasgow and such other goods as may come to hand be together with my store goods to be sold and the money arising thereby to be divided amongst my children when they attain the age of Twenty one years or married, together with the money arising from such debts as are due on my books, together with bills, bonds, notes of hand &c after the debts I owe are discharged out of the same. Item it is my will and desire that in case any of my children die before they attain the age afo. that that part of my estate given them be divided amongst the survivors, Item it is my will that if ther shall appear any ballances on my books due to me from any name of Jackson that the same be struck off for I freely forgive them. I also forgive my Brother, Edmund Godwin his debt due to me. Item I give unto James Jackson my silver watch, and his choice of my best suit of clothes together with my silversmiths Tools. Item I give unto W. Cary Jackson my sister in law five Holland for six shifts and cambrick suitable to ruffle them also enough of as rich black silk as any in the County to make her a gown. Item, I give and bequeath to Michael Jackson as much fine Holland as will make him six shirtswith Cambric suitable to ruffle them, with a fine Hatt. Item I give unto my Brother Thomas Godwin out of the debt he ows me five Pounds current money. Item I give to my sister Mary Holliday, Patience Gregory & brother Iuemiah to each fifty shillings to buy them a mourning ring. Item I give to Sarah Meredith and Elizabeth Norfleet to each three pounds for their care of me in my sickness, Lastly I appoint my loving wife Johanna Margaret Godwin and my well beloved friend Christopher Jackson Gent: the elder executor & Executrix of this my last will &c. In witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hands & seal, dated this 12th day of October anno dom. 1747.

Signed, sealed published and delivered
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At a Court held for Nansemond County November 1747.

A copy: Teste, Peter B. Prentis, Clerk.

VIRGINIA:

In the Clerk's Office of Nansemond County Circuit Court, the 13th day of April, 1918.

The foregoing Copy of Will with certificates thereon was produced by Miss Mildred M. Holladay to the Clerk Of said Court and on her application is recorded anew, the Will Book from which the same was copied having been destroyed by the burning of the Clerk's Office and the records on the 7th day of February, 1866.

Teste: G. E. Bunting, Clerk.

By, Ruby V. Benton D.C.

In the name of God & I, Edmond Godwin of ye County of Namemend & Parish of Suffelk, being health & sound memory, but knowing the Fraulty of human nature do make this my last will & Testament as followeth vizt:
 Item, I give unto my son Jonathan Godwin ye land that he now lives on also what negrees I have already possessed him with to him & his heirs forever. Item, I give unto my son, Jonathan Godwin ye plantation in Barrets Neck, that I live upon together with young Coffe, bess & Pigg, to him & his heirs forever. Item I give unto my son Thomas Godwin all that tract of land, that I have already possessed him with together with all ye negrees that I have already given into his possession to him & his Heirs forever. Item, I also give unto my son, Thomas Godwin my water Grist Mill, that I bought of John Bradly with all ye land & appertanances thereunto belonging together with eld Coffe & eld Will, to him & ye male heirs of his body lawfully begetten forever. Item, I also give unto my son Thomas Godwin my negre Boy Ned, son of Peg & my negre boy Jimmy Tom, of Hetty, to him & his heirs forever.
 Item, I give unto my Grandson Edmond Godwin my negre man Will the son of Pegg my negre boy Jackson of Bess & negre wench Cate, daughter of eld Bess to him & his heirs forever.
 Item, I give unto my Grandson Jonathan Godwin my negre boy Titus, son- Bess to him & his heirs forever. Item, I give unto my Grandson Josiah Godwin my negre boy Peter, son of Hetty to him & his heirs forever. Item, I give unto my Grandson, Joseph Godwin my negre boy Quash son of Pegg and Sue, daughter of Hetty to him & his heirs forever. Item, I give unto my Grand daughter, Charity Godwin my negre girl, Mell, daughter of Pegg, to her & her heirs forever. Item, I give unto my Grand daughter Amelia Godwin my negre boy, Harry and negre girl Nan to her & her heirs forever. Item, I give unto my grand daughter, Juliana Godwin my negre girl, Dinah, daughter of Hetty to her & her heirs forever.
 And all ye rest of my estate real or personal of what kind soever, Bonds, Bills, beeks, debts &c. I give to my Two sons Jonathan Godwin & Thes. Godwin to be equally divided between them that is to say ye one half to one and ye other half to ye other.
 I do hereby appoint my Two sons Jonathan Godwin & Thes. Godwin my hole and sole Exers. of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I do thereunto sett my hand & fix my seal this thirteenth day of December 1753.

Witnesses

Thes. Wakefield,
 Thes. Chanell,
 Arthur Chanell,

Edmond Godwin

(SEAL)

At a Court held for Nansemend County, December 8th. 1755.

The last will & Testament of Edmond Godwin deceased, was proved by the oaths of all the witnesses

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And all ye rest of my estate real or personal of what kind soever, Bonds, Bills, books, debts &c. I give to my Two sons Jonathan Gedwin & Thos. Gedwin to be equally divided between them that is to say ye one half to one and ye other half to ye other.

I do hereby appoint my Two sons Jonathan Gedwin & Thos. Gedwin my heirs and sole Exers. of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I do thereunto sett my hand & fix my seal this thirteenth day of December 1753.

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Arthur Chanell,

Edmond Gedwin

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Test; Samuel Riddick, Clk: Ct:

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