

Last Will & Testament.

of Josep Desern.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I, Joseph Deshern of Princess Anne County being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to almighty God for the same and knowing the undertainty of this life on earth and body desirious to see the things in Ordr. doe make this my last will & testant. in manner and forme following as first and principal I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator assurdly believing I shall receive pardon of all my sins and a joyfull resurrection to eternal life through the righteous merrits and intercession of Jesus Christ my Saviour, and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be buried ina christian manner; and as touching such worldly estate as the Lord hath given me my meaning as it shall be bestowed as hereafter by this my will is exprest and first I doe renounce revoke and make void all wills by me formerly made and declare this my last will and testament. I give and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Mary Desarne my will with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging to her and her heirs forever: Item; I give and bequeath my sd Daughter Mary Deserne all and singular my psonal estate ass well as within doors as without that is to say pewter beding chest iron and other things to me belonging together with this my house wherein I now dwell with my present stock of ~~hoggs~~ to her and her heires forever to my sd daughter Mary Desarne also I give and bequeath my two boats with the appurtenances thereto belonging to her and her heirs forever and I doe constitute and ordaine and appoint my sd daughter Mary Desherne my full and sole executrix to my last will and testament to receive and pay all just dues and debts: IN WITNESS Where of I have hereunto sett my hand and fixed my seale this eleventh day of May in the year of our Lord 1701.

Test John Brotune,

Peter Whasley,

John Cornick.

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Joseph X Desarne, ~~SEALE~~

Proved in open Court 3rd of May by Jno. Cornick & Peter Walpes & Ordr. to be recorded

Test C.C.C. Curr.

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of Alex. Keeling.

Princess Anne.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN I, Alexander Keeling being in perfect sence & memory praise be to God for it and knowing that all men are born to but the time uncertain and being to settle my worldly estate that God in his mercy hath bestowed unto me do make this my last will & testament revoking all former wills by me made lapses. I Command my soul unto the hands of God Almighty my creator hoping for salvation by the alone merrits of Jesus Christ my blessed redeemer and my body to the earth to be descently buried at the discretion of my Extr. hereafter mentioned: I give and bequeath to my eldest son Edward Keeling one young negro man named Ned to be immediately after my decease yet not withstanding my will is and it is my will that my wife Grace Keeling have ye labour and use of his during her natural life she not removing the saide negro out of this County— I give and

bequest unto my loving wife Grace Keeling the plantation I now live on during her natural life and after her decease to my son Edward Keeling and his heirs forever as also my will is that my said son Edward Keeling have liberty to part & live one way part of the said land after he shall arrive to the age of twenty and one years the said land and plantation is to be divided from my other land that I have given to his brothers by a line of marked trees runing east from on the head of a branch that comes out of the pesson lying near northeast from the house and is the branch that the road goes over where the pesson winds away near south west and is about three or four hundred yards from ye cleared ground: I give and bequeath to my son Thorowgood Keeling a certain tract of land adjoining on ye land that I have given to my son Edward and so Northerly along the pesson to ye log bridg from thence by an east line easterly bounds the said land being known by the name of dogwood ridge the said land I give to my said Thorowgood and his heires forever and in case my son Thorowgood should die without fresh heires lawfully begotten of his body then I give ye sd land to my daughter Grace Keeling and to her heirs lawfully begotten of her body forever and for want of such heires to the next of blood; I give to my said son Thorowgood Keeling one silver porringer markt TA to him and his heires forever; 6ly;-- I do give to my sd son Thorowgood Keeling one negro boy named Jack to him and his heires forever and in case my said son Thorowgood should die without such lawfull heires begotten of his body, then I give ye sd negro Jack to my son Robert Keeling and his heires forever to be immediately his after my decease yt notwithstanding my will is and it is my will that my wife Grace Keeling hath the labor and use of ye sd negro Jack during her natural life provided she doth not remove ye sd negro Jack out of this County. 7ly--- I give to my eldest son Edward one silver tumbler with a coat of armes on it to him and his heires forever. 8ly--- I give and bequeath to my son Robert Keeling a certain tract of land adjoining on John Oakehams land and so south along ye pesson to the logg bridge and from thence to be divided from his brother Thorowgood land by an east line to him my sd son Robert Keeling and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever and in case my sd son Robert should dye without such heires lawfully begotten of his body then I doe give the said land to my son Wm. and his heirs forever. 9ly--- I doe give to my aforesaid two sons Robert Keeling and William Keeling one negro boy named Charles to them or their survivor of them and their heires forever yt it is my will and my will is notwithstanding what is above that my wife Grace have ye labor and ye use of the said negro boy Charles during her natural life provided always that she do not remove him out of this said County. 10ly I doe give unto my daughter Grace Keeling one two year old heifer to be delivered to her immediately after my decease in full of her part of my estate. 11ly---I doe give to my daughter Anne Keeling one two year old heifer in full of her part of my estate to be delivered to her immediately after my decease. 12ly--- I doe give unto my daughter Elizabeth Keeling one two year old heifer in full of her part of my estate to be delivered to her immediately after my decease. 13ly---I doe give to my grand daughter Pembroke one yoe lamb to be delivered as above, lastly I do give to my loving wife Grace Keeling one negro woman called Charcole and and doe also give to my sd wife all the rest of my personal and moveable estate within dores and without she paying my just debts appointing my said wife Grace Keeling my full and whole executrix of this my last will & testam.

Signed Sealed In The Presence of us.

Alexander Keeling, ~~Sealed~~

Annoque Dom. 1703 John Thomas.
John Okeham.

Proved in open Court 3rd May 1704. by ye oath of Jno. Thomas & at a Court holden ye 4th of May by ye oath of Jno. Thomas & returned to be sealed.