

Matthew Godfrey. George Oldner
Bates Herbert

James

John

In the Name of God Amen The sixth day of April in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy one James Smith
of Bostmouth's parish in the County of Norfolk in the Colony of Virginia
Mariner being very infirm and weak in Body but of perfect mind & memory
Thanks be to God and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die do make
and Ordain this my Last will & Testament that is to say principally and
first of all I recommend my Soul unto the Hands of Almighty God that
gave it and my Body to the Earth and as touching such worldly Estate
whereas it hath pleased God in this Life to give I do devise and dispose of
in the following manner I promise I give and bequeath unto

May my dearly beloved Wife and Lott of Land with the Houses Built
thereon situate lying and being in Portsmouth Town during her ~~Life~~
Life also what moveable Effects that may or shall be found belonging to me
likewise after my just Debts paid, all Debts. Due. sum & sums of Money which
may appear due me all during her natural Life — Item It is my request
and desire that after my Wife Marys Decease that the above Lott of Land and
Houses descend to my well beloved son John Arnott and to his lawful
Heirs for ever and if in case my son John should die without lawful
Heir then the same to descend to my well beloved Daughter Mary Arnott &
her Heirs for ever whom I also give after her Mother Marys Decease all the
above moveable ^{effects} ~~estate~~ that belongs to me at my Decease except one of my
best Beds and Furniture which I give and appoint for my son John —

Item I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Donaldson Two Shillings & six pence
and it is my particular desire that she has no more of my Estate for her

and it is my ~~transcendent~~ desire that she have no more of my Estate for her
part nor ever to come in by any ways or means for Me or let the case
happen which way it may be I ordain and appoint my dearly beloved
Wife Mary my only and sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament
utterly disallowing revoking & disannulling all and every other former
Testaments Wills Legacies and Executions & Executrices by me in any
ways, ^{before this named, with and bequeathed ratifying and} confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day
and year first on the other side written —

James Arnott and seal

Signed Sealed and ^{delivered} ~~delivered~~ —
by the said James Arnott in —
the presence of us the subscribers }

James Miller

John Living

Giles Handcock

Testimony 1771 proved &c as by Order Book

James

John Bank