

Signes & seals in presence
of W^m Stambach
Thomas Burges
Marked
William Walveray

Richard O Sidmarsh Seal, with a wife
Signum

In a Court holden at Merchants shoppe for Prince Georges County
on the Second Tuesday in May being the Eleventh Day of the
said month, Anno Dom 1725.

The above written Last Will and Testament of Richard Sidmarsh
deceased was Exhibited into Court by William Stambach and John
Burges his Executors, who made Oath thereto, and it being proved by
the Oaths of William Stambach Sen^r and Thomas Burges, Sen^r of
the Middlesex shire, and of the County of Middlesex, and on
the motion of the said Executors, and there giving a security according
to Law, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate of
the said Will in Due form.

Test W^m Hamilton

Hamilton In the Name of God, Amen, I John Hamilton of the County
of Prince Georges being Suffer and weak but (praised be God) of perfect
Sense and Memory, Do make and appoint this my last Will and
Testament, In witness whereof I humbly recommend my Soul to Almighty
God that giveth. I Steadfastly trusting to his gracious acceptance
 thereof

thereof, and my Body I commit to the Earth to be decently interred, at the discretion
of my Executors hereafter named, and for what worldly Estate it hath pleased God
of his goodness to bless me with, I give and devise thereof as follows. —
First. I give and Devise to my Son John Hamlin after his Mothers Decease or
Marriage, the Plantation I now Live on, with five hundred Acres of Land thereto
belonging, to him and his heirs for ever, also three Slaves, viz. Indian Peter
Malt, and Gyss, a feather bed and furniture, six pewter Dishes, a dozen of
plates, an iron pot, a frying pan, six leather or Rush Chairs, my
wearing apparell, my Horse, Warlike saddle and Trapping Arms, and the Maize
he now claims, also I give and Devise to my said Son John and to his heirs
my Plantation on the three Cocks in the County of Essex of Wight, Contain-
ing about One hundred and twenty Acres of Land, with Six Cows, Six Sows.
Then I give and Devise to my said Son Peter Hamlin, and to his heirs for ever
my Plantation called the Shaw-Kinash, with three hundred Acres of Land thereto
belonging, also my Negro Woman named Gyss, a feather bed and furniture, six Rush
Bottom chairs, six pewter Dishes, and a dozen plates, an iron pot, a frying pan,
a well fixed Gun, four Cows, four Sows, and a Maize that he now claims.
Then I give to my Son Charles Hamlin, and to his heirs for ever, the plan-
tation at Merchantshope, Chappelt, with Two Hundred Acres of Land, All
Hundred whereof formerly held by Robert Albernathy, and the other Hundred
to be laid off to him by his Brother John, out of my Land next thereto
adjoining, also my Negro Woman named Aggy, a feather bed and furniture
Six Rush Bottom Chairs, six pewter Dishes, a dozen plates, an iron pot
a frying pan, a well fixed Gun, four Cows, four Sows, and a Maize that he
now claims.

a frying pan, a well fixed gun, four Cows, four Swine, and a Mair that he
now Claims.

Item. I give and devise to my two Sons Hubbard and William Hamlin, and
to their heirs for ever, all my Land at the forks of Mummiford Creek to
be Equally divided between my said two Sons; but if either of them chance
to Depart this Life before he attain to the age of Twenty One years, the
Survivor to have the whole thereof to him and his heirs for ever also giving
to my said Son Hubbard, and to his heirs, my Negro boy named Jack a young Mair
or Mair, a feather bed and furniture, six Rush bottom Chairs, six painted Dishes
a Doran plate, and Iron pot, a frying pan, a well fixed gun, four Cows &
four Swine.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Son William Hamlin, and to his heirs
my Negro Woman named Mary a young Mair or Mair, a feather bed and furni-
ture, six Rush bottom Chairs, six painted Dishes, and Iron plate, and Iron
pot, a frying pan, a well fixed gun, four Cows, and four Swine.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann, my two Negro Children
named Robin and Rachell, to her and her heirs, but if my Daughter Ann
chance to Depart this Life before she attain to the age of Twenty One years
or Marriage, then I give the aforesaid Negro Rachell to my Daughter Mary,
and to her heirs.

Item. I direct that (as soon as conveniently may) the one hundred pounds
Current money, be layed out and disposed by my Executors, and therewith buy
at Eleven more Negro Boys, and Twelve more Negro girls, out of what

give to my Son Peter and Charles, each a Bag, and to my Son
Hubbard and William, each a Bag, to be severally held by my said
Sons, and their heirs.

Item. I give and Confirm to my Daughter Mary, the Wife
of John Daby, and to her heirs, the Negro Girl or Woman named
Aggy, now in her possession, what she chooses in lieu of the Two
Negro Children first designed to give her.

Item. after my Debts and funeral Expenses are paid and discharged
all the rest and residue of my Negroes, goods and Chattels, I give to
my Loving Wife during her Natural Life or Widowhood, and
(if she do not marry again) at her Death it is my Will and Desire

that the same ^{Princess George's Mills 1723-1728} be equally divided between my five Sons, John,
Peter, Charles, Hubbard, and William, or the Survivors of them.

But if my Wife shall marry again, then I give to my said Wife
a Child's part of my Estate, and she to Surrender up the residue
of my Estate (except my Daughter Anne's part) to my Brothers Tho-
mas Ravenscroft and William Hamlin, who I appoint Trustees
till my Son John shall be of age.

Also if any of my Children should happen to dye before they
attain to the age of twenty one years or Marriage, I direct that
the Negroes (except the Girls Mackells) goods and Chattels heron before
given them that shall so dye, shall be equally divided between the
Survivors.

Survivors.

Also if any of my Negro's herein before given to my Children that is to say, to John, Peter, Charles, William, William & Ann shall happen to dye, or be taken in Execution for the Discharge of any Debt or Claim against my Estate, then it is my Desire that the same be made good to such Child or Children out of that part of my Estate left in the possession of my Wife.

And Lastly I nominate and appoint my Loving Wife Ann Hamilton to be Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making Void all other Wills and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the seventh Day of November Anno Dom. 1724.

Signed, Sealed, published & declared in presence of us

Peter Wynne
Francis Wynne
St. Paythes

John Hamilton Seal & Co. Seal

At a Court held at Merchant Hope, for Prince George County on the second Tuesday in May being the seventh Day of the said Month, Anno Dom. 1725.

The above written last Will and Testament of John Hamilton being exhibited into Court by John Hamilton

Executing, who under Oath swore, and fully proved by the Oaths of Peter Myrns
and Frances Myrns, two of the Witnesses thereto, by Order of the Court is truly
Recorded: and on the motion of the said Ann Hamlin, and her giving security
according to Law, Certificate is granted her for Obtaining a Probate of the
said Will in due form.

Test: Wm Hamlin

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Seventh Day of May in the year of Our Lord
Christ, One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty five. Between Elizabeth Duke of
the Parish of Martin Brandon and County of Prince Georges, Widow, of the one part
and Robert Hall of the Parish of St. Andrew, for and in Consideration of the sum of five
hundred and thirty three Shillings Current money of Virginia to her in hand paid by the said Robert Hall
at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, whereof the said Elizabeth Duke
doth hereby acknowledge the receipt, hath bargained, sold, Lease and to farm of let
and by these presents hath Bargain, sold, Lease and to farm let unto the said Robert
Hall his Executors, and Administrators, One full half part of the Tract of Land, on
the North side of the Blackwater Swamp, now belonging to the said Elizabeth Duke,
and to be laid off and bounded in manner following, that is to say, Beginning
on the Blackwater Swamp, at the Corner between William Harris and the said
Elizabeth Duke; thence up the said Swamp until a Line parallel with the
Line dividing the aforesaid William Harris and the said Elizabeth Duke, to
Extend from the said Swamp out to the said Line of the Patent shall include
at the lower end, one full half part of the whole Tract of Land belonging to
the said Elizabeth Duke, there, which said Bargained Land and Premises are