

In the name of God amen. I Richard Shuster of  
the Parish of Saint Bridges in the County of Norfolk being at  
this time in bodily health and of Perfect Sense and sound in  
Mind and memory Do make and ordain this my last Will  
and Testament In manner and form following (to Wit) —  
Impuris I Leave to my step Mother Ann Shuster During  
Her Natural Life the use of A plantation or Parcel of Land  
Whereon Samuel Weston now lives and which is Bounded  
by a line of Marked Trees from the Land on which I now Live  
I also Leave to my said step Mother Ann Shuster during  
Her Natural Life the use of a Negro Woman named Roga, as  
also one Maple Desk Two Leather Bottom Chairs one Pine Square Table  
and five head of Hogg —————

I Leave unto my beloved wife Dorcas during her Natural Life  
The use of all my Lands, Negroes, Stocks, Household Furniture

and Plantation Utensils but my said wife is to Bring up and Educate  
my Children, and support them during their Minority, and my will  
and desire is that my said wife, with the Consent of my Executors here  
after named, sell such of the Perishable Goods that may be thought  
unnecessary to Keep, for the aforesaid purposes, and likewise to  
sell ~~and~~ cut any Timber that appears Perishing, but <sup>not</sup> to cut any  
throwing her, except for Plantation use.

Item I give and Devise unto my Daughter Sarah and her Heirs  
for Ever (after the Decease of my Wife) one Hundred and fifty  
Acres of Land or thereabouts lying and being in the County  
of Hyde in the Province of North Carolina. The said Land  
to be Bounded on One Part by the main road, and is situate on Matta-  
muckete Lake. I also give unto my said Daughter Sarah One half of the

Stock at Mattamuckete (after the Death of my Wife. — — —)

Item I give and devise unto my Daughter Elizabeth, and her

Widow — — —

Stock at Mattamuskeet (after the Death of my Wife — — — — —)  
Item I give and devise unto my Daughter Elizabeth, and her  
Heirs for ever (after the decease of my Wife) three Hundred Acres of  
Land situate on Tongo River, in the County of Hyde in the  
Province of North Carolina, on that part or End of my Land  
whereon the Brick house stands. I also give to my said  
Daughter Elizabeth the one Fourth Part of the Stock at Tongo after  
the death of my Wife — — — — —

Item I give and devise unto my Daughter Mary and her Heirs  
for Ever (after the decease of my wife) all the remainder of the  
Land I have at Tongo in the County of Hyde, and Province  
of North Carolina, I also give unto my said Daughter Mary  
Three Fourths of all the Stock at Tongo, after the Death of my Wife

Item I give and devise unto my son David and his Heirs  
for Ever (after the decease of my Wife) one Part or Parcel



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of land I now live on from the deep Branch Southwardly  
To my back Line Having made a line of marked Trees Be-  
tween the part now given To my said son <sup>& the part hereafter given to my son Dickey</sup> ~~David~~ <sup>David</sup> Also the La-  
nd or plantation Known by the name of Commons Also  
Two plantations on the south side of my Land at Stump  
Point in the County of Tazewell In the Province of North Caro-  
lina, which said Two Plantations are now divided from  
my other lands at Stump Point by a Ditch cut betwixt <sup>(see)</sup> me  
John Barnett and Arthur Pascoe Lives. I Also give  
unto my said son David after the decease of my Loving  
Wife, one half of all The stocks where I now Live. Also one  
Half of all the stocks at Stump Point, also one Desk and Book  
Case, and one half of all my Books, and one Square Table  
Also one Copper Still & Worm and a pan of Cologne <sup>(cones)</sup> Must  
Hem. I give and devise unto my son Dickey and his heirs for  
ever after the decease of my Step Mother, That Plantation on

Also one Copper Still & Horn and a pan of Cognac Must  
Them. I give and devise unto my son Dickey and his heirs for  
Ever after the decease of my Step Mother, That Plantation or  
Parcel of Land whereon Samuel Weston now Lives The  
Same being divided, from the Land given to my son Dav  
vid by a line of Marked Trees. I also give and devise unto my  
Said son Dickey, after the decease of my Wife, and to his  
Heirs For Ever Eighty Acres of Land which I bought of Carters  
right 12th. Also the plantations ~~Three Plantations~~ at Stump  
Sprig Point in the County of Fries in the Province of North  
Carolina, Lying on the North side of my Land there, and  
Divided by a Ditch on the South side from the Plantations  
by me before given and devised to my son David. I also give  
unto my said son Dickey, After the decease of my Wife, )  
One Half of all the Stacks where I now Live Also one half of all the  
Stacks at Stump Point. Also one Square Table, one Desk, one half of  
my ~~Back~~ ~~and~~ ~~one~~ ~~Copper~~ ~~Pot~~

Item, Whereas I am owing some Debts, and not thinking of  
the same at the beginning of making This my Will, Have



the same at the beginning of making This my Will. Have  
Left the use of my Estate to my Loving Wife during her  
Natural life. I do hereby revoke so much of the Legacy as  
relates to the Lands I have at Allerton In the County  
of Princeps Anne, as also a Negro Wench named Well  
which said lands and Negro I desire may be sold and  
thereby empower my Executors hereafter named to sell  
and Dispose of the said Lands and Negro and the Money  
arising from such sales to be Applied in Discharging  
my Just Debts —————

Item All the negroes after the Decease of my Loving  
Wife I give to be Divided equally Amongst all my Chil-  
dren —————

Lastly I nominate constitute and Appoint my  
Friends Abram Worthington Samuel Weston

Daniel Sanford to be Executors, and my Loving wife.  
 Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. In  
 Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and  
 affixed my Seal this Second Day of July one thou-  
 sand Seven hundred and Seventy four

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged  
 by the said Richard Silvester to be  
 his Last Will and Testament  
 in the presence of us

Richard Silvester <sup>Seal</sup>

Charles Stuart Junr

Mary Callis

George Callis

Attest 1782, proved in part at Woodstock  
 August Court 1782. fully proved at Woodstock

In the name of God amen. I John Hudson of the