

In the Name of God Amen. The Eighth Day of March -
Anno Domini 1773. I John Swelling of Norfolk in the Colony
or State of Virginia Ship Carpenter being sick and weak in
Body, but of sound Mind and Memory (Praised be God) do make
and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and
Form following; and first I give and recommend my Soul
into the Hand and Powerfull Protection of Almighty God,
my Body to the Earth; and my Worldly Estate I give and dispose
of in the following manner, that is to say, -

Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Mrs Swelling
the use of all my Houses, (except one half of my Kitchen, to wit,
the North West End or half) that are on my Land, and the Use
of all my Land, except what I shall mention hereafter in this
my Will; I say I give the use of the said Houses and Land to my
said Loving Wife during her Natural Life.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Brother Paul Swelling the use of
the Northwest half of my Kitchen, or Northwest End
being half my said Kitchen, during his Natural Life, also
I give him the use of Ten Acres of my Land, one half of

which is to be cleared ground, and the other half to be Woods and
of any where towards the back part of my Land a distance from the
I give him also the use of a Water Landing on my Land I say I give
him the use of the said One half of my said Kitchen, and the use of
said Ten Acres of Land and Landing as above mentioned, during his
Natural Life.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said Brother Paul Sewelling One Bed,
Bolster, and a large Rug of different Colours, also ~~one~~ ^{my} Bed-
stead, the Bed is to be the second best that I own; I give the same
to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Nephew John Sewelling, Son of
my Brother Paul Sewelling, after the Death of my Wife, all
my Land and Houses that I have given her the use of for her
Lifetime, I say at my Wifes Death, I give the said Land
and Houses unto him the said John Sewelling and his heirs
forever. also at the Death of Paul Sewelling I give unto my said
Nephew John Sewelling, the said half of my Kitchen and Ten
Acres of Land that I have given Paul Sewelling the use of during
his Life, I say at his Death I give the same to my said Nephew
John Sewelling and his Heirs forever.

Nephew John Sewelling, the said half of my Kitchen and Ten
Acres of Land that I have given Paul Sewelling the use of during
his Life, I say at his Death I give the same to my said Nephew
John Sewelling, and his Heirs forever in John ^{his} Sewelling Seal
Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife ^{math} Ann Sewelling the
use of all my Negroes and Slaves during her natural Life, I also
give her the use of the following Articles during her natural Life, that
is to say, the Bed, Bedstead, Curtains and Furniture that I usu-
ally sleep on, Three small Iron Pots all my Bowls and Knives and
forks, my small chest and small corner cupboard, One pine Table, half a dozen
of my Best Chairs my Hand Mill, also two Pot Hooks, I give her the use of the same
during her Natural Life.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said loving Wife, One Cow and calf and all my Meat
I give her all my Tea Cups and Saucers, also all my Glass Ware, except Looking Glas-
ses, I give the same to her and her Heirs for ever.

Item I desire that all my House hold and other furniture, and all other Articles
and other things, and other things which I have not already mentioned in
my Will, may be sold, and the Money arising from such sale may be applied to-
wards paying my Just Debts, and if any money be left after paying my Debts, I
give the surplus to my loving Wife.

My Will and desire is that Immediately after the Death of my Wife, all my Negroes and their Increase, and also, all the Furniture and Articles that I have given my Wife the use of during her life, may be equally divided between my Nieces as follows, that is to say, Elizabeth Fitch, Mary Hutchings, Dorcas Swelling, Elizabeth Swelling, and Hegate Swelling, to each an equal Share, to them and their Heirs for ever.

Lastly I do Remuneate, ordain, and appoint, my Loving Wife Ann Swelling, Executors, and my Loving Brothers, Abel Swelling, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby revoke, disallow, and disannul all former Wills, Legacies, and bequests by me in any way made, Will or Bequest, and do ratify, Allow, and confirm this as my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal, the day and year first before written.

Signed, Sealed, and declared by the said John Swelling to be his last Will and Testament in the Presence of

his
John X Swelling X Seal
Mark

Note the Blotted Word (during) also the ~~Passage~~ where the Word (John) is inserted on the other side was done before signing

John Williamson
mark
James Bayley
John Hunt

July Court 1778 the foregoing Will was proved as per Order Book.