

In the Name of God. Amen. I Edward Archer of
the Borough of Norfolk Merchant being of sound Mind and perfect Memory
Make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form follow-
ing that is to say

First Whereas I have by Deed given to my Wife Dinah for her Life All that Piece or Parcel
of Land which I purchased of Joseph Calvert on which Land I have Built a new Dwelling
House, the Use of which said House and other Improvements I give to ^{my} said loving wife during
Her natural Life only I desire my Daughter Frances Archer may have the Use of the
Chamber over the Passage in the said House while she remains unmarried I also give and
Bequeath to my said loving Wife Dinah the use & Labour of my Two Slaves Stephen &
Tom during her Natural Life, also the use of One Dozen Walnut Chairs, One Walnut Table
Two Feather Beds and Furniture during her Natural Life, and after her Decease I give
one third of the said Slaves and Personal Estate to my Daughter Susanna Simms & her
Heirs, one other third part thereof I give to my Daughter Frances Archer and her Heirs
and the other third part of the said Slaves and personal Estate I give to my son
Edward Archer in Trust for the use and benefit of my Daughter Anna Godfrey
Wife of Charles Godfrey to be disposed of in manner hereafter to be mentioned
I also give and bequeath to my said loving Wife Forty Pounds Current Money

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Item I also give and bequeath to my said loving Wife Forty Pounds Current Money —
Item I give and bequeath to my son Edward Archer the Land whereon I now dwell together
with the Houses and other Appurtenances thereunto belonging and also Two Lots of Land
with the Appurtenances which I purchased of Joseph. Hutchings and John Smith
situate in the said Borough to him my said son & his Heirs forever. I also give to my
said son All the Furniture of my Hall And one fourth part of my Brigantine called
The Molly's Letter, But in case the said Brigantine should be sold in my life time
Then I give him one fourth part of the Price for which she shall be sold to be paid
Him in Money out of my Estate to him and his Heirs ~~et cetera~~

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Susanna Simms (over and above what I have already
given her by Deed which she hath been already paid the further Sum of Fifty
Pounds Current Money, and my Slave called Barbados. and all such Sums of
Money as are now due & Owing to me from her Husband Richard Simms I give the same
to my said Daughter and her Heirs forever I also return back and give to my said Daughter
Susanna Simms all the goods, Articles & Estate mentioned made over and sold to me
by Virtue of a Bill of Sale from her Husband Richard Simms to me I say I return
Back and give the same to my said Daughter and her Heirs ~~et cetera~~

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Frances Archer Fifty Pounds Current Money ~~et cetera~~

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Back and give the same to my said Daughter and her Heirs ~~et cetera~~

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Frances Archer Fifty Pounds Current Money ~~over~~
~~what my Husband gave her by Deed of Gift~~ both which sums amounting in the whole
to Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds is to be paid out of my Estate by my Exors
and I also give to my said Daughter Frances my Negroe Boy Dick and One Feather
the said Furniture to her and ^{her} Heirs And Desire the money given her may be paid

~~the said~~ Interest and the said negro given her ~~hered out~~ and the same
hereby may be applied to her Maintenance without using any of the
Principal, for that purpose until she arrives at Lawful age, ^{as may be, and it is my} and before marriage
will and desire that if my said daughter Frances shall depart this life before she attains to lawful age
before marriage that then the Legacies Deviseed to her are to be disposed of as follows that is to say

One fourth part of the said Legacies to be given to my Daughter Susanna Simms &
to her heirs, one other fourth part thereof is to be given to my son Edward Archer &
his heirs - One other fourth part thereof is to be given to my son John Archer
and his heirs, And the other fourth part of the said Legacies is to be given to my
son Edward Archer in Trust for the use and benefit of my Daughter Anna Godfrey
Wife of Charles Godfrey to be disposed of in manner hereafter to be mentioned.

I give to my Grand Daughter Mary Inghish Simms my Negro Boy Slave
called Jack, and Forty Pounds Current Money to her and her heirs. But in case
my said grand Daughter shall depart this Life before she attains to lawful
Age and before Marriage, then I give the said Slave and Money to my Daughter
Susanna Simms and her heirs ~~as may be~~

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Applewhait the sum of Two Hundred
and Pounds Current Money of Virginia to be paid her at my Death by my
Executors I give the same to her and her heirs ~~as may be~~

I give to Mrs Mary Prothery Widow of Henry Prothery One Mourning Gold Ring
I give to my son John Archer one Watch and one pair of shoes

Executors I give the same to her and her Heirs

Item I give to Mrs Mary Rothery Widow of Henry Rothery One Mourning Gold Ring

Item I give to my son John Archer my Watch and Shoe Buckles & Knee Buckles

Item I give to my Daughter Frances Archer my Sleeve Buttons

Item I give to my Daughter Susanna Simms Six Silver Tea Spoons.

Item I give to my Daughter Frances Archer ^{my} Six new sett Silver Tea Spoons

Item I give to each of my Children One Mourning Gold Ring

Item I give and bequeath to my son Edward Archer One Negro man slave called

Jack in Trust and Fifty Pounds Current money in Trust also. for the

Use and purposes hereafter Mentioned that is to say. to Hire out the said

Slave and put the said money at Interest and such Hire and Interest

and also the Hire of the third part of the Slaves before devised to him

in Trust after the Death of my Wife together with the Interest of the

Money arising by the Sale of the Personal Estate also Devised to him

after the Death of my wife) to be laid out in purchasing Clothes Provision

and other Necessaries for my Daughter Anna Godfrey during her

Natural life. and after the Death of my said Daughter Anna Godfrey

to divide the said Slaves and Principal Money amongst such of my

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Natural life and after the Death of my said Daughter Anna Godfrey
to divide the said Slaves and Principal Money amongst such of my
Daughters Anna's Children as shall be living at the time of
her Death and in case she shall leave no Issue living at her
Death then ~~Devise~~ ^{we} that the said Slaves and Principal Money
may be Divided amongst my Two other Daughters Susanna
Simons

in case my Daughter Frances should depart this Life before she attains to Lawful Age and before Marriage then I desire that such part of the Legacies given her as I have Devised to my Son Edward (in case of her Death as aforesaid) may be disposed of as Hereafter mentioned, that is to say: the Hire of the Slaves and Interest of the Money to be laid out in purchasing Cloaths, Provision, and other necessaries for my Daughter Anna Godfrey during her Life, and after her Death the said Slaves and Principal Money to be Divided amongst such of my Daughter Anna Godfrey's Children as shall be living at her Death and in case she shall leave no Issue living at her Death, then I desire that the last mentioned Slaves and Principal Money may be Divided between such of my other Daughters as shall be then living and such of my Sons as shall be then living And it is also my Will that if the Law will so permit, that so much as now remains due of the Money given by deed of Gift to my Daughter Anna being about One Hundred and Five Pounds may be put to Interest by my Executors during my Daughter Anna's Life and the Interest thereof Annually applied towards the maintenance of my said Daughter and at her Death I desire the Principal may be divided amongst such of her Children as shall be then Living. But in case she should leave no

of her Children as shall be then Living. But in case she should leave no
Issue then living, then I desire that the Principal may be equally divided betw
een my Two Sons Edward and John ~~and~~

And it is my desire and meaning that in case my said son Edward Archer should
depart this Life before the Death of the said Charles Godfrey, then I say it is my
desire that my son John Archer shall take into his possession in Trust also all
the Negroes Principal Money and other Estate that was given to my said son Edw
Archer in trust, for the Benefit and Maintenance of my said Daughter Anna
Godfrey, and that he also render her all the Profits arising therefrom Annually or
often in Clothes & other Necessaries that she shall stand in need of for her support
and Maintenance during her natural life and at her Death the said Negroes
Principal Money and other Estate as above given in Trust shall be disposed of as
above mentioned. But again it is my meaning Will and desire that in case my
said Daughter Anna Godfrey should survive and live longer than her said
Husband Charles Godfrey then I say it is my Will and desire that immediately
after the Death of the said Charles Godfrey, All the Negroes Principal Money
and other Estate that is given to my son Edward Archer in trust for the Benefit and
Maintenance of my said Daughter Anna Godfrey and in Case of the sa
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other Estate that is given to my son Edward Archer in trust for the Benefit and
Maintenance of my said Daughter Anna Godfrey and in Case of the said
Edward's Death is given in trust to my said son John Archer for the use
aforesaid, I say it is my Will and desire that immediately after the said Charles
deceases the said Negroes Principal Money & other Estate as aforesaid shall
be delivered up to my said Daughter Anna Godfrey by my said Son.

Edward or John, or their Executors, then to be in her own Discretion
and enjoyment and she the said Anna shall then & so long enjoy the same
wholly and intirely she and her Heirs do with and dispose of the same as
she shall think proper. —

Item I desire that my Plate may not pass to my Son Edward by the Devise to him
of the Furniture of my Hall, and have here mentioned it lest it should be
so understood. —

Item I give to my Son Edward Archer ^A new Silver Table Spoons Marked ^{EM} ~~EM~~
with a Cypher. —

Item. I give to my Son John Archer six older Silver Table Spoons Marked ^A ~~EM~~ ^{EM}
without a Cypher. —

Item. I desire that my Executors may sell all my Sea Vessels, and Country Craft
or Vessels, and apply the money arising by such sale towards paying my Just Debts.

Item. all the rest and residue of my Slaves and Personal Estate not before given
I give to be equally divided between my Two Sons Edward Archer & John
Archer and their Heirs. And I desire that my Household Furniture may
not be sold but ^{so} much thereof as is given to my Two Sons may be

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equally divided between them, without selling the same —

Item It is my Will that the Legacies Devised to my Wife should be deemed &
Taken as in Lieu and Satisfaction of her Dower —

Lastly I hereby Nominate and Appoint my Two Sons Edward Archer & Jn^r. Archer
Executors of this my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have
Hereunto set my Hand and Affixed my seal this Thirteenth Day of Novem-
ber in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy One

Signed Sealed and Published by the — — — — —
Testator as his Last will and Testament in presence of

Thomas Roberts

Robt Steed

John Hunt

Edward Archer & seal

December Court 1771 proved &c. as by Order Book

Exam^d

Sept 21 1771