

In the Name of God Amen I Nathymus Merry of the
County of Norfolk being Sick and Weak of Body but of perfect Mind &
Memory Do this Twenty third day of December One thousand Seven
hundred and forty three make this my last Will and Testament in
Manner following hereby revoking all former Wills & Wills by me
Made

For I Recommend my Soul to Almighty God hoping thro' the Merits of
Jesus Christ, for a Blessed Resurrection and Life Eternal

Item I Give devise and bequeath all my Lands Tenements houses Build-
ings and Improvements whatsoever and also all my Goods Ware
Merchandise household Goods and other Personal Estate whatsoever
Lying and being in the County of Norfolk) to be sold by my Executors
herein after named or the Survivor or Survivors of them who shall take
the burden of the Execution hereof on them for ready money or such
Credit as they shall Judge but for the Advantage of my Estate And that
for the Payment of my Just and Lawfull Debts in the first place And the
Overplus of the money to be raised by the sale aforesaid after my Debts
are paid I Give and bequeath the same to my Son Joh^r. Merry When
he Arrives at the Age of Twenty One Years or Marriage and to his heirs

My said Son and bequeath the same to my Son John Merry when
he Arrives at the Age of Twenty One Years or Marriage and to his heirs.
But in Case my said Son should happen to die before he comes of Age
or is Married Then it is my Will and I Give Twenty Five Pounds thereof
to the Eldest Child of my Sister Elizabeth that shall be then living and
Twenty Five Pounds more thereof to the Eldest Child of my Sister Mary
that shall be then living and the Residue thereof to my Brother Thomas
Merry and to their heirs. But the Interest or Use of the said Money
to be Received by my said Son till such Contingency happen —

Item I Give and bequeath to my said Son John Merry (his heirs forever
all my Lands and Stock of Cattle) in the County of Elizabeth City And I
desire the Stock remain thereon for his Benefit till he comes of Age
and that Care be taken in Leasing the said Land that the Tenants be
not allowed to Cut or Bleat timber thereon Except for firewood only —

Item I Give and devise to my said Son John Merry when he Arrives to the
Age of Twenty one Years or is Married One Negro Girl Mary but in Case he
should die before he comes of Age or is Married Then I Give & bequeath the
said Negro Mary and her future Increase to Mary Tucker Daughter of
William Tucker in Hampton And to her heirs But my said Son to Receive
the Benefit and Use of the said Negro Mary till such Contingency
happen.

that shall be then living and the Residue thereof to my Brother Thomas
Merry and to their heirs. But the Interest or Use of the said Money
to be Received by my said Son till such Contingency happen —

Item I Give and bequeath to my said Son John Merry & his heirs forever
all my Lands and Stock of Cattle in the County of Elizabeth City And I
desire ^{that} the Stock remain thereon for his Benefit till he comes of Age
and that Care be taken in Leasing the said Land that the Tenants be
not allowed to Cut or Clear Timber thereon Except for firewood only —

Item I Give and devise to my said Son John Merry when he arrives to the
Age of Twenty one Years or is Married One Negro Girl Mary but in Case he
should die before he comes of Age or is Married Then I Give & bequeath the
said Negro Mary and her future Increase to Mary Tucker Daughter of
William Tucker in Hampton And to her heirs But my said Son to receive
the Benefit and Use of the said Negro Mary till such Contingency
happen.

Item I Give and bequeath to my said Son John Merry all the Rest and
Remainder of my Negroes Whatever to him and his heirs And whatever
money shall be Collected and Paid of my Outstanding Debts I Give &
bequeath the same to my said Son John Merry when comes of the

Age of Twenty One Years or is Married But in either should happen
to Die before he comes of Age or is Married Then I Give and bequeath the
same to my Brother Thomas Merry & his heirs But that the Interest shall
be of the same etc. Witnessed by my said Son told such for long may
Happen —

And lastly I hereby Name and Appoint Charles Sweeny & Joshua
Carpenter both of the County of Norfolk and William Nimmo of the County of
Princess Anne Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day & Year first
before Written

Signed Sealed and Published
by the Testator (above his last)
With Testament in Presence

of Us James Webb
James Eithridge
Charles Sweeny
William Nimmo

Pettyman Merry & Seal

Norfolk } At a Court held the 16 day of
County } March 1744

I the said Pettyman Merry. Will was this day proved by the Oaths of Mr.
Charles Sweeny, Mr William Nimmo and James Eithridge and ordered
to be Recorded And Mr William Nimmo one of the Executors having
renounced the Burthen of the Execution thereof and the other Executors

Happy —

And lastly I hereby Nominate and Appoint Charles Swaney & Joshua
Carpenter both of the County of Norfolk and William Nimmo of the County of
Princeps Anne Executors of this my last Will and Testament In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the day & Year first
before Written

Signed Sealed and Published
by the Testator last his last
Will & Testament in Presence

Pettyman Merry & Seal

of us James Webb
James Etheridge
Charles Swaney
William Nimmo

Norfolk } At a Court held the 16th day of
County } March 1744

Mr. Pettyman Merry. Will was this day proved by the Oaths of Mr.
Charles Swaney, Mr. William Nimmo and James Etheridge and Ordered
to be Recorded and Mr. William Nimmo one of the Executors having
relinquished the Burthen of the Execution thereof and the other Executors
therein named having taken the Oath and given Bond & Security according
to Law Probate is granted them on the said Will

Test & Seal Court Clerk