

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Swelling of Norfolk County
Virginia being of Sound and Perfect Mind and Memory Thanks be to
God for it Therefore Calling to Mind the Mortality of my Body and Know-
ing that it is Appointed for all men Once to die do make Ordain & Appoint
this to be my Last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following
First and principally I recommend my Soul to Almighty God Hoping to
be Saved by the Merits of our Blessed Saviour Jesus Christ and my
Body I bequeath to the Parth from Whence it was taken to be buried in
a Christian and Decent Manner not Doubting but at the General
Resurrection I shall receive the same Again by the Mighty Power of
God and as touching those Worldly Goods wherewith it hath pleased
God to bless me With I Give and Dispose of the same in Manner &
Form following Vizt

I Give my Dearly Beloved Wife Mary Swelling the One of the
Dwelling Houses Wherem I do now Live and all the Houses belong-
ing thereto during her Widowhood, and if she Marry Again my Will is
that my Son Thomas Swelling shall Deliver to her the House & Dwelling
he now dwells, with the Kitchen which she shall have the Use of during
her Natural life I also Give my said Wife a Negro Woman called Susan
Also Give her called Susan Also a Negro Girl called Mary

I give my Dear Beloved Wife Mary the Use of the
Dwelling House wherein I do now live and all the Tenures belong-
ing thereto during her Widowhood, and if she marry again my Will is
that my Son Thomas Swelling shall Deliver to her the House wherein
he now dwells, with the Kitchen which she shall have the Use of during
her Natural life I also give my said Wife a Negro fellow called Peter
Also a Negro boy called Jafery Also a Negro Girl called
Tillman called Tom Which said Negroes I give to her during the Natural
Life And also to a Negro Girl called Abigail And after her Death the said
said Negroes to be Equally Divided Between my Son John Swelling and
Edward Swelling And I give my Son John Swelling a Negro boy
called Harry to him and his heirs forever Lawfully begotten of his body
I also give to my Wife the Use of all my Negroes that I shall give to my
Children Untill they come to the Age of Twenty One Years or do marry
I also give to my Wife the third Part of my Annual Income during her
her Natural Life And after her Death to be Equally Divided between
all my Children I also constitute and Appoint my W^{ife} Margaret
Swelling and Thomas Swell To be Joint Executors & Administrators
of this my Last Will & Test I Give unto my Son Thomas

Something the manner plantation whereon I now reside which I bought
of John Tully for the sum of what I have above given to my Wife to him by
the heirs of the said Land, Lawfully Begotten, And if he the said Thomas offers
to sell or transfer the said Land to be bequeathed to him then my Will is
that my said Manner plantation may be Inherited in my son Lewis by
if he dies without lawful heirs, then my Will is that the said plantation
may remain in the possession of my son Lewis something
I also give my son Thomas something a Negro which he has bought
a Feather Bed and furniture which he has the said Bed sent to him a
Chest of Drawers made of Mahogany, six Leather chairs, a large Clock
my Glaze which said Articles not to be removed out of the House I
also give him my Long Gun. And if he the said Thomas for any
with this my Last Will and Testament in regard to my Wife, then
my Will is that the said Land bequeathed shall be Inherited in him
his heirs forever Item I give and Bequeath to my son Benj a
something the Land and plantation which I bought of John Green
to him and his heirs Lawfully Begotten And if my son Benj offers
to sell or transfer the said Land to any person or if he dies without
lawful heirs then my Will is that the said Land fall to my son

Edward Livingston I also Give my Son Benj. a Negro man called Turk
and a Feather Bed and furniture which he has already sent to him -
and I also Give him not bearing in for any more of my Estate And my
Will is that my Son Thomas may not bear in for any part of my
Estate more than What is already given to him. Item I Give and
Bequeath unto my Son Edward Livingston a Negro man named
Jenny and a Negro Girl called Kate to him and the Heirs of
his Body. I do by Bequest forever Item I Give to my Son Lewis
Livingston two Negro boys named Peter and London to him &
the Heirs of his Body Lawfully begotten forever if he die without
Heirs my Will is that the Negro London go to my Son Tho. Livingston
for Want of such Heirs then my Will is that Negro Peter go to my
Son Edward Livingston. Item I Give to my Daughter Elizabeth
Austin a Negro Girl &c. and Appoint to her and the Heirs of her
Body Lawfully begotten forever I also Give her a slave
Frank which was her Mother's. Item I Give to my Godson
George Venable a Negro Girl and Hannah to him & the Heirs of
his Body Lawfully begotten forever.

And I give and bequeath in fee and more of my Estate Item I give and
bequeath unto my Daughter Lydia a Slave Girl called Nancy
to her and the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten of her Body, former
Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Sumner, the
Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten a Nigger Woman called Sarah
Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Lettisha Sumner and the Heirs
of her Body lawfully begotten a Nigger Girl called Rachael And all
the Rest of my Estate not already Disposed Off (my Will is that if my
Estate along Time is found to be in Debt, then my Will and desire is
that so much of my Estate may be sold, such as cattle sheep Hogs &c
to pay off such Unpaid Debts) my Will is that it be Equally Divided
Between my Son Edward, Son is my Daughter Eliza & my daughter Mary -
Lettisha, Lettishas & John Sumner to be Divided by two Independent
men chosen by my Children Watching & Examining & making Paid
All and all manner of Wills and Wills by me heretofore by me made
Ratifying & confirming this and None Other to be my Last Will &
Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal this Tenth day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand
and Seven hundred and fifty two

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged

Edward Sumner

men chosen by my Children Revoking Disavowing Denying Void
All and all manner of Will and Wills by and heretofore by me made
Ratifying & Confirming this and None Other to be my Last Will &
Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal this 10th day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand
and Seven hundred and fifty two

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged
to be the Last Will & Testament of
Edward Swelling in the presence
of us

Edward Swelling Test

James Hughes
Jr. & Son
Thomas Campbell

The above Will was proved to the 16th of April 1752 in
of Green Book in Test Sam Bond 6th

Further proved Aug. 21st 1752