

January the 16th 1744

I befeige that I am in my full sense of mind and remember
very well to give what I possess at a full and free departure I may be
buried in a Christian manner first I bequeath and give to my Eldest
son George 500 £ thirty five Acres of this Tract I have now in use of
the Land now to be put in at a full and free departure I may be
buried in a Christian manner first I bequeath and give
to my son William 500 Acres where and now live on in my
James land to him and their lawfull heirs forever as also 500 £ forty
Seven Acres lying at Lincolnton first I bequeath and give to them
both to be equally divided between them if they don't find it convenient
when they come to Age that their ^{sons} ~~sons~~ may have liberty to sell it and
divide it between them both and the money laid out upon the land they
come to Age or that they themselves after they come to Age providing
they don't with one consent may sell it and also divide it equally
between them both but if my wife intends to have the third of my land
after my death I am that she should have that said third
honored and forty Seven Acres in during her natural life and
at her death to return of said land to my son George & William or
their heirs as also my three Daughters I bequeath Elizabeth

their heirs as also my three sons
I order ten pounds apiece for each of them to be given into sufficient
hands and lawfull interest for their uses and if any of them dies
without heir that it shall fall to them that is alive of the sisters and if they
all die without heirs that it may return to my son George & William and their
heirs and as to Cattle I mean I allow that my wife and children
may have of what they now have and the plantation be equally
divided amongst them I allow the biggest house to be sold to a young breeding
Man bought for his price one to George and one to William still to be without
dispute that all their houses and I mean shall be obliged upon all Occasion
to work the plantation and all other business so that it requires no order
and allows that my wife shall have the whole Estate and Command of all what
formerly has been hers having and then she is to with care and have no further
concern in this Estate but if she inclines never to marry which ever of her
sons she inclines to live with is obliged to maintain her as he lives himself
with the help of her own Industry in doing her life but still sending to school
and clothe her children while she is over them out of the produce of what they
make there is a younger boy that is to be got from Cornwall with a bundle
of clothes which I am to allow for the food of the family till my elder
children come of age and maintenance of the children my wife children

and also when she shall have further right nor interest but
what is her own Inheritance and deny all other testaments and wills
but this account in my hand and seal this 10th 1744/5

I can therefore appoint Cornill James Dalton and Captain Peter
Jefferson Capt Thomas Miners others and Thomas Shillim
Executors account in my hand and seal the Day and year 1744/5

Witness present
Robert Black
Robert Black
William Shillim

At a Court held for Orange County on Sunday the 22nd Day of August
1745

This last Will and Testament of W^m Shillim deced was Presented
into Court by James Dalton Gent one of the Es^{rs} therein named persons
by the Oath of Robert Black Clerk and Robert Black Sheriff the witnesses
thereto and ordered to be recorded and the Will being read and who
made Oath according to Law that facts is granted them for obtaining
Letters of Probate there of and that for a grant of the same which is with
Samuel Gay Clerk and entered into the Records of this Court according
to Law and Elizabeth the wife of W^m Shillim appeared in Court and declared
that she would not accept of the same as Legatee but as Legatee
bequeathed there by and that there of made the balance all benefit and

In the name of God Amen the Sixth Day of November

James Dalton
Cornill James Dalton
Captain Peter Jefferson
Capt Thomas Miners
others
Thomas Shillim
Executors
account
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and seal
the Day
and year
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