

Norfolk County At about half the 6th day of May 1765
The Last Will and Testament of John Earney deced was this day proved by the
Oath of James Grimes & William Buntin and ordered to be Recorded Jane Earney
and Richard Earney Executors therein named having taken the Oath and
given Bond and Security according to Law Certificate for obtaining a Probate
is granted them on the said Will
Test. Saml. Bush 8th / June 2nd /

In the Name of God. Amen the 20th Day of March 1752
I Sampson Power of the Western Branch of Elizabeth River Norfolk
County being sick and Weak in Body but of sound & perfect mind
and Memory thanks be therefore given to Almighty God for the same
and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Mortal Life do make and
Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in the following manner
and form viz: First and Principally I commend my Soul into the
Hands of Almighty who gave it me, Trusting thro' Mercy of God &

The Merits of my Blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ to receive full and
free pardon for all my past sins and to Inherit Everlasting Life, &
my Body to the Ground to be decently Buried at the Discretion of my
Executors hereafter named and as touching all such Worldly Estate
as it hath pleased God to bestow upon me in this Life. I do give &
Bestow thereof in the following Manner & form, Viz.
Item I Do give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Bower all my
Land which I now Possess to her and her Heirs forever. But if in
Case my said Daughter her Heirs or either of them shall offer to sell
the said Land that then the said Person whomsoever he or she be
shall thereby Forfeit their Right and their Heirs Right of Inheri-
tance thereof to the next Heir of my Body and their Heirs forever.
And furthermore it is my Will and Desire that the Inheritance
aforesaid shall descend in like manner from one Heir to another
under the same Forfeiture from the Eldest of my Children to the Youngest
their Heirs &c.

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I do give and Bequeath unto my Loving Wife Ann Power the Sole Use of all my Land and all the Benefits and Profits thence arising for and during her Natural Life. I Likewise give unto my said Wife Ann Power the Use of my Negro Woman called Army and all her Increase During her Natural Life and after her Decease to be equally divided among all my Children. I Likewise give unto my said Wife Ann Power all my moveable Estate, Stock of what kind soever for &c during her Natural Life and after her Decease to be equally Divided among all my Children —

Furthermore I do Nominate constitute and Appoint my Loving Wife Ann Power my whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Date first above written.

Signed Sealed and Declared

Sampson Power I Seal

In presence of us —

At 1st Nov 1802

I give and convey the Use of my Negro Woman called Amy and all her Increase During her Natural Life and after her Decease to be equally divided among all my Children - I likewise give unto my said Wife Ann Power all my moveable Estate, Stock of what kind soever for & during her Natural Life and after her Decease to be equally Divided among all my Children -

Furthermore I do Nominate Constitute and Appoint my Loving Wife Ann Power my whole and Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day and Date first above written.

Signed Sealed and Declared

Sampson Power & Seal

In presence of us

John J. Ellis

Richard Harris

Wm. J. Ellis

Norfolk County

At a Court held the 16th Day of May 1865

The Last Will and Testament of Sampson Powers

...was this proved by the birth of John Ellis and Elizabeth
and lodged for the execution. —
/Jan 2/ Edm. Smith Esq.

In the Name of God, Amen, March the 18th 1765.

I Matthias Denby of the Borough of Norfolk in the Colony of Virginia
being Sick and Weak of Body but of perfect Mind and Memory,
Thanks be to God for calling to mind the Mortality of my Body
and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Die Do make
and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, Viz first of
all I Give and Recommend my Soul into the Hands of God who first
gave it me, and as for my Body, I give and recommend it to the Earth
to be Buried in a Christian like and Decent Manner at the Dis-
-cretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the General Resur-
-rection I shall receive the same again.