

# The Will of God. M'DCCLX.

Jeremiah Foreman of the Parish of Saint Brides in the County of Norfolk  
being of sound Mind and Memory do make and ordain this my last  
Will and Testamente in Manner and form as followeth in

I give and Bequeath unto my loving Wife Elizabeth Foreman the  
use of the plantation whereon I now live during her natural life to  
clear Lands and cut any Timber she may choose, I also Give unto  
said Wife during her life the four following Slaves to wit) Old Sam,  
George, Abram, & a Wench named Amey & the use of my Horses  
Stock of Cattle Sheep & Hogs, a Still, my Household furniture and  
plantation Utensils - I Give unto my Son Matthew Foreman the  
Land whereon I now live after the decease of my said Wife to him and  
his heirs for ever I further give unto the said Matthew Foreman a  
Tract of Land that I bought of William Foreman and to be entered on  
after the decease of Ann Foreman who has a lease during her life  
to him and his Heirs for ever I also Give unto my said Son Matthew  
a Tract of Land that I bought of James Wilson containing one hundred  
and twenty nine Acres to him and his heirs for ever I further Give  
unto my said Son Matthew Two Negro fellows named young Sam &  
Eaton to him and his Heir I Give unto my Daughter Aphiashipwash  
one Negro Wench named Phobe and a Boy named Lance to her and  
her heirs I Give unto my Daughter Hickiah Whitewash one Negro

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one Negro Wench named Phobe and a Boy named James to her and  
her heirs I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Shipwash one Negro-  
Wench named Indah and a fellow named Peter to her and her heirs  
I give unto my grand daughter Betty Smith one Negro girl named  
Silvia to her and her heirs I give unto Anna Foreman Daughter  
of Fortney Matthews the Land whereon Thomas Matthews now  
lives agreeable to a partition made amongst my four Daughters  
and being the Land I purchased of Sam Bowsh & the Grimes's  
containing three hundred & thirty four Acres to her and her heirs  
for ever but my Daughter Courtney Matthews to live up on and  
have the use of it during her natural life - And I further give  
unto the said Anna Foreman one Negro girl named Sarah to  
her and her heirs I give unto my Grand Daughter Mary Smith  
one fourth part of the Land I bought of Sam Bowsh & the Grimes's  
agreeable to a partition made to her and her heirs for ever I give  
unto my Son in Law Ambrose Shipwash one other fourth part  
of the Land purchased of Sam Bowsh and the Grimes's to him and  
his heirs for ever I give unto my Son in Law Ambrose Shipwash  
John Shipwash Anne Foreman & Mary Smith Sixty Acres of  
Cypress Swamp to be divided equally amongst them each share  
shall be in most convenient to their respective lands of the

Division Sines to send straight boars thro the swamp to  
them and their heirs for ever It is my Desire that the three  
following Slaves sent to my wife Eliz. A. Foreman be  
divided in the following Manner after the Decese of the said Elizabeth Foreman, (to  
wit) the Negro Wench named Amy to my son Matthew Foreman &  
his Heirs, the Negro Fellow Abram, I Give to my Grand Daughter  
Anna Foreman & her heirs but that my Daughter Courtney Matthew  
have the use of the said fellow during ~~her~~<sup>their</sup> Natural life The fellow  
George I give to my Grand Daughters Betty & Mary Smith to be  
hired out yearly to cloath and educate the said girls until they  
or either arrive at age or day of marriage and then to be sold  
or bought in by either as they may agree I give unto my son  
Matt<sup>rd</sup> Foreman the Slave afore mentioned & sent my wife during  
her life - I Appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Foreman &  
my son Matt<sup>rd</sup> Foreman Executors of this my last will and  
Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and seal this Tenth day of Jan'y 1774

Sign'd & sealed  
in presence of

J<sup>r</sup> Richd. Templeman

By his  
Remiah J<sup>r</sup> Foreman  
Mark

L.S.

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Matt<sup>rd</sup> Foreman the same afore mentioned & lent my wife during  
her life - I Appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Foreman an  
my son Matt<sup>rd</sup> Foreman executors of this my last will and  
Testament & In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
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Richd Templeman

Charles Forebee

Daniel Likes

① <sup>his</sup>  
Jeremiah L Foreman  
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L.J.

August Court 1774 The above Will proved & recd as by Order Book