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Norfolk County At a Court held the 15 day of January 1767
The last Will and Testament of John Owens deceased, was this day proved
by the Oath of Edward Hughes and William Owens and Ordered to be
Recorded. Dinah Owens Executrix therein named having taken the
Oath and given Bond and Security according to Law. Certificate for
obtaining a Probate is granted her on the said Will.

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Test. Saml. Boush

Virginia In the name of God Amen I James Shelaball of the Parish
of Elizabeth River, and County of Norfolk in the Colony aforesaid, being in
Perfect Health and memory, and calling to mind the Uncertainty of
this life, do make this, my last Will and Testament, in Manner and
form following.
First I Give my Soul to God who gave it me and my Body to the Earth
not Doubting of a joyful Resurrection at the day of Judgment, and as
to what Worldly Goods, it hath pleased God to bless me with I Give &c.

Bequeath in manner and form following.

I Give and Bequeath unto my Son James Shelaball my old Plantation that was formerly my Grandfathers, to the old Line and down to the old Road to the School House, to the Head Line, I Give the same to him and his Heirs forever, I also give him my old Gun, with a Buchanan's Stock, my Sword and One Feather Bed Bolster and Rugg.

I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson William Shelaball that part of my Land, joining on his Uncle James Shelaball and so to the Deep Branch being the Plantation, whereon I now live, I Give the same to him and his Heirs forever.

I Give and Bequeath unto my Grandson James Griffin a Neck of Land on the South East side of the Deep Branch, joining to William Langley's Land, I Give the same to him and his Heirs forever.

I Give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Griffin One Feather Bed, Bolster & Rugg, also my Negro Boy named Kingston, my Negro Boy named Peter, and my Negro Woman named Lucy, I Give the same to her and her Heirs forever.

I Give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Hollins one Negro Man named

Give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Collins, one Negro Man Named
Toby, I Give the same to her and her Heirs for ever.

I Give unto my Daughter Sarah Dyer Thelaball, one Negro Boy
Named Tom, one Negro Girl named Nancy, one Negro Girl named
Bridget, and One Negro Girl named Sall, alias Sarah and their
Increase, to her and the Heirs of her Body Lawfully Begotten forever,
but if in case my said Daughter Sarah Dyer Thelaball should dye
without leaving such Heirs, then I Give the said Negroes to be Equally
Divided, between my Granddaughters, Sarah Griffin, Fanny Griffin
Elizabeth Griffin, and Abigail Griffin, to them and their Heirs forever.
I also Give unto my said Daughter Sarah Dyer Thelaball, One Horse, and
saddle, one Feather Bed and Furniture, in the Painted Bedstead she
Bought herself, one Feather Bed, Bolster and Rugg more, one Cow & calf.
Some Sheep. Marked with an over Heel and under Heel the right Ear,
One Chest, Galles her Mothers, all the Virginia Cloth she has spun, or is
spun in my House, at my Decase, all the Earthen Ware, of all sorts,
and all the Dressed Fowles, Pigeons, Turkeys and

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Some Sheep marked with an over Heel and under Heel the right Ear,
One Chest, Called her Mothers, all the Virginia Cloth she has spun, or is
spun in my House, at my Decease, all the Earthen Ware, of all sorts,
as she bought them herself all the Dangel Fowles, Geese, Turkeys and
Ducks, on my Plantation, at my Decease, all the Cotton, Wool and Flax,
One Spining Wheel, three pair of Cotton and Wool cards, one Feather
Trivet, one Looking Glass, washing Tub and dye Tub, all the Meat, and

1014. Given on my Plantation at my Decease, all the abovesaid Articles I
Give to my said Daughter Sarah Dyer Thelaball and her Heirs forever.
I also Give to my said Daughter Sarah Dyer Thelaball, the Use of
the Plantation, I live on During her single life.

And as to the Remainder of my Estate, be it of what Nature or kind
soever I Give the same, after my just Debts are paid to be Equally
Divided among all my Children, that shall be living at my Death
Deducting a sufficient Sum to Bury me in a Decent & Christian
manner.

And Lastly I do nominate and appoint my Son James
Thelaball, and my Son in Law John Griffin, Executors of this my
last Will and Testament. In Witness, whereof I have hereunto
set my Hand and affixed my Seal this Fourteenth day of August
Seventeen Hundred and Fifty Eight.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged
to be his last Will and Testament
In presence of

James Thelaball and Seal

set my Hand and affixed my Seal this Fourteenth day of August
Seventeen Hundred and Fifty Eight.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged
to be his last Will and Testament

James Thelaball and Seal

In presence of

John Willoughby
Sarah Willoughby
Richard Edwards.

Norfolk County

At a Court held the 19 day of February 1767

The last Will and Testament of James
Thelaball sen^r deced^d was this day proved

by the oath of John Willoughby and Richard Edwards and ordered
to be Recorded. James Thelaball jun^r Executor therein named
having taken the oath, and given Bond and Security according to
Law Certificate for obtaining a Probate is granted him on the
said Will.

Sam^r

Jos^r Sam^r Bunch

In the Name of God, Amen. I Willis Sangles of the County