

In the Name of God Amen. I John Hurt of Norfolk County
being in a very low state of health but of sound mind and
Memory (Praised be God) Do make and ordain this to be my
Last will and Testament, as follows, vizt: First I recommend
My soul to God, my Body to be decently buried; and bestow
what little the unhappy Times, and Misfortune is have left me
in the Following manner, to wit, Imprimis, I Give and bequeath
to my Natural son John Hurt, alias John Cooper (Son
of Lydia Writting whose Maiden Name was Lydia Cooper,
~~One fourth part of the Money & Interest due to me from the~~
~~Estate of John Bowness due, if ever the same should be recover~~^{ed}
but direct that he shall be aiding and assisting of my Daugh^{ter}
in paying the same, to wit, the Whole of the said Debt, and
Hem. I Give and bequeath to Lydia Writting one Cow called Nan-
cey, that is in Case no misfortune happen to the Cattle by
which we may lose any or any other Cow my Daughte. Chose
to spare except ~~to her and her heirs~~ ^{to her and her heirs}

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Then I give and bequeath to my said Natural son John Hurt, all my
Wearing Apparel and my Knee Buckles, my shoe Bus-
=Kels, I give to my Daughter Mary Hurt; and my Stock
Buckles to Caleb Hunter my Brother; if he returns
from Sea, if not to the said John Hurt, i.e. never.

Then, If ever my Negroes ~~which~~ went away in these unhappy Times
should return or be recovered back or any part of them
I give them and their Increase to my loving Daughter Ma-
=ry Hurt and her Heirs forever.

Then I give and bequeath unto my said Natural son John Hurt
One Bed and Bedstead which ever my Daughter Chooses
to spare (but no furniture my ^{warden} Chest, Table one of my larger
Chests that my Daughter Chooses to spare, my Gun and
Two of my smallest Hogs. I give the same to my Fishiers

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=ry Hunt all the rest of my Estate that I have in the
World that is not already mentioned, and all that is
due to me or ever may be due, or fall to me by any me-
=ans. I give the same to her and her Heirs forever, But
if my said Daughter should die before Marriage
and not having a Child. in that case I give one half
of what ^{then} remains of what I have given her to my said Na-
=tural son John Hunt, to him and his Heirs. The Other
half I give her full power to will and give to who she
pleases, even tho she should be under the age limited
by Law.

Item It was agreed between Mr. Samuel Boush and my-
=self that I should have one half of all the Income
and Profits arising from the County Court Clerk Business
during the time that I continued in the Office of Dep-
=uty Clerk of this County which has been ever since

May Court 1777 to this Time and I still continue in that
Office; and as there is a great many Fees &c. due to us
Some of Which has been Posted & Given to the former Sheriff
but not Paid to us, and a great many still to Post and
Draw off, from the Minute Books; therefore ~~Mr~~ Bo-
ush does not come down soon himself. I desire some Person
that is acquainted with such things may be Employed
to Post and draw off the Accounts and fees of Mr.
Boush to be paid one Half. and out of my half. I desire
all my just debts should be paid; and two thirds of the
Remainder I give to my Daughter Mary & the
Other third to my Natural son the aforesaid ^{and} John ^{and} ^{his}
and their Heirs ~~et cetera~~.

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all such things that she may not have any Occas-
-sion for; and apply the Money to her Own use; Except
such Things as I have Given to Others And to Act for
herself as if she was Seventy one years old
Lastly I do nominate and Appoint Capt. Thomas Briggs, Mr.
Smith Barrett, my said Natural son John Hunt, and if the
Law will so permit my Daughter Mary Hunt Executors
of this my Last Will and Testament ~~and do annul~~
Former Will or Wills by me made, Ratifying and Confirm^{ing}
this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In
Witness whereof I have Written the whole of this Will in my
Own Hand Writing and have hereunto set my hand
and Affixed my Seal this Twenty First Day of April in the
Year of our Lord 1701

Note the word /my/
and the sentence (to her
and her heirs) were

Interlined & done before
signing by John Hunt
Signed, Sealed and delivered
in the Presence of
Matthias Metter
John Metter

John Hunt Seal

Dec^r Court 1781. The foregoing Will was
proved as p^r Order Book

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Brown
of Norfolk County being sick & weak in body but of sound Min
d memory thanks be to God do make and Ordain this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following—
I give to my son Thomas Brown my Gun also I give
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