

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I William Starling of the County Northhampton in Virginia beinge of Sound and perfect sense & memory (Praised bee God) Doe make thus my last Will and Testamt. hereby Revoking and Dis-anulling all other & former Wills whatsoever; Impri[m]is I comit and Comend my Soule to Almighty God hat gave it and hoping (through the meritts of Jesus Christ my Redeemer) that after this sinfull life is Ended to Enjoy Eternal life & happinefs with him in heaven: my body to the Earth from whence it was taken de-sireinge the Same may have a decent and christian Buriall./ Item I give Will and bequeath onto my Son Richard Sterling my plantation att Pocomole in Accomack County containinge three hundred Acres land to him and his Heirs forever, Alwayes provided my Lovinge wife Eliz. Sterling bee not debarred of the benfit of the Range of the said Land for her Stock during her widowhood and noe longer the true untent and meaninge is if in Case the Liver &c on the Said Land Sh! all Refuse the lookinge after her said Stock putt my desire is she shall have the liberty to Seule them on the said Land duringe the Said terme for the performance of the same.

Item I give unto my Said Son Richard Sixteen head of cattle (vizt) Eight coves to be delivered him at my plantation att Pocomoke, by my Executrix hereafter mentioned and Eight Steeres he to have first chois of All those (wo Excepted) As also I give my Said Son A younge Grey horse named Dragon, two Mares, the one Bonny, and the other bought of Wescott, two feather beds, Bolsters, two pillows, two Ruggs, one of them a greene plaine Rugg, the other a Red yarne Ditto [Rugg], one paire of Blanketts, two Suitts of Curtains and vallances, one Daernex, the other green. Also Eight dishes great and small, Six plates, A sett of Tooles, A dozen Napkins, my chest and one more chest, and one Brass ffurnace- only my wife to have the use of that five years or till she can better provide her selfe, as also all my wearing apparrell (except one hatt) also Six flagg chaises and five Barrells of corne./ Item my desire is my Boate be a Reamine Between my wife and Son.

Item All the Remaininge part of my Estate not herein given (or by former Deeds more Especially) Are Acknowledged in open court for this County of Northampton bearinge date of the 28th of Novenbr 1693: and one other by me made now in possession of Capt. John Custis both [but] which is my Reall will they be Void, Nihilated, and Noe Effect I give my Lovinge wife, all both Reall and personall: moveables, and immoveables, plate, Jewells, Rings, money, goods, merchanidese, &c Either in Virginia or Else where and her Disposeing, heires &c Hereby Appointing my Said wife my whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. In Testimoney whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seale

William W. Sterling Test

Wm kendall

John Wescott Signum

Robt. R. Browne Endorsed

Noth.ton P October the 28th Anno Dom 1698 Then the last Will and Testamⁿent of William Sterling Deced was Exhibited to the Court by Elizabeth his Widow and Executrix: who desired that a probate might be granted her thereon. And was Accordingly proved in open court of the Said county by the corporal oath of John Wescott and approved and attested of as and authentick probate and ordered to the county to give his Testimony thereto for further confirmation of the said probate.

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North.ton Pt _____ By Major Robbins

A Probate of the same tenour as these Recorde in Folio 506 in this Booke granted to Elizabeth Sterlinge widow & Executrix of Wm Sterlinge her late husband his last will and Testamⁿt.

Dated the Tenth day of Noverbr Anno Dom 1698

John Robins

Recordd. Dan Needhee Cl Ct

[Northampton co., VA., Order Book 13 (1689-1698, pp.513-515)]