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In the name of God amen, I Stephen Wright of
Norfolk county Planter being at Present of sound mind & memory do
declare this my last will & Testament Viz:

Impoverished, It is my Particular desire so soon as Possible or decency may Permit,
that my Executrix & Executors hereafter to be mentioned do pay off

all my Just debts and settle my Estate of every kind with the greatest ^{edition} expe-

Secondly I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Ann Wright and her Heirs for-
ever, the following ~~lands~~ ^{chis} with their increase, Sablica, Hannah, Young

Pleasant, Judith, Magar & Cate, as also the following male Slaves Viz-

Phillip, Brutus, Luke the Ship Carpenter, Jack, Charles, Frank, Moses,

Ned. & old Gathness, I also give to my said Wife, all my stock of Every
Kind, the whole of my Household Furniture, all my Plate every ar-

ticle of Plantation utensels, the full use of the Plantation whereon

I now reside during her natural life with full Power in Case she

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& Godfrey Ward, as also to cut whatsoever Timber she may have occas-
ion for felling either at the above Plantation last mentioned, or
whereon I now live all the specie received from Mr. John Phipps
Estate whatever land her Father left her, or all my right & Title to same,
my riding Chair & harness & Two thousand Pounds current money
of Virginia I give & bequeath the above Legacies to my beloved
Wife in full consideration of any dower that she may claim
to the other Part of my Estate.

Thirdly, I give & bequeath to my son Stephen Knight the Plantation whereon
I now live, after the death of his Mother as also the Plantation call-
ed Walkers on the river side to him & his Heirs forever, I also give to
my said son Stephen the two following negroes Vizt. James a house
Carpenter & young Gathney a Shoe Maker to him & his Heirs forever

Fourthly, I give & bequeath to my son John Phipp Wright the plantation
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or lives on, with this reservation, for his Mother to cut building tim-
ber or fire wood off same, I give the Land to him & his Heirs for

Fifthly, I give & bequeath to my son Matthew Phipp Wright all the
Land in the Borough of Norfolk to him & his Heirs forever, as
also four hundred pounds current money of Virginia.

Sixthly, I give & bequeath to my four Daughters named as follows
Vizt. Anne Wright, Francis Wright, Alice Wright & Mary Wright
The residue or whatever current money may be due my Estate,
First paying their Mothers & Matthew Phipp Wright's Legacy, & an
Equal proportion of all my Negroes. That is to say Vozt. for my Exe-
cutors & Executors to have full power to make the division of Money
Among my four Daughters mentioned above, and to divide all my Neg-
roes not hitherto mentioned equally among my sons & Daughters, so as to

Among my four Daughters mentioned above, and to divide all my Negroes not hitherto mentioned equally among my sons & Daughters, so as to make each shares as nearly equal as they judge most equitable to themselves not touching the Two Negroes given my son Stephen which are separately given him. — — — — —

It is my wish & desire that my executors & executors, any Time after my death, or when they may suppose it best for interest of my Estate do advertise publicly and expose to the highest bidder on credit ready money per Office certificates or otherwise, all the Land & Houses at the Martins Place adjoining W. Meras Houses & running up to the Creek as far as to Jerusalem, and the Plantation whereon Thomas Dean lives adjoining W. Richard Powell which monies are to be appropriated for the use of paying

the Above Legacies, and it is my wish and inclination, in Case any of the negroes given to be divided among my children before division is made, should behave at any Time refractory or ill that my Executors & Executors make sale of them immediately and divide

The Monies arising from such sale or sales among the children whom
they were devised to. and after division being made it is then my
desire, in case either of the Negroes should behave ill that they
should be sold in Manner above and the monies applied to
the child whose lot such a division fall to. It is also my desire in
Case of death to either of my Boy Children or before they attain
Lawfull age that the Land & House so devised them should
Descend to the proper Heirs of the Negroes of their lot, divided amo-
-ng all the Children both Boys & Girls excepting the one who
may inherit the Land, which will be more & fully adequate
for such proportion, and if the Negroes cannot be conveniently
Divided then my Executors & Executors may make sale of same
& divide the money equally. It is my wish also, that should an ac-
-cident of death happen to either of my Daughters, or that they
should die under age, or before marriage whatever monies or
Negro's, so devised them should fall or be divided among the

accident of death happen to either of my Daughters, or that they
shou'd die under age, or before marriage Whatever monies or
Negro's, so devised them shou'd fall or be divided among the
Rest of my Daughters equally

I give & bequeath to my Friend Matthew Snipp & my Nephew
Stephen Wright & my Sister Mary Anne Barker a Mourning ring

Thereby nominate and appoint my loving Wife ^{Leavin-} ~~Executors~~
and my friends Matthew Snipp & my Nephew Stephen Wright

Executors to this my last will and Testament revoking all Wills
Hitherto made

Signed Sealed published
and declared to be the Last
Will & Testament of the
Estate on this 7th of March 1779
in Presence of us

Stephen Wright of the

W. Bonner
Sherwood Lee
Robt Marr

I am Comd 1779 proved by us & Order book