

In the name of God amen. I Nathaniel Donby, of the County
of Norfolk being very sick but of sound mind and memory Do make
this my last will and Testament in manner and form follow-
-ing to wit

Item I leave to my loving during her widowhood the use of
Negroes Bab and Mary

Item I give to my loving wife One Black horse and one mare
and all my Household furniture

Item at the Expiration of the widowhood of my said wife, or in case
she should not marry then at her death, I give and bequeath Neg-
-roes Bab and Mary to be Equally divided amongst all my sur-
-viving Children

Item I give ^{unto} my Loving Wife what I have now on hand
Item all my Monies, and other Estate not before given, I give
to my Loving Wife, Nevertheless this and other Legacy by me
given her is on Condition that she pay all my Just debts, and bring
up and Educate my children until they come to the Age of 21.

Item. I give to my loving wife One Black horse and one mare
and all my Household furniture

Item. at the Expiration of the widowhood of my said wife, or in case
she should not marry there at her death. I give and bequeath Na-
-roes Bab and Mary to be Equally divided amongst all my sur-
-viving Children

Item I give ^{unto} my Loving Wife Item I have now on hand
Item all my Monies and other Estate not before given. I give
to my Loving Wife. Nevertheless this and other Legacy by me
given her, is on Condition that she pay all my Just debts, and bring
up and Educate ~~my children~~ ^{my children} until they come to the Age of Fif-
-teen years, or until they shall fit to be bound to a Trade and
my said Wife is to give my son ^{ward} Three Quarters more Schoo-
-ling at her expence

Lastly I nominate and Appoint my loving wife Sally Execu-
-trix, and John Murder the younger, Executor to this my
Last will and Testament

The said Testator Nathaniel Lerby
Acknowledged the foregoing to be
his last Will and Testament this
26 Day of August 1779. having lost
the use of his hands was not capa-
ble of signing the same

Matthew Whitstead

Malachi Butt

Dan Sanford

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Norfolk County to wits.

Personally appeared before me Daniel Sanford, a Justice
of the peace for the said county, Robert Watter and Benjamin
Hicks who being sworn on the holy Evangelist do say that on
Sunday the fifth day of this instant month the

of the peace for the said county, Robert Waller and Benjamin
Hicks who being sworn on the holy Evangelist do say that on
Sunday the fifth day of this instant March they were at
the house of Josiah Truitt (now deceased) who was then in
his last illness and who was then desirous of making his
will, and did inform the said Robert Waller and the
said Benjamin Hicks, in what manner he intended
to dispose of his Estate, desiring at the same time to commit
the whole to writing for him the said Josiah Truitt to sign but before
the same could be conveniently accomplished he became
delirious, and not in a proper ~~state~~ ^{state} to execute the same and
the said Robert Waller and the said Benjamin Hicks
do say ^{that} it was the will and desire of the said Josiah Truitt (First)
that all his Vessels, shares of Vessels, as also all his Personal Estate
(Negroes Excepted) should be sold as soon as possible, and the
money arising from such sales and all debts due to him, to
be applied to the payment of his Just debts and out of the over
(plus)

to give unto his Mother Sarah Cavanaugh the sum of one thousand
Spanish Current money, besides whatever sum or sums she
might be by any way or means indebted to him, and the Overplus
(if any) arising from said sales and debts, to be Divided Amongst
his Wife Mary, and his two sons Thomas and William —

Secondly, it was the will and desire of the said Josiah
Truitt that all his lands, Tenements and Negroes sho-
uld be Equally divided Amongst his Wife Mary and
his two sons Thomas and William —

Thirdly, that the said Josiah Truitt appointed his wife
Mary and Robert Waller, one of these Deponents, Execu-
tive and Executor of his last Will and Testament —

And the said Robert Waller and the said Benjamin Hicks
do say that the said Josiah Truitt at the Time of Proouncing
and declaring of his said will, as aforesaid was sound in mind
and memory —

and he equally divided among his wife Mary and
his two sons Thomas and William

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And the said Robert Waller and the said Benjamin Hicks
do say that the said Josiah Truitt at the Time of Pronouncing
and declaring of his said will, as aforesaid was sound in mind
and memory

Sworn to before me the 6th day
of March 1780

Robt Waller

Hicks

Dan Sanford

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