

In the Name of God, amen, the Eleventh Day of
November Anno Domini One thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty five
Joseph Hodges of the County of Norfolk & Parish of St. Bridget being of
sound and perfect mind and memory knowing it's Ordained for
all Men Once to die, And as touching such worldly Estate wherein
it hath been please God to bless me with in this Life I Give Devise
& Dispose of the same in the manner & form following that is
to say —

I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary Evans the Land that lies the
other side of the Branch beyond my Barn and Liberty of my Orchard &
Likewise use of One Room in my House for One year the said Land sh^{all}
be hold during her widowhood, and use of Negro named Edon for One
Year, I likewise give her Negro Wench named Patience, provided
she is recovered to her and her Heirs for ever, I likewise give her two
Cows, two Sows & Pigs, and two Ewes —

I Give and Bequeath to my Son Charles Hodges the Plantation I now

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Dwell on and the Land my Daughter holds to fall to him after her
Widowhood or Death, Likewise the Negro fellow she has in possession
to him and his Heirs for ever.

I Give and Bequeath to my son William Hodges's Children named
as follows, Joseph Hodges, Anna, Mary and Susana, One Negro
fellow named Jacob to be sold and Equally Divided among the aforesaid
Children.

I Give and Bequeath to my son Stephen Hodges one Negro named
George to him and his Heirs for ever.

I Give and Bequeath to my son Perebee Hodges one Negro Woman
named Hannah to him and his Heirs for ever.

I Give and Bequeath to my son Benjamin Hodges One Negro
named Jammy to him and his Heirs for ever.

I Give and Bequeath to my Grandson William Brepier in full
of his Father's Estate, One Negro Boy named Jack to him His Heirs for
ever.

no more for ever
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Yellow named Jacob to be sold and Equally Divided among the aforesaid
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All the Rest of my Estate is to be sold and equally divided among
three my Sons and four my Son Williams's Children, viz.

149. Benjamin, Stephen, and Terebee, the grandchildren named as
above mentioned after paying my just Debts and Funeral
Charges, And Lastly I do appoint my Sons Terebee, & Stephen
Hodges to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament utterly
Disavowing all other former Wills by me made In Testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal the Day & Year
above Written.

Signed Sealed Pronounced
and declared to be the last
Will and Testament of Joseph
Hodges in Presence of us

his
Joseph V. Hodges & Seal
Mark

Patrick Machy
Nathaniel Sikes
William Bressie
Will Nicholson

Norfolk County
At a Court held the 21st Day of August 1766
The last Will and Testament of Joseph Hodges
decd was this day proved by the Oath of Patrick
Machy, Nathaniel Sikes and William Bressie
and Ordered to be Recorded. Test. 149

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Norfolk County August 31st 1765. I do hereby certify that Edmond Mansfield and Thomas Williams Jun^r came before me and made Oath that Joab Creechman (first calling on them to bear Witnes) some time before his Death, but on his Death Bed & at his constant place of Abode, that he did give unto his Father Twenty one pounds, to W^{it} John Taylor his father in Law. Wright Creechman made Oath that he heard the said Joab Creechman the 27th Instant Give unto his said Father in Law John Taylor one Negro Girl named Frank his Life time. And unto his Mother one Negro Boy named Caesar his Life time, and further sayeth not.

Sam^d Happer

But that the said Joab Creechman was in sound and perfect sense and Memory.

Sam^d Happer