

Virginia

In the name of God Amen

I, Wright, Westcott of Norfolk County, Manner being sound
in Memory do make & ordain this my Last will & Testament,
in the following Manner and Form.

After my said Debts being paid & discharged, I give, devise and
bequeath unto my well beloved Wife, Annam Westcott, the life
of my Homestead Land which I now live on together with the
life of what Negroes I have not here otherwise Will'd away to
gother with my Household Furniture, Hogs, Cattle, Sheep and all
other things of that kind being on the Plantation, she to receive
whatsoever Interest may arise from Money being let out or
Arising from it, Not Touching or Meddling of Principal, Intending it
for no other Use but to support her and bringing up her Children
She Times making Oath (as usual) before the Court, not to alienate
Embodiment of it, in order to Defraud her Children, Then to be
disposed of that Benefit During the time of her Widowhood, no longer
than I do live. Devise & bequeath unto my son Wright, Westcott the
life of the said Land & Land I now live on, and the heirs
of his Body lawfully Begotten, and to continue the property of
the Male heirs Arising from my posterity lawfully to be begotten
for ever.

Item, In case my Wife should marry, I then give her a Child, part
of my whole Estate to her & her heirs forever, My House & Land
and what I have otherwise Will'd away only Excepted.

After my Will & Devise that my House and Land in Norfolk County
which I lately purchased of Mr. John Tucker before belonging to
John Cook in the Year 1760 be sold to the highest Bidder, the
Burchell to have twelve Months Credit giving Good Bond & security
for the Payment, at my Decese, or as soon after as my Executors shall
think convenient it is my desire that what Cash or Money
I may have at my Decese be sold, & what ever Money may arise from
my Estate, I desire may be put to Interest for the life of my Wife and
Children.

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My said Adam During the

Son Samuel, I do give unto my Son Knight Westcott one Negro boy
called Boladore, I do give unto my Son John Westcott one Negro boy
called Tony, I give unto my Son William Westcott one Negro boy
Robin, I give unto my Son George Westcott one Negro boy called Nero
I give unto my Son Samuel Westcott one Negro boy called Harper
I give unto my Daughter Ann Westcott one Negro Girl called Sarah
I give unto my Daughter Fanny one Negro Girl called Eve

And if in life any of the above Negroes given to my Children, should die
before my said Children shall come of age to possess them, that then the said
Child or Children thereof shall be made up out of my Estate.
The true Intent & meaning of this my Will is that what Legacies I have
in my Will, that they together with what money I may have or may
have from my Estate, that as my Sons arrive to the Age of 21 Years they
are to receive their Part of the Money & their Negroes, and my Daughters
to receive their part of the Money & their Negroes at 16 Years of age or
day of Marriage, And unto the rest of my Estate all my Children are to receive
their equal part of that, either at the Marriage or death of my Wife, or when
if my Wife shall think proper, And what I have not given away in this
Will may be equally Divided among all my Children, viz. & say for
that all my Children are equal to my Wife, receiving as aforesaid
nothing's part with them.

Item } Some years past I left with one Mr. Katherine ne Norton
in Bermuda an Instrument of Writing wherein I gave my Son Knight
Westcott some part of my Estate, which Gift I do hereby declare to
be void & of none Effect, But Provided it should prove otherwise &
my said Son Knight Westcott should sue, demand & recover what I
there gave him & the Right thereof be established in him. That then
my Will & devise is, that he shall receive no other part of my
Estate, and if he should have received his part of my Estate, together
with my House and Land which I have hereby given him in this my
Will, then he shall be obliged to return it into my Estate to be divided
among the Rest of his Brothers & Sisters, and he to forfeit & surrender
up all other Rights, Claims, parts in or of my Estate and to abide by and
depend upon that only.

Furthermore my Will and devise is that in case there shall and do arise
any disputes Controversies or Misunderstandings concerning this my Will among my
Legacies, that then all such matters or causes and Controversies shall be
may be finally Determined by the Court of Chancery in the County of Middlesex
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I Give unto my son Samuel Westcott one Negroe boy called Sharper
I Give unto my Daughter Anna Westcott one Negroe Girl called Sarah
I Give unto my Daughter Fanny one Negroe Girl called Eve

And if in any of the above Negrees given to my Children, should die
before my said Children shall come of Age, to possess them, that then the said
Childs Doff thereof shall be made up out of my Estate.

The true Intent & meaning of this my Will is that what Legacy's I have
in my Will, that they together with what money I may have or may
have from my Estate, that as my sons arrive to the Age of 21 Years they
are to receive their Part of the Money & their Negroe, and my Daughters
to receive their Part of the Money & their Negroe at 16 Years of Age or
day of Marriage, And as to the rest of my Estate all my Children are to receive
their equal part of that, either at the Marriage or death of my Wife, as soon
if my Wife shall think proper, And what I have not given away in Le-
gacies may be Equally Divided among all my Children, viz. And for
that all my Children fare alike, my Wife receiving as above mentioned
Childrens part with them.

Item } Some years past I Left with one M^{rs} Katherine Norton
in Bermuda an Instrument of Writing wherein I gave my son Knight
Westcott some part of my Estate, which Gift I do hereby declare to
be void & of none Effect, But Provided it should prove otherwise &
my said son Knight Westcott should sue, demand & recover what I
there gave him & the Right thereof be established in him. That then
my Will & desire is, that he shall receive no other part of my
Estate, And if he should have received his part of my Estate together
with my House and Land which I have thereby given him in this my
Will, then He shall be obliged to return it into my Estate to be divided
amongst the Rest of his Brothers & Sisters, and he to forfeit & surrender
up all other Rights, Claims or parts in or of my Estate and to abide by and
depend upon that only.

Furthermore my Will and desire is that in case there shall and do arise
any disputes Controversies or Misunderstandings Concerning this my Will among my
Legacies, that then all such matters or causes and Controversies shall be decided
may be finally Determined, Adjudged, & finished by my well beloved friends
Colonell Robert Tucker & the Reverend Charles Smith M^{rs} of Norfolk
hereafter Mentioned

(Carried over)

Lastly I do hereby Nominate Constitute & Appoint my Well
beloved Friends aforesd. Viz. Colonell Robert Tucker & the Rev.
Charles Smith Min^r. of Norfolk, my Wife Susannah Westcott
and my son Wright Westcott Executors & Exceutrix of this
my Last Will and Testam^t. In Testimony whereof I
have hereunto set my hand & seal this Nineteenth day
of February in y^e Year of our Lord One thousand, seven
hundred, & Sixty.

Sign'd Seal'd & declared
in presence of us the
Subscribers

John Tatem
Sam^l. Southward

J^{ms} Conner
Richard Harris

Wright Westcott