

In The Name of God Amen — (324)

I William Ashby Sheriff Here Resident in the County of Suffolk
being in perfect Mind and Memory thanks be Given unto Almighty
God therefore Calling unto Mind the Mortality of my Body and
knowing that it is appointed for all Men Once to Die: I recommend
my Soul unto the Hands of Almighty God Who gave it me:

Hoping that I shall receive it Again at the General Resurrec-
tion by the same Almighty Power that gave it me; As for
my Body I commit it to the Earth, ^{there} to be Buried at the Discretion
of my Executors; and as touching ^{such} Worldly Estate as it
hath been pleased God to Bestow on me in this World, After my
Just Debts and several Charges shall be Paid, I do Desire Give
and bequeath it in Manner & form following

I give and bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Lidia Ashby
one Negro man named Dick and one Negro Woman named

Tabb One Negro Man Named Vera during her Life
Item I Give unto my Loving Wife One Negro Man Named George
One Negro Man Named London One Negro Woman Named
Harris During her Widowhood and after said Wifes Decease the
Increase of my Negro Woman Tabb and Nan to be Equally Divided
Among ^{or} my Children

Item I Give unto my Loving Wife all my Household fur-
niture and all my Stock of Hogs & Cattle and Horses as
Long as she Lives a Widow and When she Marries to be Equally
Divided between my Wife and Children

Item I Give and bequeath unto my ^{Beloved} ~~dear~~ Daughter Francis
One Negro Girl Named Legg One Negro boy Named Jacob

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Mary
One Negro Girl Named Nancy One Negro boy Named Frank

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Beloved Daught^r Elizabeth
One Negro boy Named Charles and One Negro Girl Named Lucy

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Beloved Daughter Nancy

One Negro boy named Lusk And after the Death of my Wife One
Large Looking Glass and Ten pounds pack
Item My Wife and Desire is that my Just Debt being first
Paid and What Debt remains due to me be Equally Divided
Between my Wife and Children

Item My Desire is that my Negro boy named Lusk be Sold and
the Money to be Equally Divided between my Wife & Children

Item I do hereby Appoint Nominate and Design my beloved
Friends Mr. Joshua Nicholson and Mr. Matthew Gosney Jun^r of
Norfolk County to be my whole and Sole Executors of this my
Last Will and Testament and do Utterly Revoked Revoke and
make Void all Other former Wills and Legacies by me so Granted
Whatsoever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and Seal this 6th day May 1753

Wm. Ashley & Seal

Signed Sealed Published
Proved & Published by

Then I do hereby Appoint Nominate and Devise my beloved
Friends M^r. Joshua Nicholson and M^r. Matthew Geoffrey Jun^r of
Norfolk County to be my whole and Sole Executors of this my
Last Will and Testament, and do hereby Revoke Disannul and
make Void all other former Wills, and Legacies by me so granted
Whosoever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and Seal this 6th day May 1753

Wm Ashley Seal

Signed Sealed Published
Promised & Declared by
The said Wm Ashley that this
is his Last Will & Testament

In presence of M^r.
Elizabeth ^{her} + Spiller
Thomas Lovell
John Shuckshire

In Court 1753 The above Will &c
Ordered to be Recorded as of the Book
Test Sam^l P. Bant D^y

In the Name of God Amen the Sixteenth day of March