

In the Name of God Amen I John Edward of the  
County of Norfolk and Colony of Virginia Gardiner being in perfect  
Health of Body and being sensible of the frailties of Humane Nature & that  
its appointed for all Men once to die, and after Death Judgement. Do make  
& Ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner, form, & to the  
Effect following (I thus say) FIRST I leave my Soul to God who gave  
it me, & my Body to be decently <sup>interred</sup> ~~buried~~ at the Discretion of my Executors  
hereafter named, And as for what wordly Estate it hath pleased  
Almighty God to bestow on me I Leave, give & bequeath the same as  
followeth after the payment of my just Debts, & funeral Charges; I Give  
and bequeath unto my loving Wife Joyce Edward one equal third part of  
my houses and Land that I now am, or shall be, possessed with at the Day  
of my Death. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Daughter Jane

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my houses and Land that I now am, or shall be, possessed with, at the Day  
of my Death. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Daughter Ann  
all the rest and residue of my Estate, real & personal be the same of  
what kind or Nature soever to her, her heirs, and assigns for ever. And  
I appoint my loving friends Alexander Diack & James Gilchrist to be  
Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking all Wills &  
Testaments by me at any time heretofore made, and declaring this  
only ~~to be~~ my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal at Norfolk in Virginia  
this twelfth day of September in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven  
hundred and seventy one: //

John Edward. (Ls)

Signed sealed and acknowledged  
in the presence of us —

Edw. Park, Jon<sup>a</sup>. Park, Rob<sup>t</sup> Moore