

In the Name of God Amen I William Mepherston of
St. Andrew Parish in Norfolk County being very sick and weak
of body of sound and perfect sense and Memory do make and ordain
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following
I give and bequeath unto my Nephew William Mepherston
the Son of John Mepherston my Plantation wherein I now dwell
it being about One Hundred Acres one half in Virginia and the
other half in North Carolina to him and his Heirs forever But
if ~~the said~~ William Mepherston should sell or swap the said
Lands my Will and desire is that the Lands shall return to next
surviving Heir to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Brother John Mephers my Great Boat
to him and his Heirs.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Matthias Cheridge
One Horse called Frolick and my flake Wool and Cotton one Hat
and black Rancher chuff to him and his Heirs.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Thomas Mepherston
all my Clothes and fifteen Yards of Country Cloth to him and
his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my

my cloth and fifteen Yards of Counting Cloth to him and
his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinswoman Sarah Mepherston the
Daughter of Andrew Mepherston Twenty Shilling Cash to her and
her Heirs.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinswoman Elizabeth Mepherston
the Daughter of my Brother Andrew Mepherston Twenty Shillings
Cash.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinswoman Sarah Mepherston
the Daughter of Jesse Mepherston one pair of Silver Shoe
Buckles one Gold Ring and pair of Silver Studs and Ten
Pounds Cash to be paid out of my Estate at the Year of Eight-
teen to be paid by the Executor.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Brother Daniel Mepherston
Ten Shillings Cash to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinsman Daniel Ballance Ten
Shillings Cash to be paid out of my Estate to him and his Heirs.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinsman Andrew Mepherston
Ten Shillings Cash to be paid out of my Estate to him and his Heirs.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Sister Mary Swindell Ten
Shillings Cash to be paid out of my Estate to her and her Heirs.

I give ~~but~~ one half of the Remainder part of my Estate to
my Kinswoman Sarah Mepherson the Daughter of
Jesse Mepherson to be paid her at the age of Eighteen
all the Remainder part my Estate I give to my Kins-
man Matthias Etheridge to him and his Heirs forever
And Lastly I do Nominate and appoint my Kinsman
Matthias Etheridge my Sole Executor of this my last
Will and Testament In Testimony whereof I hereunto
seth my Hand Seal this fourth Day of October 1775
Signed and Sealed in presence of
John Whitehurst William ^{his} Mepherson & Seal
Tully Williamson mark
Henry Wilson

November Count 1777 the foregoing Will
was proved &c. as by Order Book

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