

In The Name of God Amen Robert Land & the  
Parish of Synchonb & County of Prince Edward his County  
Sick and Weak do make and Ordain this my last Will  
and Testament in manner and form following  
Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Robert Land  
the Plantation wheron I now live One Cow and Calf  
two hens and Lambs and a great Pott to him and  
his Heirs forever. Item I give & Bequeath unto my  
Son Captain Land the Plantation wheron he now dwelleth  
to him and his Heirs forever. Item I give & Bequeath  
unto my Son Tully Land the Land & Furniture  
of Mr. Thomas Singley and that piece of Land in  
the Swamp joining Mr. Peeling to him and his Heirs  
forever. Item Item I give & Bequeath unto my Son  
Henry Land 16 3/4 acres in the River swamp and One  
Cow & Calf to him & his Heirs forever. Item I give  
& Bequeath unto my Son John Land Six acres of  
Land joining Mr. Blowers to him and his Heirs forever.  
Item I give & Bequeath unto my Son Simon Land  
One Thatch Bed & Furniture to him and his Heirs  
forever. Item I give & Bequeath unto my Daugh-  
ters Jacomy Land and Elizabeth Land One Cow  
and Calf a piece and to my Daughters Elizabeth  
and Sarah Land One Cow & Calf a piece to them and  
their Heirs forever. Item I give & Bequeath unto the  
my loving Wife Reyna Land the Dwelling & Demesne  
into part of my Estate during her Natural life or  
her natural life and after her decease whatever  
hath to be sold about the Money equally divided  
amongst my Children that go by Land mentioned  
in my Will: and Lastly I do hereby nominate and  
appoint my loving Wife M<sup>r</sup>. French Land and  
Re Land my executors of this my last Will and  
Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set  
my Hand and Seal this twenty third day of ...

March 1703 m<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup>

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
to be his last Will & Testament  
in Province of ...

his / 57  
Robert Land £ 57  
Mark 20

Robert Land, his Land to the Court held for Prince Edward  
County the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1703. It appearing that  
said Testator of his last Will and Testament did make and ordain  
by the virtue of the law before him to have and to hold the same  
Matters of the present Will and Testament which were then  
then made to him witnesseth that he did make and ordain the same

In The Name of God Amen I William Mosley  
of the County of Middlesex do make and Ordain this  
my last Will and Testament before me Give and Bequeath  
to my loving wife Elizabeth Mosley the use of my whole Estate  
including her Life or her Widowhood after her Life or Widow-  
hood Give and Bequeath to my son William Mosley  
my House and Land wherein I now live, and also the  
Land I bought of William Biddle: Then Give & Bequeath  
to my brother Mosley One barrel Mill. If I give no  
Bequest unto my son John Mosley In Consideration  
Money, then my desire is after the death of my widow  
of my wife all remainder of my Estate to be sold & divided  
among all my children then living and their heirs  
Equally I nominate and appoint my wife Elizabeth  
Mosley and my son John sons of this my last  
Will and Testament, My Witnesses whereof I have  
caused to set my Hand and Seal March 8<sup>th</sup>  
1701

Signed for Grace  
of William Benthall  
10th Decr 1701  
John Nicholson

William Mosley

The Court held for Prince Anne County the 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of September 1703  
The above last Will & Testament of William Mosley  
deceased was proved according to Law by the Cott.  
William Benthall & John Nicholson two of the  
Witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded  
and on the Motion of the two Executors therein  
named who made oath & gave Bond and  
Security according to Law his Certificate is  
Granted them for obtaining Probate thereof  
in due Form.

Test,

J. H. Mosley et al

In the Name of God Amen I declare &  
That being of the body of Prince George being of full  
Wit and Memory And have a mind to dispose  
of my estate as follows. Give and Bequeath unto  
my Daughter Nelly Buleing One Side Saddle  
She bold from me Tott Wheel, Then my House and  
Land I now live on upon to be sold and all the  
rest of my estate to be equally divided among  
my Post Children, Lastly I nominate & appoint  
my Son Horowood Buleing Esq. of this my last  
Will and Testament, In Witness whereunto I have  
set my Hand and fixed my Seal this 1st day of August 1783

Signed & Sealed in the presence of  
Samuel Whitehurst  
John Boush  
of marsh

At a Court Held for Prince George County the 11.  
day of September 1783

The above last Will & Testament of Alexander  
Buleing dec<sup>d</sup> was proved according to  
Law by the Oath of the two Witnesses thereto  
and ordered to be Recorded And on the  
Notion of the Testator therein named we  
made Oath & gave Bond & Security as the Law  
dictates certificate is granted for probating  
Probate hereof in due form

(Test)

C. H. Rosenteth

In The Name of God Amen I Samuel Davis  
of Prince George County being sick and weak  
Body but of sound Mind and perfect Memory do  
thee my last Will and Testament in manner and  
Form following, In witness whereof I give and Bequeath  
unto my Daughter Peggy Davis One hundred Pounds  
One hundred weight of Beef and one hundred weight  
named Hosen to her & her Heirs forever.  
Item Likewise Will and desire that such part  
of my estate be sold as my heirs shall think convenient  
to raise Money to purchase a Negro girl which  
and her increase I give and Bequeath unto my  
Daughter Peggy and her Heirs forever. Item  
and Likewise unto my loving Wife Rachel Da-  
vis Lander Stock and Household furniture  
what, nature and kind soever notwithstanding  
and notwithstanding the Purchase of the above mentioned  
beef and my lawful Debts and funeral expens-  
es paid unto my said Loving Wife Rachel  
during her natural life; and after her de-  
thence I give & Bequeath all my said Estate  
what, nature and kind soever unto my said  
Daughter <sup>1703</sup> and her Heirs forever, but if so  
said Daughter Peggy should die without issue  
her lawfully Begotten of her Body then  
I give and Bequeath the said Land and all  
interances unto my Grandson James Lewis  
and his Heirs for ever but if only said Grandson  
should die without lawful Heir of his Body  
and likewise my said Daughter Peggy the  
my Will is at my Wife's desire that my said  
land movable Estate be sold and the Money  
arising to be equally divided among all  
Grand Children that I have alive, now  
constitute my Friend John Matthias Senr.  
my loving Wife Rachel Davis Executor or  
Executor of this my last Will and Testam-  
ent. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and Seal this eighth day of October  
1703  
Signed sealed Published and <sup>his</sup> Samuel Davis  
sealed in presence of us *J. M. D.* mark  
*newson, Wm. Smith, J. G. F.*

5 At a Court held for Prince George County the 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
November 1783

The above last Will and Testament of Samuel Davis deceased was proved according to Law by the  
oath of the three Notaries publick unto whom Ordained to be Recorded; And on the Motion of the Baccutoris the  
in named who made Oath and gave Bond a  
Security as the Law directs certificate is granted them  
for obtaining Probate whereof Indue Form libe  
is Recured to the Baccutor to seal in the Probate  
when he shall think fit before me in my  
Test,

J. H. Mosely Esq.

In the Name of God Amen I Jacob Bishop  
of the County of Prince George in the State of Virginia  
being of sound memory make this my last Will and  
Testament. I give & Bequeath to my sons James  
& Henry Bishop Jr. pounds each, and then by Will  
and desire is that all my estate be sold & equally  
divided between all my children surviving.  
I also appoint my Son in Law Matthew Preston  
John Corneick Baccutor to this my last Will and  
Testament; I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 1783  
Signed Sealed in  
Present of  
John Poston  
John Corneick } Jacob Bishop G. B.

At a Court held for Prince George County the 11<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1783

The above last Will and Testament of Jacob Bishop  
Esq. was proved according to Law by the oath of  
John Corneick one of the Notaries publick unto whom Ordained  
to be Recorded; And on the Motion of the two above  
in named who made Oath & gave Bond  
with Security as the Law directs certificate is given  
them for obtaining Probate whereof Indue Form libe

Test,

J. H. Mosely Esq.

In The Name of Gott Amen I Joel Peed Pewsey  
the County of Bristow Anne being his & Wmah wife  
Ordaining this as my last Will and Testamentooking  
and dispensing all other Wills heretofore by me made  
first Bequeath my soul to god who first gave it me  
Also give unto my Son Samuel Peed One black & White  
Horse one black Bell Yarning to him and his Heirs for  
ever two silver Yarnings to him & his Heirs for ever  
Also give unto him one Potts Mug and all the Hoop  
Potland Corn as shall be found belonging to me at  
my decease to my Son Samuel Peed and his Heirs forever  
then Sealed & Sealed this Twenty Seven day of Decem-  
ber in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred  
and Eighty Three - - - - - his - - - - -  
Signed & Sealed in the presence of us - - - - - }  
Joel Peed, Margaret & George }  
Parham & Charnaway } mark  
mark

It is about & held for & in view to Anne County, the 8<sup>th</sup> day  
of April 1784 - - - The above last Will & Testament  
of Jacob Reed deceased was proved according to law by  
the Oath of Jacob Reed & Maryam his spouse before  
the Notary Publick and Ordered to be Recorded  
and on the Motion of Daniel Reed who made oath  
and gave Bond & Security according to Law certify  
that he wanted him for attaining better opportunity  
to take up with the Will as need of the said Testate in  
due form - - - - -

*7 Feb.*  
E. G. Mosely Esq.

In the Name of God Amen I Matthew Godf.  
of Prince Anne County being and Waking Body but  
pupet Mind and Memory do make this my last Will an  
Testament. Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Matthew  
Godfrey and my Son Jefre Godfrey my Plantation  
Land their adioning beginning at James & John's  
Gibson's corner Tuckahoe running down the Branch to  
Lean Elce and then running down my Oak  
<sup>Branch</sup>

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Branch by a line of Marked Trees to braigo line, the  
Westord Side I give to my Son Matthew Godfrey, an  
the Eastord Side I give to my Son Jeppe Godfrey to other  
and their Heirs, I also give to my Son Matthew or  
young Man called Pecon and two feather Beds  
Turkies and one Hand Mill and one large  
Juniper Chest and four Stone Jugs. Item I Give to  
Son Jeppe Godfrey two feather Beds & Turkies and a  
Chest and Twelve Bottles and one Stone Jug & six  
black Chairs and one Man called Elif and such  
any increase from this day it all belongs to my Son Jeppe  
and one desk, Item I Give to my Daughter Sallie  
Woodard one Lining Wheel and one Book called  
Pilgrims Progress, All my using Tools Pinters & Ho  
and Cattle of Pots & Skittles I give to be equally divided  
between my two Sons Matthew & Jeppe Godfrey, an  
all my estate unmentioned I give to be equally  
divided between my two Sons Matthew & Jeppe  
my Daughter Sally Morris, but if either of my  
Sons should die without an issue then of other  
Body his part to be equally divided between the  
two that may be alive, observe I leave the whole  
my estate to my beloved Wife during life and by  
her decease then to proceed as above Pinter, turner  
I leave my Son in law William Morris and my  
Matthew Godfrey executors of this my last Will &  
Testament in Writings whereof I have hereunto  
my Hand & Seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 1781  
(Signed)

Wm & Doug.  
Peter & Doug.  
Wm Pardon

Matthew Godfrey Sealed

At a Court held for Prince George County the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1782  
The above last Will and Testament of Matthew Godfrey deceased  
was proved according to Law by the Oath of William Doug  
and William Pardon two of the Executors there and others  
to be Recorded: And on the Motion of the two Executors the  
in named who made oath and gave Bond & Surety  
according to Law, Certificate is granted them for the  
ing Puffat the cost of due sum in Testimony

B. H. Newell Esq.

Memorandum; That on the Fourteenth day  
March in the year of Our Lord Christ One Thousand Seven  
Hundred and eighty Four; came personally before me  
Eason Moon one of the commonwealths Justices of  
the County of Prince Anne David Carroll & John Carroll  
and made oath for the Holy Evangelists of Almighty  
God that their Brother James Carroll deceased on the  
Evening of the Thirtieth of this month instant March  
in his sound Mind & proper sense and calling them  
to his Bed side declared to them Verbally his last Will  
and Testament in the following manner vizt.  
I give the Use and but tutation of the Land &  
Plantation whereon I now do live unto my loving  
Wife Martha Carroll during her Widowhood, and at  
the end of her Widowhood I then give the same unto  
my Son James Carroll & his Heirs forever, but in case  
he should die without lawful Heir of his own body  
or otherwise making his other Heir to whom he  
bequeath unto my Son William Carroll I give the same to him  
and his Heirs forever. I give the Use and but tutation  
of all the Remainder of my Estate unto my loving Wife  
Martha during her Widowhood and immediately  
on the End of her Widowhood I then desire that the rest of  
my Estate then Remaining may be sold at Public  
Sale and the Money arising therefrom I give to be equally  
divided among all my Children then living, thus day of  
these Deportments and no further.

Signed & declared before me,

David Carroll & John Carroll  
mark

John Carroll & John Carroll  
mark

Eason Moon,

The Court held for Prince Anne County the 8th day of April 1784  
The above Noncapative Will of James Carroll deceased was proved  
by the Oath of David Carroll & John Carroll the Notary Publick  
and is ordered to be Recorded; And on the Motion of David  
Carroll who made oath gave Bond & Security according  
Law, his Certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of  
Administration on the estate of the said James Carroll  
deceased with the Will annexed in due Form —

Testy

C. H. Morley

Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Lydia Brock,  
all the Remainder of my Estate of all kinds & Nature  
whatsoever I do give the same unto her & her Heirs  
ever, and lastly I do constitute & appoint my Son  
in Law John Brock & his Wife Lydia Brock my Sole  
whole Executress of this my last Will & Testament  
Revoking and Revelling all other Wills & Testaments  
by me formerly made and Ratifying & Confirming  
this and no other to be my last Will & Testament.  
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand &  
affixed my Seal this Thirtieth day of October One  
Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Three  
Published Sealed and  
Signed in the presence of }  
Thomas Williamson }  
John Williamson }  
Sarah Marsh }  
Elizabeth <sup>her</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>his</sup> Williamson }  
Sarah Marsh }  
Eliz. Brown <sup>her</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>his</sup> Williamson }

At a Court of Probate for Prince Anne County the 8<sup>th</sup> day  
of April 1784 —

This Court has had Read & Considered the Will & Testament  
of Harry Williamson Dec'd was proved according  
to law by the oath of Thos Williamson One of the Testimony  
thereon and Ordered to be Recorded; And on the  
Motion of Mr. Brock who made oath according  
to law that he did it in Compliance with the said  
Probate thereof in Due Form

(S) C. H. Rose Esq: M.A.

C. H. Rose Esq: M.A.

In The Name of God Amen I Mary Williamson  
of the County of Prince George in Virginia being very sic  
and Weak of Body but to perfect Mind & Memory -  
thankes be to god for the same but calling to mind the  
Mortality of my Body knowing that it is appointed  
for all men once to Die do make and Ordaine this  
my last Will and Testament in manner & Form  
following Viz: I Give and Bequeath unto the  
youngest Son of my Daughter Margaret Brown  
Thirty Shillings Current Money of Virginia in Specie  
to him and his Heirs forever it being such part of my  
estate as I intended for my said Daughter Margaret Brown  
and I do hereby exclude her my said Daughter and all  
other of her Heirs from claiming any more of my estate  
forever; I Give & Bequeath unto the youngest Son  
of my Son Moses M. Collier dec'd Thirty Shillings Current  
Money of Virginia Specie to him & his Heirs forever  
the same being the part of my estate I intended for my  
Son Moses M. Collier dec'd and I do hereby exclude all  
other of his Heirs from claiming any more of my  
estate forever; I Give & Bequeath unto the Youngest  
child of my Daughter Elizabeth Morrison & her  
Shillings Current Money of Virginia in Specie  
I Give the same to said Child Heirs forever the same  
being the part of my estate I intended for my said  
Daughter Elizabeth Morrison dec'd and I do hereby exclude  
all other of her my said Daughter's Heirs from claim-  
ing any more of my estate; I Give & Bequeath  
unto my Daugher Jane my Daughter Mary Bimby this  
Shillings Current Money of Virginia in Specie I Give the same  
to her & her Heirs forever the same being the part of my estate  
Intended for my said Daughter and I do hereby exclude  
her my said Daughter & her Heirs from claim-  
ing any more of my estate forever; I Give &  
Bequeath unto Emanuel Roberts the youngest Son of my Son  
Moses Roberts this Shillings Current Money of Virginia  
in Specie I Give the same to him & his Heirs forever the  
same being the part of my estate Intended for my Son  
Moses Roberts dec'd and I hereby exclude all other of  
his Heirs from claiming any more of my estate for  
ever after my death. Death is first paid and my  
real performed in a just & reasonable manner

is that if my aforesaid Daughters or either of them or my Son James should Die before they arrive to the age of 21. Sixty one or. Money that the Negro given to such as shall Die within that period shall return to the common Stock and be equally divided with the rest of my Negroes at a future day. Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Sarah all my White Household Goods Incide to be kept at Inttress until Sarah Marries or Arrives to the Age of Twenty One years to her & their Heirs forever. Item I give and Bequeath unto my two Sons Joseph & Jacob White all my Marshes & privileged Lots of what land soever equally between them & their Heirs forever. Item I give & Bequeath unto my loving Wife Rebecca White all the Rest & Residue of my Estate of what kind soever not already disposed of after all my just Debts against my Estate be paid for & during her Natural life for the Use & Intent & Benefit of maintaining, breeding & educating all my Children that may then be in need, and after her death my Will & desire is that all my Slaves & their increase not already will'd away shall be freed and equally divided amongst the whole of my Children, and the Stock of all kinds & Household Items except what I have already disposed of & should be sold. The Money arising from the Sale should be equally divided amongst my Children to them & their Heirs forever. Lastly I appoint my loving Wife Rebecca White my Executor to this my last Will, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Affixed my Seal this eighteenth day of October One Thousand Seven hundred and eighty three —

Isred Sealed Published  
and declared in presence of } Joseph White &  
Tho: R. Walker }  
Rebecca Britt

Robert Fower } Codicil to the aforesaid Will,  
} My Will and desire is that if my Son  
James or either of my Daughters Sarah or Amy White  
should die before they arrive to lawful Age, or Marriage  
that the Money given to them, or either of them, should  
be equally divided among all the rest of my Children.  
My Will and desire is that there be no Apparition to  
my Estate. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
Hand & affixed my Seal the twelfth day of November  
thousand Seven Hundred & eighty three —

Signed Sealed and  
Delivered in presence of  
of Robert Fower  
Rebecca Britt

Joseph White

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph White of the  
County of Prince George being in a sound & disposing mind & memory  
do constitute and appoint this my last Will & Testament  
in manner and form following vizt. I Impriuate &  
Bequeath to my son Joseph White the Manor Plantation  
whereon I now live containing Two hundred &  
Forty Acres, more or less, Two Negroes called Dinah  
join & the future increase of the said Dinah a Negro  
& Cott Five Head of Young cattle one Walnut Table  
one corner cupboard & six leather bottomed Chairs  
to him & his Heirs forever, but that he is not to mole  
or disturb my loving Wife in the possession of the ap  
aid Furniture during her natural life. Item I give  
and Bequeath unto today Son Jacob White the Plan  
tation I purchased of Anthony Lovitt adjoining  
to the plantation I now live on and contains One  
hundred & Seventy Acres, more or less, Two Negroes  
called Dick & Cott and the future increase of the sa  
id Cott Two small Slaves & five head of cattle to him &  
his Heirs forever. Item I give and Bequeath unto  
my Daughter Rebecca White One Negro Woman called  
Bab and her future increase, also One Bed and  
Furniture to her and her Heirs forever; Item I give  
and Bequeath to my Daughter Martha White one Negrolie  
called Phabby & her future increase, also One Bed & Furniture  
taken & her Heirs forever. Item I give & Bequeath to my  
Daughter Lydia White One Negrolie called Basted & her  
future increase, also One Bed & Furniture taken & her Heirs  
forever. Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Nancy White  
One Negrolie called Sarah & her future increase  
also One Bed & Furniture to her and her Heirs forever.  
Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Nancy White  
Negrolie called Fanny & her future increase, also  
One Bed & Furniture to her & her Heirs forever.  
Item I give & Bequeath to my Son James White One Neg  
rolie called Isbell & her future increase, Also One Bed &  
Furniture Specia to be kept at Intercourt until he comes of age  
to them the Heirs forever; Item I give to Thomas Walker  
one Man called George & her increase to him and his  
Heirs forever. Item I give & Bequeath to my Son in Law  
Francis Land One Negro Woman named Rachel and her  
increase, Also One Bed & Furniture two Cows & Calves  
him and his Heirs forever. Item my Well and desir

A Court Held for Prince Anne County the 18<sup>th</sup> day of

1734

The aforesaid last Will and Testament and Codicil of John White dec<sup>d</sup> were proved according to Law by the Oath of Mr. Tower and Rebecca Bott two of the Testifiers thereto and Ordered to be Recorded, On the Motion of the Executors there named who made Oath and gave Bond & Security run to Law, certificates granted them for obtaining Probate thereof in due form , Test,

L. H. Mosley Esq

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In The Name of God Amen I Thomas Bouttoff  
Anne County at the sometime Within Body and Sick but of a  
Disposerty Mind and Memory and in perfect Senes doth  
be to God for the same Do make and Ordain this to be my  
Will and Testament Item I give and Bequeath to Eufan  
Collins Two Acres of Land more or less binding on the p[ar]c[e]  
Line and the Lands of William Read and on a line of the  
Trees which divides from my other Land setting the same Line  
which I conveyed to the said Eufan Collins by a D[oc]t of Baro.  
and Sale and is not fully proved according to Law the said  
Land and appurtenances unto the said Eufan Collins for  
Him forever. Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son Jas.  
Brooks Son of my Wife Elizabeth Boutt One Small Acre  
and binding on the P[ar]c[e] Line from thence binding  
the Publick Road Northly to the Dist Bridge thence down  
y<sup>a</sup> Branch Westly to Eufan Collins Land to him and  
his Heirs for ever, but to include my Son James Brooks. If he  
lives this life without their for the said Land to devide  
my Son Sanford Boutt and to his Heirs for ever. Item  
my Son Willoughby Boutt all my eleced Lands par-  
ticular Branch to my Brother John Boutt Line with  
Five Acres of Wood Land adjoining the eleced Land  
him and his Heirs for ever, but my Will and desire  
that if in case my Son Willoughby Should die or other-  
wise be remov'd that the said Land should Devide  
in Sanford Boutt and his Heirs forever. Item I do  
Bequeath to my Son John Bott all the Remainder of my  
Heats not yet given that I am now in possession of or a  
may desir'd to me by his ship to him and his Heirs a  
little if he should Depart this life without their for my Will  
the said Lands should be equally devide between  
them of my Sons that are living and their Heirs  
Item I give and Bequeath to my well beloved W<sup>m</sup> Elizabeth  
Boutt the use of my Plantation and Lands during

as a widow or Widowhood, uninterrupted, but if in case  
she should at any time inform any then for my Lord  
to Devise to my children as above mentioned. Then  
I give to my Wife Elizabeth Boutt all my personal estate  
during her Natural Life but if in case she should at any  
time inform any then for two Thirds of my Personal Estate  
to be sold for the use of my Son Sanford Boutt and his  
Heirs forever, my Will and Desire is that my Estate  
should not be appraised I do nominate to constitute Nomine  
and Appoint my Wife Elizabeth Boutt my whole and  
Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament utterly  
disannulling all other Wills by me made Ratifying above  
completely this to be my last Will and Testament and  
to the Truth have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this  
17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1703  
Signed & Delivered in }    his  
presence of }    mark  
William Read      }  
John Woodard      }  
Witnoughby Read }

Thomas X. Boutt & <sup>33</sup>  
Mark

A Court Held for Prince Anne County the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May  
1704 a.m. The above last Will and Testament of Thomas  
Boutt dec'd was proved according to Law by the Oaths of  
William Read & John Woodard two of the Testifiers  
to be Recorded; On the Information of the Executrix whom the  
Court gave Bond & Security according to Law best  
estate is granted her for obtaining Probate thereof in due  
Form.

L. H. Mosley Esq  
Notary Public

In the Name of God Amen. I Rebekah Bushay of the County  
 of Prince Anne being sick and weak of body, but in perfect sense  
 and memory thanks be to God do make and Ordain this my Last  
 Will and Testament in manner and form following. Item. I give  
 unto the Children of my brother in law John Harrison Wright in North  
 Carolina the stock of Cattle I own their to be equally divided at my Death  
 to them and their Heirs for ever. Item. I give unto my brother in Law John  
 Harrison Wright the sum of two pounds nine shillings which is due  
 from Peter Morrissey to me for a Cow to him and his Heirs for ever.  
 Item. I give unto Nancy Morris daughter of my sister Venus  
 Munden, when she shall arrive at the age of Eighteen years to  
 her and heirs for ever. Item. I leave all my wearing Cloaths amongst  
 Venus Munden and her three Eldest Daughters and Joshua Wright  
 to be equally Divided to them and their Heirs for ever. Item. I  
 give my Sister Venus Munden two pound specie at my Death  
 should be living, and if she should not be then a living my Es-  
 tate should be to Venus Morris Daughter of my sister to her a  
 her Heirs for ever, I leave my friend William Petty the use of one hand  
 Kilk, one five Gallon Iron Pott, one Iron Pessel till my Grandson  
 William Bushay when he shall arrive to the age of twenty one  
 Years. And Lastly I leave the remaining part of my Estate  
 be sold that is not already mentioned and my lawful Debts and  
 funeral Charges and above Legacies to be paid first, and then to  
 Grandson William Bushay when he shall arrive to age of twenty one  
 or before if my Executor shall see fitting to him and his Heirs to  
 fully begotten of his body if any such, if none such Heir my will  
 and desire is that it should be to my Sister Venus Munden's sev-  
 Children Namely John Morris, Nancy Morris, Sarah Morris,  
 Rebekah Morris, Venus Morris, Eunice Morris and Willie Mor-  
 ris to them and their Heirs for ever, and further I appoint my  
 friends Thomas Olds and William Petty whole and sole Executors of  
 this my last Will and Testament revoking and annulling all others  
 formerly by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
 Hand and Seal this 16<sup>th</sup> November 1782

Signed in presence of

Mary D. Petty.

William H. Henry

Mary H. Baens.

Rebekah Bushay

At a Court held for Prince Anne County the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1784  
 The above last Will and Testament of Rebekah Bushay dec'd was proved  
 according to Law by the Oath of Mary Petty and William Henry two of the  
 Witnesses thereto and Ordained to be Recorded and on the motion of William Petty one  
 the Exec't who made Oath and gave bond and security according to Law. Certificate is  
 Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form

14. In the Name of God Amen I Bridget Langley of the  
County of Princess Anne being very sick and weak of body but of a  
sound mind and memory do make and Ordain this my Last Will and  
Testament in manner and form following Viz. Item I give and bequeath  
unto my Daughter Mary Wright one Negro boy called Tom to her and  
her Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas  
Langley one Negro wench called Dinah and Negro boy called Cuff.  
and two Horses and one Bed and furniture and one Great Potts to him  
and his Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Willis  
Langley one Negro boy Jacob one yoke of Oxen and seven head of Sheep  
to him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give unto James Whitehurst my Gran-  
dson two Cows and Calves to him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give and  
bequeath the rest of my Estate to be sold and equally Divided amongst  
all my Children and Thomas Langley and Willis Langley my two  
sons to be my Executors to this my last Will and Testament In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this six  
teenth of January in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred  
and Eighty four.

Signed Sealed and declared by the  
said Bridget Langley as her last  
Will and testament in presence of us.

John Cock

John Henley

Thorowgood Land

Bridget Langley

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 14. day of May 1785.  
The above last Will and Testament of Bridget Langley late was proved according  
to Law by the Oaths of the Witnesses and is Ordered to be Recorded, and on  
the Motion of Willis Langley one of the Executors who Complied with the  
Law Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

Test.  
E. Tp. Monday 14th.

Probated at

In the Name of God Amen I James Holstead of  
Norfolk County, being very sick and weak but of perfect mind and memory  
do make this my last Will and testament in manner and form follow-  
ing (that is to say) first I recommend my Soul into the hands of M.  
mighty God who gave it me, hoping through the merits meditation  
and Intercession of my Dear Redeemer Jesus Christ to find free Pardon  
for all sins and my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried  
according to the Discretion of my Exec<sup>t</sup> hereafter named, and as to what  
Worldly Estate it hath pleased Almighty God to bless my wife in this life.

15 I give and bequeath unto my brother in Law Robert Burley the remainder part of the plantation whereon my Father lived. Also what money due to me on William Bartels Bond and all other debts due to me, I give unto the said Robert Burley and his Heirs for ever. Item I give unto my loving Niece Martha Burley one Hunder now in the possession of Isaac Davis to her and her heirs for ever. And I do hereby appoint my Brother in Law Robert Burley my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament looking and Desannulling all other Wills heretofore made by me In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty ninth Day of November 1723.

Signed, Sealed Published and  
declared by the said James  
Holstead as his last Will and  
Testament in the presence of us,

George Williamson Junr.

Sarah ~~W~~ Whitehurst

Elizabeth Whitehurst

At a Court held for Princess Anne County the 14. day of May 1784.  
The above last Will and Testament of James Holstead, dec'd. was proved according to law by the Oath of George Williamson, Jun<sup>r</sup>. and Elizabeth Whitehurst, tcc of theillnesses thereto, and Ordered to be Recorded. and on the Motion of Rob<sup>t</sup>. Barley the Esq<sup>r</sup>. who complied with the Law. Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.—  
Test<sup>r</sup>.

*Fest.*  
E. H. Moseley *ith*

In the Name of God Amen I William Wishart of Prince George County, and Common wealth of Virginia, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Item, I give and devise to my beloved Wife Mary Wishart all the Lands and Tenements that she held in her own before I married her (which Intails have been since Docketed) to her and her Heirs for ever. Item, I give to my said beloved Wife Mary Wishart the use of the tract and Plantation of Land whereon I now live during her natural Life, provided she keeps the Buildings and Orchards in good and sufficient Repair, and cuts no timber on said Land in waste; Also I give to my said wife Mary, the use of all my Slaves during her Natural Life. Item, I give and bequeath to my said Wife the Residue or remainder of my Personal Estate, except what is hereafter excepted to her and her heirs for ever. Item, After my Wifes decease, I give and devise to my Brother Thomas Wishart the tract and Plantation of Land whereon I now live, containing by Estimation Two hundred and Sixty six Acres to him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my said Brother Thomas, my silver hilted Sword and swerwing Instruments, also all my Silver buttons both Coat and Vest, to him and his heirs for ever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter in law Frances Haynes, my Tract of Land, sand and Marsh, containing fifty Acres by Patent, lying and being in the County of Curroluck in the State of North Carolina, to her and her Heirs for ever, Item. I give and bequeath to my said Daughter in law Frances, one Mare called Fly and a Sorrel Colt called Count de Grasse, also four Sheep, which are now called hers and one Cow and Calf exclusive of that called hers, likewise, after my Wifes decease, I give to my said Daughter in law Frances, All my Books, to her, and her Heirs for ever, Item, after my Wifes decease, I give and bequeath to my God Child, Mary Teresa Thelaball, Daughter of my Sister Anne Thelaball, my Negro boy Toney, to her and her Heirs for ever, Item, after my Wifes decease I give to my brother Thomas Wishart my Negro Slave named Warwick to him and his Heirs for ever, I give to my friend and Relation Anthony Lawson Esq<sup>r</sup>, my fowling piece that I bought of Capt. John Olliffe, to him and his heirs Item, after the silver Buttons are taken off, I give and bequeath all my Apparel (I mean wearing Apparel) to be equally Divided amongst the three following Slaves to wit Roger, belonging to the Estate of my Son in Law Thomas Haynes deceased Isaac, my Wifes Dower of the Slaves, belonging to the Estate of her first Husband Thomas Haynes deceased, and Warwick, a Slave given me in the last Will and Testament of my Father Thomas Wishart deceased. And Lastly, I do nominate, Constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Wishart and my beloved friends James Nimmo and Thomas Wishart Jun<sup>r</sup> Executrix and Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I the said William Wishart have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twentieth Day of January Anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred and Eighty three.

Signed Sealed Published and Declared  
as and for the last Will and Testament  
of William Wishart in presence of us  
William Nimmo

William Nimmo, son of Gershom.

William Wishart



At a Court Held for Prince Anne County the 10. day of June 1783.  
The above last Will and Testament of William Wishart dec<sup>d</sup> was proved, according to Law, by the Oath of William Nimmo one of the Witnesses thereto and is Ordered to be recorded, and on the Motion of Mary Wishart the Executrix, and James Nimmo one of the Executors who made Oath and gave Bond and Security according to Law, Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining Probat thereof in due form, Liberty is Reserved to the other Executor to Join in the Probat where he shall think fit. — — —

Seal

E. H. Monday Esq<sup>r</sup>

16 In the Name of God Amen. I Charles Peade of the  
County of Prince Anne in the Common Wealth of Virginia being  
somewhat indisposed in health, but of sound mind mind and memory,  
thanks be to God for the same, Imprimis, I give unto my loving Wife  
Ann during her Natural life, my plantation or tract of Land, dying  
and being in the County of Middlesex she in consideration thereof and  
whatever other Legacies I may bequeath her to bring up and Educate in a Chri-  
stian like manner my Daughter Keria, but should she die before the Age  
of twenty one Years or Marriage then I give unto my Nephew John Peade  
son of my Dear Brother John Peade dec'd the said Middlesex Plantation to him  
and his Heirs for ever, but if the said John Peade should die without marriage  
and issue, then I give the same unto my wife Anne and her Heirs for ever, Item  
I give unto my wife my Negroes Dick and Phill together with my Negroes Lucy  
Kell, Hannah Bridget Venus Lear and Saul during her natural life, Item  
I give the use of all my personal Estate to my Wife during life and after her death  
to go agreeable to the Statute of Distributionis Lastis, I constitute and appoint  
my loving wife Ann and John Hancock, a Gent. To much respect my Executive  
and Executor of this my last Will and Testament May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1784. —

Witness

William Robinson

Elizabeth Robinson

Robert Godwin

Charles Peade.

At a Court held for Prince Anne County the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1784 —  
The above last Will and testament of Charles Peade dec'd was proved according to  
Law by the Oath of Elizabeth Robinson and Robert Godwin two of the Witnesses  
thereto, and is Ordered to be recorded, and on the Motion of Anne Peade the Executrix  
therein Named who made oath and gave Bond and Security according to Law Certificed  
is granted her for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form. Liberty is reserved to the other  
Executor to join in the Probate when he shall think fit — — — *test.*

E. H. Massey Esq

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas West sen<sup>r</sup>. of the County  
of Prince-<sup>s</sup> Anne and Colony of Virginia planter Considering the Necessity as  
well as Prudence in providing for his Children, by giving and bequeathing such  
portions or parcels of his Estate as it hath pleased God to bles<sup>s</sup> him with, do  
make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as  
follows after the Interment of my Body which is left to the discretion of my Execu<sup>t</sup>  
hereafter Named. Viz. Impriu<sup>m</sup>is I desire that all my just and lawful Debts  
are paid. Item I give and bequeath unto my son William West the Plantation  
whereon he now lives, called by the Name of Tarr Hill Neck, it being that Land  
that Land that formerly belonged to my Brother Samuel containing one Hunc.  
dred and fifty Acres more or less, also a piece of Land adjoining containing Eight  
Acres more or less already Inclosed. I give it to him his heirs and Assigns for ever.  
Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas West the plantation whereon he  
now lives it being the Land I bought of Arthur Trizzell and Richard Brown  
for forty five Acres more or less, already marked off. I give it to him and his heirs for  
ever also I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas West my plantation that I now  
live on and the Land adjoining thereto, for one hundred and Seventeen Acres be  
the same more or less. I give it to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever, only -  
excepting the Use of it, to my wife Amey during her Widewhood, also I give and  
bequeath unto my son Thomas West my Negro fellow called Long Tom to him his  
Heirs and Assigns for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Judy  
Anne West one feather Bed and furniture and one Cow and Calf to her and her  
heirs and Assigns for ever. Item, I leave the use of my Plantation that I now  
live on to my loving wife Amey West during her Widewhood not to Cutt  
nor sell any timber thereon, only for the use of the Plantation, also I leave  
the Use of my two Negroes, Viz Short Tom and Tibb to my said wife during  
her Widewhood and likewise the use of all my personal Estate during her Widew-  
hood. Item, I give and bequeath unto my two Sons William and Thomas  
West, fifty Acres of Marsh adjoining the place on the seaside called the Table  
of Pines to them their Heirs and Assigns for ever. Item, after my Wifes Widewhood  
is ended, I give unto my son William one Negro Man named short Tom, to him  
and his Heirs and Assigns for ever. Item, after my Wifes Widewhood is ended,  
I give and bequeath my Negro Woman named Tibb, to my Daughter Judy  
Anne West to her her Heirs and Assigns for ever. Item after my Wifes widow-  
hood is ended, I give and bequeath unto my four Daughters Namely Francis  
Lander, Etheredge, Mary Green and Judy Anne Fentress all my whole Estate that  
then remains to be equally Divided to them and their Heirs for ever. And  
Lastly I constitute and appoint my wife Amey and my Son William West  
Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament by me formerly made and  
ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament  
In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twentyfirst

18 Day of July in the twenty first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord  
George the third by the grace of God &c. V. V. Anno Domini one thousand  
seven hundred and eighty three.

Signed Sealed and Declared

In the presence of us . . .

Batson X Land

Batson <sup>mark</sup> Mardon

Henry X Chappel

Thomas Davis

Thomas T West sen<sup>r</sup>



At a Court held for Prince's Anne County, the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1783.  
The above last Will and Testament of Thomas West sen<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>t</sup>. was proved according  
to Law by the Oath of Batson Land and Batson Mardon two of the Testifiers there<sup>t</sup>  
and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the Motion of William West one of the Execut<sup>r</sup>  
therein Named who made Oath and gave bond with security as the Law Directs  
Certificate is granted him for Obtaining probat thereof in due form. Liberty is  
lived the Executrix to join in the probat when she shall think fit. —

Not.  
E. H. Moseley wt.

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Langley of the  
County of Prince's Anne in Virginia, being sick and weak of body but of per-  
fect mind and memory thanks be to God, for the same, but calling to mind the  
Mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to  
die, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner  
form following Vizt. Item. I give the use of my Land Negroes, Horses, Rough  
Harrow's Hous Axew & unto Charles Robinson from this present day untill the  
present Crop of Corn intended to be made on the said Land be gathered and  
Lawfully Housed and provision of Meat and Corn &c sufficient for himself,  
my Negroes and Horses &c dureing the time of tending and housing the said  
intended Crop of Corn, and the use of my Dwelling House Kitchen and all  
other of my Buildings dureing the said term of time and I do hereby agree  
to give him for his Service, in tending and housing the said Intended Crop  
the one third part of all the Corn flat & that he shall make or Cause to be  
made on my said Plantation dureing the present year. I do give unto him and  
his Heirs for ever, I do also give unto my said friends Charles Robinson  
dureing the present year only, the one third part of the profits of my Brandy still  
to be made by occupying her in Distilling of Syder &c by him the said Robinson  
Item. I give and bequeath unto my friend William Robinson near Neighbour of  
mine a certain part on parcel of my Plantation and Marsh beginning at Creek  
that lyeth on the Eastward side of my Land, and thence running West and by  
North within twenty Yards of the fence of John Snail, and continuing the same  
course untill it intercepts the other Land of the said William Robinson the same

Langley's Will

Land and Marsh containing by Estimation thirty Acres more or less  
and also twenty five Acres of Marsh lyeng and being on the place called  
the great Marsh I do give and bequeath the same unto him my said friend  
and Neighbour William Robinson and unto his Heirs for ever. Item.  
I give and bequeath after my Crop is lawfully finished in manner as above  
mentioned all the remainder of my Land and Marsh and all my Negroes  
of all Kinds and nature whatsoever, unto my beloved Brother Willis Langley.  
I give the same unto his Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath all the remain-  
der of my Estate of all kinds and Nature whatsoever, after my lawful Debts  
is first fully paid, and my funeral performed in a Christian manner unto  
my loving Brother Willis Langley and my Sister Elizabeth <sup>Land to be equally</sup>  
Divided between them two, I give it unto them and their Heirs for ever.  
And Lastly, I do constitute and appoint my loving Brother Willis  
Langley my Sole and whole Executor of this my last Will and testament  
leaving and annulling all other Wills and Testaments by me formerly made  
and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and —  
Testament. In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my Hand and Affix my  
Seal this Nineteenth Day of May. Anno Domini 1781 —  
~~Signed and Sealed In presence of us.~~

James Woodhouse  
John Lewis  
Cason Moore.

Thomas Langley 

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 1781.  
The above last Will and Testament of Thomas Langley dec'd was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of James Woodhouse and Thomas Lewis two of  
the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded and in the Motion of the  
Executor therein Named who made Oath and gave Bond and Security —  
according to Law. Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate —  
thereof in due form. —

Seal  
E. H. Moody Et al.

19.

In the Name of God Amen. I Mary Seneca of Princess Anne County in Virginia being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the same, but calling to mind the mortalities of my Body knowing that it is appointed for all passion once to die do make and Ordain this my last Testament in manner and form following. Inprimise, I desire my Body to be buried in a Christian manner and as such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to Endue me with I give and dispose in manner and form following I give and bequeath unto Liddy Capia one Bed and furniture one foot Wheal. Item I give and bequeath unto Mary Seneca one Spume an tacklen an one yeo an Seaman one Stock of Beer, an all my waring Cloas. Item, I give and bequeath unto my Cousin Arter Wilams all the rest of my Estate both within and without, Constituting and Ordaining this to be my last Will and Testament as also Constituting and Ordaining my friend Josiah Stiring to be my Executor in signing this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I do hereby set my Hand and Seal this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of June one thousand seven hundred and 81 ...

Seneca's Will

Willoughby Berry

Dinca X Seneca

Mary - X Seneca

mark.

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County June the 10<sup>th</sup>. Day 1781.  
The above last Will and Testament of Mary Seneca dec<sup>d</sup>. was proved according to Law by the Oath of Willoughby Berry witness thereto and is Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of Josiah Stiring the Executor thereto Named who made Oath and gave Bond with Security according to Law. Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form -

Test:  
E. H. Moseley Esq

Banks' Will

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Banks of the County of Princess Anne being sick and weak of body but of perfect senses and memory thanks be to God do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son William Banks sixty Acres Land out of the tract whereon I live beginning whereon William Holms now lives when he shall arrive at the age of twenty one Years to him and his Heirs for ever, Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Banks the remaining part of my Plantation whereon I now live, that I have not already given when he shall arrive at twenty one years of age to him and his Heirs for ever.

My Will and Desire is if my Son William Banks should die without Heir

20. of his Body. I give the above mentioned Sixty Acres of Land unto my son Caleb L. Banks to him and his Heirs for ever. my Will and desire is if my son Thomas Banks should die without Heir of his Body. I give the above mentioned Plantation to my son John Banks to him and his Heirs for ever. Item. I give unto my two Sons Thomas and William Banks twenty five Acres of Marsh. I hold at Lemour's Pasture for an Equal Priviledge for them and their Heirs for ever. Item after my Lawful Debts and funeral Charges being first paid. I leave the remaining part of my Estate within Dooks and without to my loving wife Frances Banks during her Widowhood or Natural life. and at her changing her Widowhood or decease then the whole whole of my Estate that is not already mentioned to be equally Divided amongst my loving wife Frances. as many of my Children as I have not mentioned. as shall be then living to them and their Heirs for ever. And Lastly. I do appoint my loving Wife and Brother John Banks whole and sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1704.—

Interlined my loving Wife Frances  
and blotted before Original . . . . .

Signed and sealed }

In presence of . . .

William Lewis

Margaret X. Banks

William Petty . . .

Thomas X. Banks — Esq.

mark.

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County July the 8<sup>th</sup>. Day 1704.  
The above last Will and Testament of Thomas Banks dec'd was proved by  
according to Law by the Oath of the three Witnesses thereto and is Ordered to be Recorded  
And on the Motion of the Executrix and Executor therin Named. who made Oath.  
and gave Bond with Security according to Law. Certificate is Granted them for  
Obtaining Probate thereof in due form—

Test.

E. H. Moseley Esq.

*Ranney Will*  
In the Name of God Amen. I John Ranney of the County of  
Prince Anne in Virginia being in perfect sound mind and memory thanks  
be to God. for the same. but calling to mind the Mortality of my Body know-  
ing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and Ordain this my  
Last Will and Testament in manner and form following A. M. Item.  
I give and bequeath unto my son Malachi Ranney the plantation whereon  
I now live. as far as the main Road intending the said Road to be as it now  
stands. to be the Dividing Line betwixt the said Plantation and my other Lan-

which I had of him, all the Land and plantation to the Norward of the  
said main Road, I give unto my said Son and his Heirs for ever, but in  
case my said Son Malachi should die without Lawful Heir of his own bege-  
sting or otherwise making then I give the same Land and plantation  
unto my son Enoch Rany, I give the same unto him and his Heirs  
for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son John Rany all my  
Land on the other side of the main Road that leads to the sea side or sand  
Bridge the same being part of the Land which I bought of Francis Oins.  
I give unto him and his Heirs for ever, but in case he should die without  
Heir of his own getting or otherwise making then I give the same Land unto  
my son Enoch Rany and unto his Heirs for ever. I give and bequeath unto  
my son James Rany all my Land on Pungo Ridge joyning the Land to the  
Land of John Cason Jun<sup>r</sup> to him and his Heirs for ever, but in case he sh-  
ould die without lawfull Heir of his own getting or otherwise making then I  
give the same Land unto my son Enoch Rany and unto his Heirs for ever.  
Item being now in debt for Land which I have lately purchased, if I should die  
before the same Debt be paid I then desire my Brandy Still may be sold at  
publick Sale to Discharge the said Debt and the Overplus of the said money  
accrewing for the said Still I give unto my son Enoch Rany, but if I live  
to pay for the said Land and should die then after the Debt is fully paid  
with the said Still in possession I do then give the whole of the said Still unto  
him my said Son Enoch Rany and his Heirs for ever, and all the remain-  
der of my Estate of all Kinds and Nature whatever both within Doors as  
without Doors, I do give to be Equally Divided between my son Enoch Rany  
and my Daughters, Namely Amy, Mary, Jemima, Elisabeth, Sally, and Ann  
Rany, I give the same unto them and their Heirs for ever, And Lastly  
I constitute and appoint my son John Rany my sole and whole Executor of this  
my last Will and Testament revoking and annulling all other Wills, and  
Testaments by me formerly made, and ratifying and confirming this and no  
other to be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set  
my Hand and Affixed my Seal this twenty second Day of May, One thousand  
and seven hundred and Eighty two \_\_\_\_\_.

Published signed and Declared

In the presence of .....

Cornelius Reedy.

William Lewis  
Cason Moore.

John Rany



At about Hhds for Princess Anne County, July the 8<sup>th</sup> Day 1782.  
The above last Will and testament of John Rany <sup>deceas'd</sup> was proved by the Oath of  
the three witnesses thereunder and is Ordered to be Recorded, and on the motion of John  
Rany the Executor therein named who made Oath, and gave Bonds, with Security accord-  
ing to Law, Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

E. H. Hardy Esq.

21. In the Name of God Amen. I John Cappis being very sick  
and weak of Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God the  
same, but called to mind the mortality of my Body knowing that is appointed  
for all men once to die, to make and Ordain this my Will and Testament in  
the manner and form following, that is to say I recommend my Soul to  
God who gave it to me, and my Body. I Desire to be buried in Christian  
manner. at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter Named. and as touching  
such worldly Goods as it pleased God to endue me with give and devise  
in manner and following Item. I give and bequeath unto my Sons -  
William Cappis and Frances Cappis the Land that I live upon to be  
Equally divided between both. and for William Cappis have the first Choice  
if any one of them should die without issue, it falls to son John Cappis.  
if both should die without issue one part falls Elisabeth Cappis my Daughter, I  
give and bequeath unto my Son William and two year old Heir, and her Increase  
to him and his Heirs for ever, and one ewe I give and bequeath unto him and all her  
Increase to him and his Heirs for ever. I give bequeath unto son William a pair of  
Wedges, and a spade to him his Heirs for ever. I give and bequeath unto  
my son Frances a hand Mill unto him and his Heirs for ever. apied  
three year old unto my Daughter Elisabeth and all her Increase to her  
and her Heirs for ever. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter one Ewe and  
her Increase unto her and her Heirs for ever. I give and bequeath unto my  
Daughter Elisabeth one Bed and bedstead, unto her and her Heirs for ever.  
one pouter Dish unto Elisabeth unto her and her Heirs for ever. that her share  
I give and bequeath unto my son William one Case with twelve Bottles and a gun  
a Bagonet unto him and his Heirs for ever. that is his share. I give and  
bequeath unto my Daughter Affer one black Cow and all her Increase to her  
and her Heirs for ever. one Ewe and her Increase to her and her Heirs for ever.  
I give and bequeath unto my Daughter July feathers for a Bed unto her and  
her Heirs for ever. one Chest Lock and Key unto her and her Heirs for ever. the  
things that I have lent to her a Dish a Basin, and a plate waentab, a pair  
and two Chairs things that I have lent unto her, and unto her one Heifer Earling  
and all her Increase unto her and her Heirs for ever. that he Share. the oldes  
Horse to be Sold. I give and bequeath unto my Widow all that is left within  
and without. Widewhood and afterwards to be Equally Divided between Affer  
and Frances and John my Daughters and sons James Cason Junr. Executor Augt

12 Day 1704.

Iun X Malbone

Henry H Cappis

Jn Cason

At a Court held for Prince Arund County July the 8<sup>th</sup> day 1704  
The above last Will and Testament of John Cappis the same was proved by the Oath of Mr Cason and  
Henry Cappis two of the Testifiers thereto and is Ordained to be Recorded. Letters of Administration with the Will  
unsealed is granted to Jas Cason and who complies with the Law.

John Cappis  
monk

8<sup>th</sup> Mosley St

22 In the Name of God Amen. I James Simmons of  
the County of Princess Anne being sick and weak of Body but in per-  
petual sense and Memory thank's be to God do constitute and Ordain  
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.  
I give and bequeath unto my son Andrew Simmons the Plantation ..  
whereon I now live, one Horse called Spark. one Bed to him and his  
Heirs for ever. I give and bequeath unto my son Joel Simmons One  
Negro Girl called slate, one feather Bed and two Cows and Calves to him  
and his Heirs for ever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son John  
Simmons one Negro Girl called Fanny one white Mare called Venture one  
Bed and furniture two Cows and Calves and one Gun to him and his  
Heirs for ever. I leave unto my loving Wife Amy Simons all the re-  
maining part of my Estate within Doors and without during her Widow-  
hood or Natural life after my lawful Debts and funeral Charges being first  
paid. and then my Will and desire is after my wife's widowhood or Natural  
life shall cease that then the said remainder part of my Estate be equally  
Divided among my three Sons namely Andrew, Joel and John Simmons  
to them and their Heirs for ever. And Lastly I do constitute and appoint  
my loving wife Amy Simons my son John Simons and my friend William  
Petty whole and sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 20.  
Day of December 1777. —

James Simons Will

Sealed and in presence of. —  
John Morriset  
William Arstead  
Elisabeth X Simons

James Simons

At a Court held for Princess Anne County July the 8<sup>th</sup> Day 1784.  
The above last Will and Testament of James Simons dec'd.  
was proved according to Law by the Oath of John  
Morriset a witness thereto, who Deposited that he saw  
William Arstead and Elisabeth Simons dec'd also  
Subscrive their Names as witness to the same and is  
Ordered to be Recorded,

Test,

E. H. Moseley att.

In the Name of God etmen I Peter Whitchurst of the  
County of Prince Anne, being sick and weak but of sound mind,  
do make this my last Will and Testament as followeth. In primis  
I give the Use of the Plantation whereon I live to my Wife Elizabeth White,  
hirst, during her Life, afterwards to be sold, and the monies equally  
divided between my two Daughters Margaret and Kesiak, which I  
give them and their Heirs for ever; also I give my said Wife Elizabeth  
the Use of my Negro Quilips till my Son Peter Whitchurst arrives  
at the Age of 21 years; also the Use of Negroe Jenny, Venus and  
little Jenny. I give my said wife during her Natural Life,  
afterwards the said Negroes with their Increase I devise to my  
Son Peter Whitchurst and his Heirs for ever. Also I give  
my said beloved Wife one Yoke of Oxen, one Ox Cart, two  
Chairs, a black Horse called Squire, my riding Chair, Cbast Cattle  
six Sheep to be chosen by herself, all during her Life and afterwards  
to my Daughters Margaret and Kesiak, to be divided equally  
between them and their Heirs for ever. Also I desire that my  
said Wife may have liberty of cutting Rail timber, and fire Wood, off my  
Plantation on the North Landing Road, during Life. Item the Land  
I bought of Samuel Godfrey and William McElenahan, and the Land  
bought of John Jamieson and Levi Whitchurst, I desire may be sold  
after my Death, and all my Debts being first paid out of the money  
arising from the Sale thereof. I wish the remainder to be applied towards  
Educating my Daughters Margaret and Kesiak. Item, my Land on  
North Landing Road bought of Edward Moseley m<sup>r</sup> William Robinson  
and Col<sup>r</sup> Robinson I give to my son Peter, and also my Negro Quilips  
(the use of whom my Wife has until my son Peter arrives to twenty one  
Years of Age) to him and his Heirs for ever. Item, I give possession  
of my Negro Tom to my Daughter Anne Edmonds, immediately after  
my Death whom I devise to her and her Heirs for ever. Item  
I give possession of Negro London immediately after my Death to  
my Daughter Elizabeth Marlay whom I devise to her and her  
Heirs for ever. Item, I give Negro Nan with all future Increase  
to my Daughter Mary and her heirs for ever. Item I give to my  
Daughter Mary one Bed to her and her heirs for ever. Item  
I give to my Son Peter and his Heirs for ever my large Lookout

2<sup>d</sup> Glass, one large Case, and my Walnut Desk. Except my Household furniture to be kept by my Wife. I desire the rest of my Estate may be sold; and after all Debts are paid the Money to be Equally applied for the benefit of my Daughters Margaret and Sesiah and their Heirs for ever. In Witness whereof I hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1784... and I do appoint Hilary Mosley Nathaniel Nicholas and my Wife Elizabeth Executors of this my last Will and Testament \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and Acknowledged as his  
last Will, in presence of . . .  
Enoch ~~and~~ Whitehurst

Anthony Walke

X Mark of Robert Burley

Ann Edmonds

Mary Whitehurst

Peter Whitehurst

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 12 day of August 1784  
The above last Will and Testament of Peter Whitehurst deceased was proved by  
the of Anthony Walke Gent. Enoch Whitehurst and Robert Burley the  
of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded. \_\_\_\_\_

No. 2 letters of Administration with the Will annexed,  
on the Estate of the s<sup>r</sup> Peter Whitehurst granted to Set  
William Marley Sept. Court 1784 who  
complied with the law. E. H. Mosley Esq.

In the Name of God Amen I Edward James  
of Princess Anne County being sickly of Body, but of perfect sound mind and  
memory, thanks be to God for it do make and Ordain this my last Will and  
Testament in manner and form following. Item. I give to my son John James  
the plantation whereon he now lives and all my Land and Marshes in that  
middle Precinct with some Stock and Household furniture that I have already  
given him, and Negro fellow George, all the above said Articles. I give to him  
and his Heirs for ever. also I give to my son John James one half of all m  
up Land Marsh that lies in Currotuck County in North Carolina to him  
and his Heirs for ever. Item. I give the use of one half of the plantation Land  
and Houses whereon I now live to my loving wife during her Widowhood in  
view of her Dower. Item. after my Wifes Widowhood is ended. I give to my  
son Joshua James my plantation whereon I now live known by its own  
Natural bounds, and all my Lands joining thereto lying in the lower  
Precinct of the Eastern shore, and half of my up Land and Marshes  
that lie in Currotuck County and in Virginia, and Negro called Sam  
and two Mares and some Cattle, known by the Name of his. I give all the

above Articles to him and his Heirs for ever. Item. I give to my Daughter Franky Lamourt, one Negro Woman called Tibb, one feather Bed and furniture, an Horse bridle and saddle, six head of Cattle and ten head of Sheep that I have already sent her to her and her Heirs for ever. Item. I give to my Daughter Mary James two Negroes Africa and Sarah, one feather Bed and furniture an Horse bridle and saddle, six head of Cattle and ten head of Sheep to her and her Heirs for ever. Item. I give to my Daughter Anna James two Negroes named Jack and Dina, one feather Bed and furniture an Horse bridle and saddle, six head of Cattle and ten head of Sheep to her and her Heirs for ever. Item. I give to my Daughter Betsy James two Negroes named Will and China, one feather Bed and furniture an Horse bridle and saddle, six head of Cattle and ten head of Sheep all the above said Articles to her and her Heirs for ever. Item. I give to my Daughter Sally two Negroes named Lewis and Isable, one feather Bed, and furniture an Horse bridle and saddle, six head of Cattle and ten head of Sheep all these above said Articles I give to her and her Heirs for ever. Item. I give to my Daughter Peggy James two Negroes named Mexico and Kety, one feather Bed and furniture an Horse bridle and saddle, six head of Cattle, ten head of Sheep, all these above said Articles to her and her Heirs for ever. Item. if one or more of these my five Daughters Namely Mary, Anna, Betsy, Sally, and Peggy should die without Heir or Heirs of their Bodies lawfully begotten their Legacy or Legacies be equally divided among the surviving. Item. I give to my loving wife Anna James the use of ten Negroes Namely Tee, Davy, Frank Tony, Roda, Amey, Phillis, Num, Preby, Frank during her Widonhood and the use of the remaining part of my whole Estate that I have not already ~~given away~~ <sup>given away</sup> mentioned of all kinds and Natures whatsoever during her Widonhood for the use of bringing up and Educating my smaller Children and if there shall be any Remaining or any waxing part of my Estate which my Executoris shall think so to be they are to sell such parts for the use of my whole Estate. Item after my Wifes Widonhood is ended all that I have given the use of to my abovesaid Wife to be equally Divided between my seven Children, Namely, Franky Lamourt, Mary Joshua, Anna, Betsy, Sally, and Peggy James to them and their Heirs for ever And Lastly I do appoint my loving Wife James, and John and Joshua James my Sons, to be my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament: Revoking and Disannulling all other Wills formerly made by me Ratifying this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament whereto I have here set my Hand and Seal this fifteenth Day of October Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and Eighty three.

25. Signed Sealed Owned and  
Declar'd in presence of  
William Holmes.  
John Shortzeair.  
Indinian Cornick.

Edward James

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1784  
the above last Will and Testament of Edward James Esq; was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of Indinian Cornick and William Holmes  
two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be record'd. and on the Motion of  
the Executors therein Named, who made Oath and gave Bond with Securities accor-  
ding to Law, Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining Probat thereof in due form

E. H. Moseley Esq.

In the Name of God Amen. I Lemuel Stone of the  
County of Princess Anne in V<sup>e</sup> very sick and weak of body but of sound  
mind and Memory thanks be to God for the same, but Calling to mind the  
Mortality of my Body knowing that is appointed once for all men to die  
do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and  
form following Viz. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son William Stone  
One hundred Acres of Land whereon he now lives lying on the Eastward side  
of the Road to him and his for ever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son  
George Stone one hundred and twelve Acres of Land partly on the Eastward  
side of the Road, and partly on the Westward adjoining his Brother Will-  
liam and his Heirs, for ever. I Give and bequeath unto my son Joshua  
Stone my plantation whereon I now live and one Still, and one hand<sup>n</sup>  
and his Mother to have the Use of one half the plantation during of her  
Natural Life to him and his Heirs for ever. Item. I Give and bequeath  
unto my youngest son Tully Stone one hundred pounds Cash to be laid up  
Lived out of my movable property and to be put out at Interest while he  
becomes the Age of twenty one Years to him and his Heirs for ever.  
Item. I Give and bequeath unto my loving wife Martha Stone all my mo-  
bile property within Doors and out of Doors during her Life and after her  
Decease to be equally Divided amongst my Daughters, likewise I make and  
desire that my son William Stone and Erasmus Haynes shall be Executors of the  
my Last Will and Testament Ratifying this and no other to be my last Will and  
Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this  
fourth Day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty four -

Spoke & sealed published and pronounced  
by the said Lemuel Stone as his last Will  
and Testament in presence of us -

Thoroughgood Land

Nelson X Land  
4th June 1784

Lemuel Stone

mark

26. At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 12 day of August 1752.  
The aforesaid last Will and Testament of Leonard Stone dec'd was proved according to Law by the Oath of the three Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded, to be Recorded, and on the Motion of William Stone one of the Executors therein Named who made Oath, and gave Bond with Security according to Law, Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form -

Test

E. H. March 6th.

In the Name of God Amen. I Daniel Grimstead  
of the County of Princess Anne and State of Virginia being of sound sense  
and knowing the uncertainty of this life do ordain this my last Will and  
Testament in manner as follows. I recommend my soul unto Almighty  
God who gave it me in hopes of a joyfull Resurrection thro' Christ  
my ever blessed Redeemer &c Item I give and bequeath to my son  
Daniel Grimstead the Land whereon he now lives Containing forty  
five Acres more or less joining to John Wormenton Land and Mr. Walke  
Land as is now marked to him and his Heirs for ever, Item I give and  
bequeath unto my son William Grimstead a pece of Land containing forty  
five Acres of Land more or less on the Eastward side of my son Daniel  
and joining to John Wormenton as is now marked to him and his for  
ever and my Horse. I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Grimstead the  
place whereon I Daniel Grimstead now live containing forty five Acres more  
or less joining to William Grimstead Land on the Midward side to him and  
his Heirs for ever and seven head of Cattle and a Mare known by the name  
of Fly. likewise I give and bequeath to my son Thomas and my Daughter  
Sary Grimstead and Franky Grimstead twenty two Head of Hogs for  
their Use to keep likewise to my son Thomas a feather Bed  
and furniture and a case of Bottles and the two plowes three hoes two Axes  
and half the Cask. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Rolly Grimstead  
forty five Acres of Land more or less joining to the Eastward side of his brother  
Thomas to him and his Heirs only one half of the Orchard on the Eastward  
side for five Years and likewise the Use of one half of the Casks to my son Rolly  
and William Grimstead all my tools not already given to remain on the place  
whereon I live for the use of all my sons with the Grinstone Hand Mill and  
Hatches and Stillards and the Cart and Wheels likewise I give to my son Rolly  
a Young Mare named Queen and my Marsh to the use of all my Children  
Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sary Grimstead a feather Bed and  
furniture that is called hers one Chest tow Wheels a great pot a Loom and  
tackling five head of Cattle one Pewter Dish three plates two Krasons of the best  
Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Franky Grimstead my best Bed and

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27 Furniture two Wheels one <sup>one</sup> safe, one pewter Dish three plates and three  
Basons, one small pot and the Skillet a box. I give two heads of Cattle and  
six head of Sheep a Mare called Flower and her Increase, to my two Daughters  
Item. I give to my friend John Cornick five Shillings. Item. I give to my grand  
daughter Elisabeth Cornick Eight pounds Cash to be paid by my son Daniel  
when she come of full age. the remainder part of my Estate after my lawful  
Debts are paid and I decently buried and Estate settled what is then left in  
Doors and out to be equally divided between my Daughter Sary and Thimby  
Grimstead Item I do constitute and Ordain my son Daniel Grimstead and  
my friends James Johnson to be my whole and sole Executors to this my last  
Will and Testament. revoking and disallowing all others by me made Where  
unto I have set my Hand and Seal this 21 Day of October 1782 —  
Signed Sealed and Delivered

In presence of . . . .

Thomas Payn

Nathan Cornick

James Johnson

Daniel <sup>in</sup> X Grimstead <sup>mark</sup>

At a Court held for Prince Anne County the 12 Day of August 1782  
The above last Will and Testament of Daniel Grimstead doth was proved according  
to Law by the Oath of Nathan Cornick and James Johnson two of the Testifiers thereto  
and Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of Daniel Grimstead one of the Ex-  
ecutors therein Named who made Oath and gave Bond with security according to Law  
Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probat thereof in due form

Seal

E. H. Moody Esq

Sorey's Will

In the Name of God Amen this twelfth Day of April  
one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four. I Peter Sorey of Prince Anne  
County being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do  
make constitute and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament which  
and annulling all former Wills or Worts heretofore by me made. and this  
only to be taken and Received by my Executor hereafter named. Imprimis —  
my Will and Desire is that all my just Debts be paid. Item. I give and  
bequeath unto my son Benjamin Sorey one Bed and furniture and my Qu.  
Item I give unto my son John Sorey one Bed and furniture. Item. I give  
unto my son Peter Sorey one Bed and furniture. Item. I give unto my beloved  
Wife Anna Sorey my best Bed and furniture, three Cows and Calves allare called  
Famus. one Corner Cubbard. one best Chest. two foot Wheels. and Wool Cards —  
plantation Utensils and Iron pots Loom and Gear. and all my Hogs. Item.  
Leave the Use of the plantation I now live on unto my beloved Wife for the term  
of Eleven Years. and then for the said plantation to be Sold. and the money  
arising to be equally divided between my three Children Benjamin John and Peter Sorey.

28. and their Heirs, but in Case my Wife should die before the time limited  
that then it be sold as is aforementioned, my Desire is that one piece or  
tract of Wood Land containing twenty and half Acres which patent is now  
in the House, be Sold with all the Remaining part of my Estate not before  
given away to pay my just Debts and the Remains if any to my beloved wife  
Lastly I Nominate and appoint my trusty Friend Malachi Wilson, <sup>un</sup>  
my sole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. —  
Signed Sealed pronounced and Declared the Day and Year first over and  
above Written —

Witnesses

John Hodges.

William Sorey Jun.

Kidar <sup>so</sup> Sorey

Tully <sup>so</sup> Sorey

his mark —

Peter X Sorey

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County August the 12. Day 1704.

The above last Will and Testament of Peter Sorey dec<sup>d</sup> was proved according to law by the Oath of William Sorey Jun<sup>r</sup> and Kidar Sorey two of the Witnesses to the same and Ordered to be Recorded; ~~and certified to be true and good in law~~

November Court 1704,

Letters of Administration with the above Teste<sup>d</sup>

Will and Testame<sup>t</sup>nt of Peter Sorey dec<sup>d</sup> is granted  
to John Hodges who gave Bond & Security to H. Morelly Esq<sup>r</sup> <sup>Mr</sup> according to law herein in writing

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Grimstead of the County of Princess Anne and State of Virginia being of sound sences &c and knowing the uncertainty of this Life do ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner as follows first I recommend my soul unto Almighty God who gave it me in hopes of a joyful Reunion thro Jesus Christ my ever blessed Redeemer & . . . .

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son John Grimstead five Shillings. Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary five Shillings. Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Juley five Shillings. my Will and desire is that my cow Mar<sup>r</sup> to be Sold and tow Cows and Yerlings to settle Debts and Bill one pair of Hoes and Plow and all other trifles that are mentioned as Legacies. Item. I give and bequeath unto

Groundado Will

29. William Grimstead son of Amey Grimstead my best bed  
and furniture and all my possession of Land to him and his  
Heirs for ever and it is to be sold. Item. I give and bequeath  
unto Mary Evans the other Bed and furniture ten potts and apon  
and six head of Hogs. and all my Crop. one Wheel and all my  
Corn, and all my Pewter. one tub and pail and pignon. and flax.  
and ax. and hoe. Item. I give and bequeath unto Elias Cornish  
a yow. Item. I give and bequeath unto Mary Cornish a yow. Item  
I give and bequeath unto Amy Wilboar a yow. I do constitute and  
ordain my friend Thomas Old our<sup>t</sup> my whole and sole Executor of  
of this my last Will and testament at Wilness my Hand and Seal  
this first Day of September 1704.

Signed Sealed. and Delivered,

In presence of us . . . .

Jonathan X Matbone  
Argent X <sup>mark</sup> Grimstead  
Thomas Old our<sup>t</sup>.

Joseph X Grimstead.

At a Court held for Princess Anne County September the 9<sup>th</sup> Day 1;  
the above last Will and Testament of Joseph Grimstead dec<sup>d</sup>. was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of Thomas Old and Argent Grimstead  
of the Witnesses thereto. and Ordered to be Recorded. and on the Motion  
of the Executor therein Named. who made Oath and gave Bond &  
Security according to Law. Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining  
Probate thereof in due form

Test.

E. H. Mosley Esq<sup>r</sup>

In the Name of God. Amen. I being very sick and weak  
but in perfect mind and memory. I John Cornish of the County  
of Princess Anne and parish of Lynnhaven hath a mind to dispose  
of my estate in the following manner to wit. Item. I give and  
bequeath unto my son John Cornish the plantation whercon-  
now live. and all the Marsh that I own to him and his Heirs  
for ever. also I give to my said son John Cornish the wrights and  
privileges of Michael Cornish's Land as my father gave it to me  
also I give to my said son John Cornish. all my right and title  
of a piece of Marsh known by the Name of Troycey I own to him  
and his Heirs for ever. also I give and bequeath unto my said  
son John Cornish one Negro Boy named Jester to him and his  
Heirs for ever. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Elias Cornish

One Negro Boy named Abram to him and his Heirs for ever.  
Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Cornish  
one new feather Bed and furniture to her and her Heirs for ever.  
Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Cornish  
the just sum of One hundred Pounds spec. to be raised out of  
my personal Estate to her and her Heirs for ever. Also, my  
Will and Desire is that all my Estate that is not already given  
away may be sold and the money chally divided between my son  
John Cornish and my Daughter Elizabeth to them and their  
Heirs for ever, also I do appoint John Whitehead son<sup>n</sup> and Francis  
Morse Executors of this my last Will and Testament August  
31<sup>st</sup> Day, Anno Domini 1781. —

Signed Sealed in presence of us:

William Morris

Edid J. Morris

Juley X Frizzel

John Cornish

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1781  
The above last Will and Testament of John Cornish did<sup>t</sup> was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of Juley Frizzel and William Morris  
two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the  
Motion of the two Executors therein Named who made Oath, and  
gave Bonds with Security according to Law. Certificate is Granted them  
for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form. —

E. H. Moses Esq.

Mary Simmon's Will

In the Name of God Amen I Mary Simmons  
of the County of Princess Anne being sick and weak of body but  
of perfect sense and memory thanks be to God do constitute  
and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner  
and form following Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter  
Frances Griffor. wone pott... to my Grandchild James Moore one  
Bed and furniture. I leave all the rest of my Estate within Doors  
and without unto my Daughter Anney Simmons, Joel Simmons  
wholly and Solly Executors of this my last Will and Testament In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this  
10<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1781. —

Sealed and in presence of.

Joel Simmons

Moses Roberts his mark X

Mary Simmon's Will

One Negro Boy named Abram to him and his Heirs for ever.  
Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Cornish  
one new feather Bed and furniture to her and her Heirs for ever.  
Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Cornish  
the just sum of One hundred Pounds specie. to be raised out of  
my personal Estate to her and her Heirs for ever. Also. my  
Will and Desire is that all my Estate that is not already given  
away may be sold, and the money chally divided between my son  
John Cornish and my Daughter Elizabeth to them and their  
Heirs for ever. also. I do appoint John Whitehead sen<sup>r</sup>. and Francis  
Morris Executors of this my last Will and Testament August  
31<sup>st</sup> Day. Anno Domini 1704.

Signed Sealed in presence of us:

William Morris

Edid F. Morris

Juley X Trizel

John Cornish

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1704  
The above last Will and Testament of John Cornish da<sup>r</sup> was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of Juley Trizel and William Morris  
two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the  
Motion of the two Executors therein Named who made Oath. and  
gave Bonds with Security according to Law. Certificate is Granted them  
for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form. —

Seal  
E. H. Moseley Ck.

In the Name of God Amen I. Mary Simmons  
of the County of Prince Anne being sick and weak of body but  
of perfect senses and memory thanks be to God. do constitute  
and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner  
and form following Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter  
Frances Griffin. wome pott to my Grandchild James Moore one  
Bed and furniture. I leave all the rest of my Estate within Doors  
and without unto my Daughter Anney Simmons. Joel Simmons  
wholly and Solly Executors of this my last Will and Testament In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this  
10<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1704.

Sealed and in presence of.

Joel Simmons

Moses Roberts his mark X

Mary Simmonsh. m<sup>r</sup> X

31. At a Court held for Prince's Anne County October the 15 Day 1708  
The aforesaid Last Will and Testament of Mary Sunmans late was  
proved according to Law by the Oath of the two Witnesses thereto, and is  
Ordered to be Recorded, and on the Motion of the Executor therin Named  
who made Oath and gave Bond with Security according to Law, Certificate  
is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

S. H. Marley Esq.

In the Name of God Amen I William Soarey of Prince  
Anne County being at this time weak of Body and sick, but of a Di-  
sing mind and in perfect sensus thanks be to God for the same, do  
make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament. Item, I give  
and bequeath to my well beloved Wife Mary Soarey my Land and pla-  
tation whereon I now live, during her Natural life likewise I give to my  
Mary Soarey all my personal Estate within Doore and without durein,  
her Natural life. Item, I give and bequeath to my Eldest son Joab Soar-  
after my Wifes death, twenty five Acres of Land more or less. Bounded  
follows Beginning at a White Oak on the South side of my plantation, and thence  
Northly across the plantation to a Gum, and bounded by the Lands of  
Sarah Butt, likewise I give to my son Joab Soarey five Acres of La-  
nd in the Swamp adjoyning the Land of John Rigg the said twenty  
Acres, and likewise the five Acres. I give to Joab Soarey and his Heirs,  
Likewise I give all my Carpenters Tools and my large Bible to my so-  
n Joab Soarey and his Heirs for ever. Item, I give and bequeath to my so-  
n William Soarey one Hundred and forty five Acres of Land more or less  
after my Wifes deceas to him and his Heirs for ever, at the Death or Maras  
of my wife Mary Soarey, I give and bequeath to my son Kedar Soarey one Bed  
and furniture that he formerly used to lye on, and one Cow and Calf and a  
Horn and one yew and Lam and all my Coopers tools to him and his  
for ever, at the Death or Marage of my Wife Mary Soarey I give and bequeath  
to my Daughter Mary Soarey one Bed and furniture and one Cow and Calf  
one new Chest and one weavers Loom and tackling to her and her Heirs fo-  
ever, at my Wife Mary Soareys Death or Marage I give and bequeath to my  
son Samuel Soarey one Bed and furniture it being a Large new Bedstead  
with the Bed and furniture belonging to it, and one Cow and Calf  
one Cow and half of bottles one large Iron pot, about Eight Gallon  
to him and his Heirs for ever, my Will and Desire is that all the remainder  
of my Estate which is not mentioned in Legacys should be equally di-  
vided at my Wifes Death, between my son Joab Soarey and my Daughter  
Jane Gibson, Tamar Lane, and Mary Soarey, and my son Malachi Soarey

Caleb Soarey and Samuel Soarey and Sredar Soarey and their Heirs for ever.  
Lastly. I appoint my wife Mary Soarey and my son Jacob Soarey and  
William Soarey to be my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament  
disannulling all other Wills and Testaments by me made Ratifying and  
confirming this to be my last Will and Testament. and to the Truth  
hereof I have hereunto set my Hand and fixed my Seal this 25 Day  
of October 1781.

Signed and Sealed

In the presence of

John X Doudge

James X Soarey

William Soarey



At about Held for Princess Anne County the 11 Day of November 1781.  
The above last Will and Testament of William Soarey dec'd was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of John Doudge and James Soarey, the two  
Witnesses thereto and is Ordered to be Recorded. and on the Motion of William  
Soarey one of the Executors therein Named, who made Oath and gave Bond  
with Security according to Law. Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate  
thereof in due form.

Seal.

E. H. Moseley Esq.

In the Name of God Amen. I Henry Woodhouse  
of the County of Princess Anne and Colony of Virginia being very  
sick and weak of body, but of perfect senses and memory thanks  
be to God, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testa-  
ment in manner and form following (Vizt.) Item I give and be-  
queath unto my son James Woodhouse the plantation whereon I now  
live to him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto  
my Daughter Mary Ward one Negro Wench called Rose, to her and her  
Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter  
Elisabeth Lewis one Negro Girl called Bess, to her and her Heirs  
for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son William Woodhouse  
the Pond Plantation Town down towards the Cape, one Negro Boy  
called George to him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequ-  
eath unto my Daughter Amy Woodhouse one Negro Girl called  
Chaney one Cow and Earling to her and her Heirs for ever. Item I  
give and bequeath unto my son Joshua Woodhouse one hundred and  
five Acres of swamp Land, one Negro boy called Ned to him and his  
Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Isab-  
ell Woodhouse one Negro Girl called Nan to her and her Heirs for ever  
Item I give and bequeath unto my son Francis Woodhouse one Negro Girl

3.2 called forty, to him and his Heirs for ever. Item I leave my Oldry fellow Bed, to be sold to pay my Debts. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Franky Woodhouse one Negro boy called Isaac to her and her Heirs for ever. Item I give unto my three Daughters, Sally, Pembroke and Anne Woodhouse one Negro Wench called Prachet and Increase to be equally to them and their Heirs for ever. Item I give unto my son William Woodhouse one Horse called Prince to him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give all the remaining part of my Estate not already mentioned unto my loving Wife Franky during her Widownhood or Death, then when she shall change her Widownhood or deceasde shall commence, my Will is that my Estate given to her my Wife Franky, shall be equally divided amongst six of my Children Namely, Jean, Franky, Sally, Pembroke, Francis and Anna to them and their Heirs for ever. Lastly, I do appoint my son James Woodhouse, friend Jonathan Ward, and Loving wife Franky whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1782. ———  
Signed Sealed and Acknowledged }  
In Presence of }

Pembroke James  
Francis X Woodhouse  
William Petty

Henry X Woodhouse

At about Half past One o'clock Anne County the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1782.  
The above last Will and Testament of Henry Woodhouse etc. was proved  
according to Law, by the Oath of Pembroke James and Francis Woodhouse  
two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the motion of  
the two Executors therein Named, who made Oath and gave Bonds with Security  
according to Law. Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof in due  
form.

E. H. Mosley Clk.

Brown's Will

In the Name of God Amen. I John Brown of Princess  
Ann County Blackwater being weak in bodily Health but of perfect mind  
and memory do make this my last Will and Testament. Item I give to my  
well beloved Wife Dina Brown my House and Lands during her life, and  
all my Stock and Household furniture, and if my wife Dina should have  
and die by me, my Will and Desire is that after her Death, that my House and  
Land should fall to it, and all my Stock and Household furniture and after  
her Death, Item I give and bequeath to Joseph Worrington thirty Acres of  
Land. Item I give and begeth four Acres of Land to Elijah Munden for the  
space of twenty ear, this my last Will and Testament. Unsigned and Sealed  
this Eighteenth Day of November One thousand seven hundred Eighty four —  
James Woodards

Elijah Munden  
Eliseth Munden

John X Brown

35.

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1784.  
The within last Will and Testament of John Brown dec<sup>d</sup>. was proved according to  
Law by the Oath of James Woodard one of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to  
be Recorded, and on the Motion of William Wickless who made Oath according  
to Law Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Letters of Administration with the  
Will annexed in due form. — S. H. Moseley Esq.

Edgar's Will

October 14<sup>th</sup> 1784 I Absalom Edgar of Prince Anne County being  
very sick but of sound reason, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life  
do make this my last Will and Testament to wit I give to my beloved wife  
Sarah Edgar the houle of my Estate during her Weddohood, but in Cas she  
should be Marred it is my Will and Desire that my Estate shall be ~  
Equally Divided between my three children James, Absalom and  
William it is my Desire that all my just Debts be first paid I leave  
my loving wife and Thomas Wishart my Executors Witnessest

James Wadday  
Sarah X Cast

Absalom Edgar.

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County the 9<sup>th</sup> day December 1784.  
The above last Will and Testament of Absalom Edgar dec<sup>d</sup>. was proved accord-  
ing to Law by the Oath of Mason Cast one of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered  
to be Recorded, and on the Motion of the Executors who made Oath and gave  
Bond with Security according to Law. Certificate is Granted them for ~  
Obtaining Probat thereof in due form. — S. H. Moseley Esq.

Cornish's Will

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Cornish of Prince  
Anne County being at this time weak in body and sick but of a Dis-  
posing mind and memory and in perfect senses thanks be to God for  
the same do make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament.  
Item. I Give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Nancy Cornish  
the use of my Land and plantation wheron I now live untill my son  
William Cornish arrives to the Age of twenty one Years, then for my  
Wife to have one third part of my Land and Plantation during her  
Natural life. Item. I Give to my wife Nancy Cornish one hundred  
Mills, untill my son William Cornish comes to Lawful age, and One  
Cow called Cherry and her Calf. Item. I give and bequeath to my Daugh-  
ter Elizabeth Corbett five Acres of Land, to be laid off in the following  
manner. Beginning at a Poplar standing near the Corner of my Farm,  
and running Easterly to Thomas Old dec<sup>d</sup>. Line thence Northly along said  
Line, as farre as will extend five Acres of Land during her Natural life.  
Item. I give and bequeath to my son William Cornish the Land and  
Plantation wheron I now live, excepting my Wife thirds and at her

Lewelling's Will

35. Deasreth the whole Plantation and Land to him and his Heirs of his Body for ever. my Will and Desirvithat if my son William Cornish and my two Daughters Elizabeth Corbett and Violata Cornish shd all die leaving no Heirs of their Bodies for my Land and Plantation above mentioned to be sold and the money thence arising to be contributed to the poor in the Methodist Society, Item. I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Corbett one Cow called Gentle to her and her Heirs. my Will and Desire is that all the Remainder of my Estate not yet mentioned should be equally Divided between my wife and three Children Elizabeth Corbett, William Cornish and Violata Cornish I do herein Nominate constitute and appoint William Read and John Woodard to be my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament utterly revoking and disannulling all other Wills and Testaments by me <sup>made</sup> ratifying and confirming this to be my Last Will and Testament. to the both I have hereunto set my Hand and fixed my Seal this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1786. —

Signed Sealed published and  
pronounced to be my last Will  
and Testament in the presence of  
Jeremiah Blummer.  
Malachi Berry

Thomas Cornish.

At about Hills for Princess Anne County the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1784. The above last Will and Testament of Thomas Cornish Esq<sup>r</sup> was proved according to Law by the Oath of the two Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the Motion of William Read one of the Executors therein Named who made Oath and gave Bond with Security according to Law Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form, Liberty is reserved the other Executor to join in the Probate when he shall think fit. —

Test  
E. H. Moxley Esq

Lewelling Will

In the Name of God Amen. I Samuel Lewelling, the County of Princess Anne, and Commonwealth of Virginia being of a sound and disposing mind and memory (thanks to Almighty God) do make constitute and publish this as and for my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit. Imprimis. I give and devise unto my loving Wife Frances Lewelling the use of all my Lands during her Widhood, after her Widhood, ceases then I give and devise my said Lands unto my son Samuel Lewelling to him and his Heirs for ever. I give unto my said Wife Francis one Horse (her choice), one Cow, one Sow and Piggs, all my Bacon, all my fett. Ten barrels of Indian Corn. I have as much, one Doorn and all that belongs to it, to her and her Heirs for ever.

I give unto my said Wife the Use of one Cow and Calf, one hand Mill, one Corner Cupboard, and all my Books, until my Son Samuel Lewelling arrives to the age of twenty one Years, then I give them unto my said Son Samuel and his Heirs for ever. I give unto my said Wife the Use of one Bed and furniture, one Cow and Calf, and one small trunk, until my Daughter Euphan Lewelling arrives to the Age of twenty one Years or Day of Marriage, which shall first happen, then I give them unto my said Daughter Euphan and her Heirs for ever, I give unto my said Wife the use of One Bed and furniture and one Heirloom until my son, John Lewelling arrives to the age of twenty one Years, then I give them unto my said son John and his Heir for ever. It is my desire that all my Estate of what kind, severer, that is not already given away should be sold and the money arising from the Sale and all that is owing to me, should be collected and all that may be in the House at the time of my Death, should go towards the payment of my just Debts, and the Overplus, if any to be equally divided between my three Children, Samuel, Euphan and John Lewellings And Lastly, I do appoint and nominate Mr. William Thoroughgood and my Wife Frances Lewelling Executor and Executrix of this my last Will and Testament Witnessed my Hand and Seal this twenty second Day of February, one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four. —

Signed Sealed Published and  
Declared in Presence of }  
Samuel Thoroughgood  
Thomas Pebrorth.  
Amy H. Barrett

Samuel Lewelling 

At about held for Prince Anne County the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1786. The above last Will and Testament of Samuel Lewelling dec'd was proved according to Law by the Oath of the three Witnesses thereto and is Ordained to be Recorded, and on the Motion of the motion of the Executors therein Named who made Oath and gave Bonds with Security according to Law. Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form. —

Recd  
E. H. Mosley Esq.



36 In the Name of God Amen. I Edward Moseley of  
the County of Prince Anne being in a very weak and low state  
of Health but of sound and perfect mind and memory thanks be to  
God, do constitute and appoint this my last Will and Testament  
in manner and forms as following! Vizt! I give and bequeath unto  
my loving wife Anne Moseley the use of my House and Lot in the  
Town of Norfolk also the use of my two Negroes Venus and Rose so  
and during the term of her Natural life. I also give her three Beds a  
furniture Item. I give and bequeath unto my two sons Edward Moseley a  
William Moseley after my wifes decease my lot and Houses to be divided  
follows. to be split length wise. and Divided the shed and Chamber over the  
House to my son Edward and the lower Room to William. to them and th.  
Heirs for ever. Item my will and desire is. that my wife should School my  
four youngest Children out of their proportion of my Estate. Item I give  
and bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy Moseley the first Child that th.  
before mentioned Rose may have to her and her Heirs for ever. Item I give  
and bequeath unto my Daughter Sally Moseley the second Child that the said  
Rose may have to her and her Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto  
my Daughter Molly Moseley the third Child that the said Rose may have  
to her and her Heirs and to her Heirs for ever. Item my Will and desire is  
that if the abovesaid Rose should not have as many Children as I have given any  
the deficiency shall be supplied in Cash at ten pounds to which ever of my Daug  
hters that may not have one of the Children of the said Rose. Item I give  
and bequeath the said Rose with all the rest and residue of her Increase not  
already disposed of. to my daughter Susanna. to her and her Heirs for ever. but  
that she is not to molest my Wife in the Possession during her Life. Item my  
Will and desire is that after the Death of my wife. my Negro Venus be Sold  
and the Money arising from the Sale be equally divided amongst the whole of my  
Children. Item my Will and desire is that the shed belonging to my House  
be finished and the Lot be paid out of my Estate by my Executors. also that my  
Executors Sell the whole of my Estate that I have not already given. and the money  
arising from the Sale. be equally divided amongst the whole of my Children. Item  
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susanna Moseley ten pounds Cash to be  
paid her out of my Estate by my Executors to her and her Heirs for ever.  
Lastly. I appoint my friends Hilarie Moseley and Isaac Jacobs Executors of  
this my last Will and Testament witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal this sixteenth day of January. one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five  
Seal sealed published and declared in presence of

George Gaskings  
Elizabeth Farmer

Edward Moseley.

37. At a Court held for Principality Anne County February the 10 day 1785.  
The aforesaid last Will and Testament of Edward Mosley in due<sup>st</sup> was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of the three Witefors thereto and Ordered to be Recorded  
and on the motion of the Executors thereto Granted who made oath and gave  
bond with security according to Law. Certificate is Granted them for obtaining  
Probate thereof in due form

Seal

E. H. Mosley Et al.

In the Name of God Amen I Simon Ward of the County of  
Princely Anne in Virginia being sick and weak of body but of perfect and  
sound mind and memory thanks be to God for the same but calling to mind  
the mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once  
to die I do therefore make and ordain this my last Will and testament  
in manner and form following Vizt. Item I give and bequeath unto  
my Sister Rhoda Ward my bay mare called Nance and all her increase  
one half my Cattle in Number and her choice of all my Stock one  
half my Hogs her choice one half of all my Corn and fodder forty pounds  
in Cash Gold or Silver all my plowes and Hoes and Axes two Iron  
pots one feather Bed and furniture two sixty Gallon Casks and the  
Syder in them all my Putes to she and her Heirs for ever the houses  
and Orchards where I live and one half the clerd Ground Rail timber Lime  
wood firewood for the use of the Land I give to my sister Rhoda Ward  
during her life after the Death of my Mother and after my sister  
Rhoda Deth all my Land to my Brother John Ward Item I give  
and bequeath all the remainder of my Estate of all kinds and nature  
to be equall divided between my mother and my brother John Ward  
and their Heirs for ever And Lastly I do constitute and appoint  
my brother John Ward and my sister Rhoda Ward my sole and whole  
Executors of this my last Will and Testament revoking and anulling  
all other Wills and testaments by me formerly made and ratifying and  
confirming this and no other to be my last Will and testament In  
Witness whereof I do hereunto set my Hand and Seal this thirteenth day  
October one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four one this signed sealed and  
Delivered for

William Robinson  
Mary X Robinson  
Anny X Scopus

Simon Ward ... (ad)

28. At about Held for Prince Anne County February the 10<sup>th</sup> Day 1705.  
The aforesaid last Will and Testament of Simon Ward dec'd was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of the thrie Witnesses thereto and is Ordained to be  
recorded, and on the Motion of Rhoda Ward the Executrix therin named who  
made Oath and gave Bond with security according to Law. Certificate is Granted  
her for Obtaining Probation of her in due form Liberty is reserved to the other executors  
to join in the Probate when he shall think fit. —

S. H. Morday Esq.

Whitehurst's Will

In the Name of God Amen. I Solomon Whitehurst son of the  
parish of Synthaven and County of Prince Anne in Virginia, being through  
the tender mercies of my God, now well stricken with age, and knowing by the  
sacred word word of God, that sooner or later die I must, I therefore bring on  
of perfect mind and sound memory thanks be to God for the same, do make  
and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following.  
Viz<sup>t</sup>) Item I give and bequeath unto my son Jonathan Whitehurst fifty  
Acres of Land more or less, and is the plantation whereon he now liveth and  
is joyning to the Land of William Capps sen<sup>r</sup>, and is intended to be the whole  
of the plantation whereon he now liveth according to the well known and repute  
bounds thereof. I do give it to him and unto his Heirs for ever, and also one three  
Year old Heifer which he has now in possession. I do give it unto him and his  
Heirs for ever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my three sons Namely, Jonathan  
Solomon and Jeremiah Whitehurst thirty five Acres of Marsh Land more or  
less. I give the same unto them three, and to their Heirs for ever to be equally  
divided among them. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son James Whitehur-  
st one croft cut Sav. and alcooper's add<sup>s</sup> I give unto him and to his Heirs for  
ever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Solomon Whitehurst twenty A.  
of Land more or less, joining to the Land wheron I now live and is bounded  
as followeth beginning at a beech a lind tree of Brinson's and thence near East  
to a markt Gum tree in the line of Michal Eaton and thence to a large Ch-  
nut Oak a markt tree standing near by my fence and thence a croft tho-  
Plantation a straight course to the line of William Cason deceased. I give it  
unto him and his Heirs for ever, and one Heifer of two years old. I give it  
unto him and his Heirs for ever. Item, on proviso that my wife Sarah  
will according to her Agreement with me, do relinquish for ever hereafter all  
her power of thirds and Dower in the plantation's which I have given unto my  
sons Jonathan and Solomon Whitehurst on her truly and faithfully performing

the said Agreement. I then on that provision I give her my said Loving wife Sarah, the use and Cultivation of the Land and plantation whereon I now live only prohibiting her from Interrupting my son Jeremiah Whitehurst in the said Land and plantation when he shall arrive to the age of twenty one Years, from Building and tending Corn on the said Land, now if my said wife Sarah do well and truly keep and perform, the above mentioned covenant and agreement, then on that Condition I do give and bequeath unto our son Jeremiah Whitehurst the whole of the Land and plantation wherein I now live which I have not already given away. I do give unto him my said son Jeremiah and unto his Heirs for ever, but if my said Wife shall hereafter claim her Dower contrary to her agreement with me then on her so doing, I give the said Land and plantation unto my son Hosea Whitehurst, and to his Heirs for ever, but in case that Jeremiah and Hosea should die without lawful Heir of their own getting or making then I desire that my son Batson may have the said. I give it unto him and his Heirs for ever. Item, after my lawfull Debts is first fully paid, and the Cows Charges and the Executor paid and my funeral performed in a Christian manner I then desire that my Estate remaining then be equally divided agreeable to the Appraisement of the same, and the one half I give the use and Cultivation of it, unto my wife Sarah during her Widowhood, but if she ends her Widowhood by marriage then my desire is that all of my Estate then remaining in her care may be sold at publick Sale, and the one half of the same I give unto my said Loving wife, and ten shillings of the same I give unto my son, Jeremiah and the remainder I give to be equally Divided between my three Children namely Batson, Sarah and Amy Whitehurst, I give it unto them and their Heirs for ever. Item, the other half of my Estate I leave to be sold at publick, and the money accruing for the same I give to be equally divided between my three Children namely Thomas, John and Hosea Whitehurst, I give it unto them and their Heirs for ever.

And Lastly, I constitute and appoint my friend Cason Moore my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and testament and in Consideration of his trouble, I give him three pounds current money of Virginia to be levied from my Estate and Revoking and annulling all other Wills and Testaments by me formerly made. I do ratify this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my Hand and Seal this fifth Day of June, one thousand seven hundred and Seventy three.

Liquidated and Delivered in presence of us.

Phiby Dyer

Michael M. Eaton

John E. Dyer

Solomon J. Whitehurst <sup>in</sup> son  
mark.

34 At a Court Held for Prince Anne County February the 10<sup>th</sup> day 1775.  
The aforesaid last Will and testament of Solomon Whithurst sen<sup>r</sup>. dec<sup>r</sup>. was  
proved according to Law by the Oath of John Dyer one of the Witnesses  
thereto, who also Deposed that he saw Michael Eaton dec<sup>r</sup>. subscribe his Name  
as a Witness and is Ordered to be Recorded. and on the motion of Cason Moore  
the Executor therein Named who made Oath and gave Bond with security accord-  
ing to Law. Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

*E. H. Moseley Esq.*

Will Hill

William Hill of the County of Prince Anne in Virginia being  
sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory and knowing the  
it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last  
Will and Testament in manner and form following. Viz<sup>r</sup>. Item I give  
the use and Cultivation of the House wherein my Mother doth now live in  
unto her during her Natural life. and that plot of Ground called the South Ea-  
corner of my plantation next to Bonneys and also one plot or cutt of Ground  
joyning on the Eastward side of my Great Ditch. Item, I give the use and  
Cultivation of all the Remainder of my Estate of Lands and all other kinds  
of Estate unto my beloved wife Amy during her widowhood, and at the end  
her Widowhood I give unto my loving wife the one half of all my moveable Estate and  
the other half of all my moveable Estate and all my Lands of all kinds as  
nature. not already given. I give unto my son James Hill. I give it unto him  
and his Heirs for ever. And Lastly. I constitute and appoint my frie-  
Nathan Doudge my sole and whole Executor of this my last Will and test-  
ment, revoking all other Wills and testaments by me formerly made  
I do ratifie and confirming this and no other to be my last Will  
and testament. In Witness, whereof I do hereunto set my Hand  
and affix my Seal this twenty sixth Day of January, One thousand  
seven hundred and Eighty five. ——————

Signed Sealed and Declared

In Presence of . . . .

Mary R. Robinson  
Joseph X. Hill  
Cason Moore.

William X. Hill.

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County February the 10<sup>th</sup> Day 1785.  
The above last Will and testament of William Hill dec<sup>r</sup>. was proved according to  
Law by the Oath of the three Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded. and  
on the Motion of Nathan Doudge the Executor therein Named who made Oath  
and gave Bond with security according to Law. Certificate is Granted him for  
Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

*E. H. Moseley Esq.*

In the Name of God Amen. I Anny Simmons of the County  
of Princess Anne being sick and weak of Body but of perfect sound mind  
and memory thanks be to God. do constitute and ordain this my last Will  
and testament in manner and form following. Item. I give and bequeath  
unto Malaca Moore and William wone Negro Girl called Sary to  
them and their Ears for ever. wone side Saddle and wone Cris to  
Rachel and her Chis for ever. wone father Bed to Henry Moore  
and his Ears for ever. wone Wheal to Anny Lovett and 6 Dollars  
in money. to her and her Ears for ever. and the remainner part of  
the money after paying all Charges to Francis Griffin And Lastly.  
I do constitute and appoint my friend Joel Simmons to be my Holly  
Executor of this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1785.  
Witnesses

James Lovett  
James Moore.

Anny Simmons her mark ♂.

At a Court held for Princess Anne County February the 10. Day 1785 -  
The above last Will and Testament of Ann Simmons dec'd. was proved  
was proved according to Law by the Oath of James Lovett and James Moore.  
the two Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded. and on the Motion of the  
Executor therein Named who made Oath. and gave Bond with Security -  
according to Law. Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due  
form.

Just  
E, H. Mosley 6th.

In the Name of God Amen. I Martha Wiles of the County  
of Princess Anne and state of Virginia being at the time of making this my  
last Will and testament very weak and poor but of perfect sound mind  
and memory. thanks be to the Almighty for the same. I do hereafter give  
and bequeath my small Estate as follows. Item. I give and bequeath  
to my son Robert Burley one hand Mill and Spice Mortar to him and  
his Heirs for ever. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Reuben Wiles  
one pair of Draught steers and all my Cyder Cask to him and his Heirs  
for ever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Moore  
one Bed and Furniture. one Chest. one trunk which she has already in  
her possession eight Heated plates. one Dish. and Drason one Loom and  
Gears for it. five Chairs. one Cow and Calf. one Heifer Earling two Ewes. one  
Lining Wheal and one Silver Spoon. provided she will give her Sister Dinah  
her fathers Silver Buckles. and if not the Spoon is for my Daughter Dinah

all these above mentioned Legacies to her and her Heirs for ever. Item  
I give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha Wiles one Bed and furniture  
one Walnut table. one Chest known by the Name of her Mother. eight pewter  
plates. one dish. one Iron pott and Rack. one Pewter Basin. six Chairs. three head  
of Cattle. one wooling Wheel and lining Wheel. one Pewter Chamber pott. one  
hackle. two Eros. one side Saddle to her and her Heirs for ever. Item I  
give and bequeath to my Daughter Dinah Wiles one Bed and furniture  
one Chest six Chairs. one table. one Iron pott and Rack. eight pewter plates.  
two Dishes. one Wooling and one lining Wheel. four head of Cattle to her and  
her Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Molly  
Bliss Wiles one Mare and that to be sold and the money arising to be put  
up for the Child untill she come to age to her and her Heirs for ever. Item  
I also give to my two Daughters Martha and Dinah all my Wool. Flax  
and Cotton. also my Cow and Hogs to them and their Heirs for ever. Item  
All the rest of my Estate that I have not already mentioned to be equally divided  
between my three Daughters Elizabeth Martha and Dinah to them and their  
Heirs for ever. And Lastly. I do nominate and appoint my son  
in Law Bagwell Moore and Hilary Moseley Executors of this my last  
Will and testament. In Witness my Hand and Seal this Nineteenth day  
of November one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four. —

Signed Sealed and Published  
In the presence of . . . .

David Scott.

William Whitcherst  
Hilary Moseley.

Martha X Wiles

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County February the 10<sup>th</sup> Day 1785  
The above last Will and Testament of Martha Wiles dec<sup>d</sup>. was proved according  
to Law by the Oath of Hilary Moseley and David Scott two of the Witnesses  
thereto and is Ordered to be Recorded. and on the motion of Bagwell Moore one  
of the Executors therein Named who made Oath and gave Bond with security  
the Law directs. Certificate is granted him for Obtaining probat thereof in due  
Liberty is reserved to the other Executors to join in the probat when he shall think  
fit. —

E. H. Moseley Esq.

Eaton's Will

In the Name of God Amen I Michael Eaton of  
the County of Princess being sick and weak of Body but of perfect  
mind and memory thank's be to God for the same but calling to  
mind the mortality of my Body knowing that it is appointed for all  
men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and testa-  
ment in manner and form following. Vizt. I give and bequeath  
unto my Daughter Rachel Eaton one feather Bed and furniture to  
the same belonging and after her Mothers decease. Give my said Daugh-  
ter my largest Iron pott, and one small Cypress Chest, four head of  
Sheep six Earthen plates to her and her Heirs for ever. Item I give  
and bequeath unto my Daughter Pheby Eaton one pine Chest, two  
head of Sheep, one flatt Wheel foot Wheel to her and her Heirs for ever.  
Item I give the use and Cultivation of all the remainder of my Estate  
of all kinds and nature whatsoever, unto my well beloved wife Sarah  
during her widowhood, and at the end of her Widowhood, I then give  
the same unto my son William Eaton with the whole of my Lands. I  
give the same unto him my said and to his Heirs for ever. And  
Lastly, I do constitute and appoint my friend Job Dodge  
my sole and whole Executor of this my last Will and testament revoking  
and annulling all other Wills and testaments by me formerly made, and  
ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and  
testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and  
Seal this Ninth Day of January, one thousand seven hundred and  
Eighty five.

Published and Declared

In the presence of us....,

Robert R. Davis.

John Davis.

Cason Moore.

Michael W. Eaton

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County, March the 10<sup>th</sup> Day 1785.  
The above last Will and Testament of Michael Eaton etc. was provi-  
denced to Law by the Oath of Cason Moore and John Davis two of the  
Witnesses thereto and is Ordered to be Recorded, and on the Motion of Job Dodge  
the Executor therein Named, who made Oath and gave Bond with security  
according to Law, Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof  
in due form —

E. H. Massey, Esq.

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In the Name of God Amen I, John Fentress  
son of the County of Prince Anne in Virginia being sick and unwell  
of body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the  
same, but calling to mind the mortality of my Body knowing that  
it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my  
last Will and Testament in manner and form following / Vizt. Item  
I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Anne Fentress the second  
Child that my Negro woman Hannah shall bring I give it unto her and her  
Heirs for ever. Item. I give and bequeath my said Negro Hannah with  
her Increase except as before excepted unto my Grand Daughter Eliza  
Fentress and unto her and her Heirs for ever. Item. I give and  
bequeath unto my two sons Jonathan Fentress and John Fentress  
all my Cypress swamp Land to be equally divided between them two  
I give it to them and their Heirs for ever. Item. I give and bequeath  
unto my Grandson Emmanuel Fentress a parcel of Land beginning at  
dead Chinkapin stump now standing in the line of my son Jonathan and  
thence running near South East to a watering hole standing in M'Clalins  
swamp or Low Ground. I give it to him and his Heirs for ever. Item.  
I give and bequeath the use and Cultivation of two Negroes namely  
Joney and Isabell unto my Daughter Lettice Cox and at the end of  
her life I then give the said Negroes and all their Increase to be  
equally divided between all the Children of my said Daughter the  
living I give the same to them and their Heirs for ever. Item. I give  
and bequeath unto my Daughter Frances M'Clalin the use and Cu-  
tivation of five Negroes namely Bridgett. Paul. David Rose and ju-  
during her natural life and at the end of her life I then give the  
same Negroes with all their Increase unto all the Children of my said  
Daughter then living to be equally divided between them all. I give  
the same unto them and theirs for ever. Item. I give the use and  
Cultivation of the Plantation whereon I now live unto my loving wife  
during her widowhood and at the end of her Widowhood I give the  
same Land and Plantation my Wifes two Daughters namely Anne and  
Naomy Fentress. I give the same unto the said two Daughters the use and  
Cultivation of the said Plantation untill they come to the Ages of eighteen  
Years each of them and then I give the same Land and Plantation  
according to the well known reputed bounds unto my son John Fentress  
I give the same unto him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give and

John Fentress Will

Beguath unto my Daughter Anne Fentres my two Negroes namely  
Amy and Toney. I give the same unto her and her Heirs for ever. also  
one foot Wheel a Huffer and two Ewes. Item. I give and bequeath unto  
my Daughter Naomi Fentres two Negroes namely Juda and Peter. I give  
the same to her and her Heirs for ever and also one feather Bed and  
the furniture to the same belonging. one foot Wheel a Huffer and two Ewes.  
Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Anne Fentres one feather  
Bed and the furniture to the same belonging. I give the same unto her  
and her Heirs for ever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Jonathan  
Fentres all of the Land that I bought of Robert Jones, I give the same unto  
him and his Heirs for ever. Item. I give the use and Cultivation of three  
Negroes namely Sol Isaac and Azen unto my beloved wife during  
her Widouchood and at the end of her widowhood the three Negroes before  
mentioned to be equally divided between my two sons, Jonathan and John  
Fentres to them and their Heirs for ever. Item. I give and bequeath unto  
my loving Wife Letisher my Negro Moll unto her and her Heirs for ever  
Item. I give the Land and Plantation whereon Solomon Frizzle an. doth  
no live as an equal Division among all my Daughters then living if  
profitable that they would desire the same Land to be Divided into such  
small Lots, if not, I desire my Executors to sell the same at publick sale  
and Divide the Money among all my Daughters now living & give the same  
unto them and their Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son  
Jonathan Fentres after my Wifes Widouchood two Negroes namely Sol  
and Lucy. to him and his Heirs for ever. Item. I give the Use and Cul-  
tivation of all the remainder of my Estate both within Door and without Door  
unto my beloved wife Letisher during her Widouchood and at the end of her  
Widouchood I desire all of my Estate then remaining may be Sold at  
publick Sale and the money equally divided between all my Daughters  
then living and my son Moses Fentres. I give it to them and their Heirs  
for ever And Lastly I constitute and appoint my son Jonathan  
Fentres and Casow Moore my sole and whole Executors of this my last  
Will and testament revoking and annuling all other Wills and testaments  
by me formerly made and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my  
last Will and testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand  
and Seal this 27 day of December 1784 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and Sealed in presence of  
Joshua Whitehurst  
Erasmus Baynes  
Robert Ward

John Fentres  
mark

At about Held for Princeps Anne County March the 10<sup>th</sup> day 1785  
The aforesaid last Will and Testament of John Tonge dec<sup>d</sup>. was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of Erasmus Haynes and Robert Ward  
two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the motion of the  
Executors therein Named, who made Oath and gave Bond with Security accord-  
ing to Law, Certificate is granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

Sect  
S. H. Mosley Esq.

In the Name of God AMEN that I Sarah Hartley of  
Princeps Anne being very sick and weak but memory thanks be to God  
for the same. I recommend my soul to God who gave it me. I desire my body  
to be buried in a Christian manner as soon followeth Next to say. I do  
give and bequeath to my Daughter Penny Cox my wollen Whell and Gar-  
and my linnen Whell to her and her Heirs for ever. and all rest of my Estate  
I desire to be equally Divided without and within between my three son  
and Daughter Tully Capps and William Capps and Charles Hartley  
and Penny Cox. to be equally divided between and unto them and their  
Heirs for ever. and I leave my whole Soul and Executor to my son Tully  
Capps Given from under my Hand this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1785.—

Signed and Sealed and —

Delivered in the presence of  
David <sup>mark</sup> Capps  
Amy <sup>mark</sup> Capps  
William <sup>mark</sup> Capps.

Sarah + Hartley <sup>mark</sup>

At about Held for Princeps Anne County March the 10 Day 1785.  
The above last Will and Testament of Sarah Hartley dec<sup>d</sup>. was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of the three Witnesses thereto and Ordered to  
be Recorded. on the Motion of the Executor who made Oath and gave Bond  
according to Law. Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof  
in due form —

Sect  
S. H. Mosley Esq.

In the Name of God, Amen. I John Brownlie of the  
County of Prince Anne in the Commonwealth of Virginia being of a  
sound disposing mind and memory (blessed be God) do make and publish  
this as and for my last Will and Testament in manner and form follow-  
ing. Imprimis I give and bequeath unto Doct: William Russell my  
Shop Utensils and Medicine. Item I give and bequeath unto Robert  
Kays the tract of Land lately purchased from Mrs Nancy Simpson.  
after the Balance due her, be paid unto her, by the said Robert Kays.  
out of the Money due me by sundry Accountis. also I give unto the said  
Robert Kays my Bed and furniture my Trunk and Clothis. two Horses  
one Sorrel and one Bay. I also give unto said Robert Kays all my  
Oats and Corn to him and his Heirs for ever. I also put all my Accounts  
into the hands of said Robert Kays to collect. Item. I give and beque-  
ath unto Frances Harris twenty Pounds for ever. Item. I give and  
bequeath unto Eliza Harris thirty pounds to her and her Heirs for ever  
the Remainder to be divided amongst the Sons and Daughters of William  
Kays sen<sup>r</sup>. Shear and Shear to them and their Heirs for ever. And  
Lastly, I do nominate constitute and appoint Robert Kays and  
William Russell Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In  
Witness whereof I the said John Brownlie have hereunto set my  
Hand and Affixed my Seal this fifth Day of February one thousand  
seven hundred and Eighty five. —

Signed Sealed Published and Testated by the said John Brownlie the Testator  
as and his last Will and Testament

In presence of us. —

William Forrest

John Keeling jun.

Daniel M<sup>r</sup> Cabe

John Brownlie .. *Seal*

At a Court held for Prince Anne County March the 10<sup>th</sup> Day 1785 —  
The above last Will and Testament of Doctor John Brownlie dec<sup>r</sup>. was  
proved according to Law by the Oath of Williams Forrest and John Keeling Jun<sup>r</sup>  
two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded. and on the Motion of the  
Executors therein Named, who made Oath and gave Bond with Security according  
to Law. Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

*Seal*  
S. H. Moore, Esq.

A5. In the Name of God AMEN, I Anthony Lawson  
of Princess Anne County and Commonwealth of Virginia, being sick and  
weak in Body but of a sound disposing mind and memory, blessed be  
God do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner  
and form following: Item, I give and devise unto my Son Richard  
Henry Lee Lawson two hundred and fifty Acres of Land, part of the Tract  
whereon I now live, to be laid off at the south End of the said tract, to wit, to  
begin at the Southermost Line next to New Town and extend Northwards to  
whole breadth of the said tract, that is, from the westernmost to the Easternmost  
side, until the said two hundred and fifty Acres are completed, which I give  
unto him and his Heirs for ever, Item, I give and devise unto my said  
son Richard Henry Lee Lawson, four hundred Acres of Land Banks and  
Marsh being part of the Wash Tract, to him and his Heirs for ever, Item,  
give and devise unto my Son Thomas Lawson the Remainder of my Land.  
Land Banks and Marshes, to him and his Heirs for ever, except such as  
have hereafter given to my son Anthony, Item, I give and bequeath unto my  
said Son Thomas Lawson all my Silver Plate marked <sup>L</sup>AE except two Cups and  
Salvers which I have hereafter given to my son Richard Henry Lee Lawson,  
I also give unto my said Son Thomas my Clock, Books and Book Case, a young  
Horse, his choice, my best Saddle and Bridle and my Silver mounted Gun, I am  
give and bequeath unto my son Richard Henry Lee Lawson, two Silver Cups  
and two Salvers, marked <sup>L</sup>AE, as aforesaid, also one Gun, which was given to me by  
my Kinsman William Wishart in his last Will and Testament, Item I give and  
devise unto my Son Anthony Lawson two hundred Acres of Land at the  
place commonly called the Logg House, bounded by the Road that leads from  
the Cross Roads to Norfolk, to the Northward of the said Tract, to the Westwards  
on Nathaniel Hoggarde's Land, by a line to be run to the Southward, to  
the Eastward by the main Broad that leads to Newtown, to complete these  
two hundred Acres, which I give unto him and his Heirs for ever, I also give  
unto my said Son Anthony one Gun, such as shall be judged to be a neat and  
gentle Fowling-piece, Item, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter France  
Laver Lawson, one good young Horse, one Saddle and Bridle well mounted  
Item, It is my will and desire after my wife's Dower is set apart, that the Remainder  
of my Slaves be equally divided amongst all my Children; and after my Wifes  
decease, it is also my will and desire, the Dower Slaves should be equally divide  
amongst my Children as aforesaid, but it is my desire that no division shall be made  
of my Slaves until my Son Thomas arrives to the age of twenty five years,  
but be kept and employed on the manor Plantation, and the profits after all  
expences are paid to be applied to the maintenance and Education of my Child  
unless any one or more of my Daughters in the mean time should marry in that  
case Anthony Lawson.

desire that such Daughters or Daughters so marrying, may have her or their Proportion of my Slaves set apart immediately. Item, I desire that my three Sons, Thomas Richard Henry Lee, and Anthony Lawsonis may have each a liberal Education. Item, I give and bequeath unto my Wife and seven Children, the residue of my personal Estate to be equally divided amongst them, reserving the use of my Furniture, riding Chair, and Horse to my Wife during her Widowhood. It is also my Will and desire that none any Article or thing given to my Children, shall be Sold but at the Discret of their Guardian or Guardians. Item, If in case any British Debt, shall come against the concern of William White and Company, more than can be paid by the said Concern, I do then and in that case leave as much of the Land given to my Son Thomas to be sold for the payment of my proportion of the same, except he (my said son Thomas) will undertake to pay it. Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my Kinsmen Charles Payer, and Thomas Wishart sen<sup>r</sup>. Guardians to all my Children and Executors of this my last Will and Testamente, In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this fourth Day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five. —

Signed Sealed Published and Declared

In the Presence of . . . .

William White

Liucretia X Gordon  
William Russel

Anthony Lawsonson.

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1785.  
The above last Will and Testament of Anthony Lawson Gentleman dec<sup>d</sup>. was proved according to Law by the Oath of William White and William Russel two of the Testators thereto and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the Day following Thomas Wishart one of the Executors therein named who made Oath and gave Bond with security according to Law, Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form. Liberty is Leavved to the other Executor to join in the Probate when he shall think fit. —

E. H. Moseley Esq.

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In the Name of God Amen, I Samuel Johnson of the  
County of Prince Anne and Commonwealth of Virginia, being sick and  
weak in Body but of a sound and disposing mind and memory blessed  
be God do make and publish this paper writing as and for my last Will and  
Testament in manner and form following that is to say, Imprimis I give unto  
my loving wife Lilia Johnson the use of all my Estate of what nature or kind  
so ever during her Natural life, provided she keep, maintain and Educate my Chil-  
dren. Item, I give unto my said Wife, my riding Chair and her  
choice of my Horses, Item, my will and desire is that my Executors herein after  
mentioned, shall and will as soon as may be with all possible diligence and speed  
sue for and recover, all Debts due to me upon the Bonds which I now have  
and that twelve hundred pounds of such money, so recovered by them  
they shall lay out in purchasing Land at the cheapest and most  
advantageous Rate they can for the benefit of my son Benjamin Johnson  
and all such Land so purchased by them I give unto my said Son and  
his Heirs for ever, reserving the use of the same to my said Wife during  
her Natural Life, to maintain and educate my said Children as afore-  
mentioned. Item I give and bequeath unto my said son Benjamin Johnson  
one Negro man Slave called Peter to him and his Heirs for ever, Item I give unto  
my Daughter Nancy Johnson one Negro man Slave called Spencer, and one  
Negro Girl called Lilia to her and her Heirs for ever, and one Bed and furniture  
Samuel Johnson.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Johnson, one  
Negro Woman called Judah, and boy called Isaac, and one Bed  
and furniture to her and her Heirs for ever, Item I give unto my  
Daughter Grace Johnson, one Negro Boy called Suttay and one Bed and  
furniture to her and her Heirs for ever, Item my Will and desire is that  
in case my said wife should hereafter marry, and the Husband with whom  
she intermarries, should prove unkind to, or illly treat my said Children  
that then my Executors possess themselves of all my Estate of what nature  
or kind soever, (except Negro Rachel and Soker) and Hire and Rent  
the same for the best price that can be gotten for the said Estate to  
Educate and maintain my said Children, and as soon as one of my  
Daughters shall marry, she to have her part or portion of my Estate  
set apart and allotted her as no like manner throughout the whole of them  
and that if my Executors shall think fit to take my said Children  
from their Mother, and such Husband and such Husband as she shall  
hereafter marry, my will and desire is, that my Wife should have the use of

my Negro man slave named Soher and Negro Woman named Fra  
during her natural life, and after her Death, I give them to my Ch  
Grace and her Heirs for ever. Item my will and desire is, that my  
see for, Seven or more Negroes, in the County of Accomack, in the Possession  
one John Smith which I claim in Right of Descent from my Brother  
John Johnson dec<sup>d</sup>. . . . . Samuel Johnson  
and three of the said Negroes, when recovered, together with the Child of  
Negro Woman <sup>Judah</sup> is big with. I give to the Child that my Wife is now  
with, to him or her, and his or her Heirs for ever. Item. I give unto  
son Benjamin Johnson the second choice of my Horses, Item.  
Athaliah Willis, one Horse and Saddle whenever she marries or has  
to leave my Wife, to be delivered to her by my Executors. Item.  
and direct that all my Estate of what nature or kind soever, not  
before mentioned, should be sold by my Executors at my Wifes Death  
the money arising from the Sale thereof, shall be Divided among my  
that shall be then living, provided my Wife lives Single, or provide  
marries, she keeps maintenance and Educates my said Children  
to my Directions herein before mentioned. Item. my further Will  
Desire is, that if any one of my Daughters should die without issue  
her part of my Slaves to be Divided between my surviving Daugh  
the Child that my Wife is now enclined with. Lastly I nominate  
and appoint, M<sup>r</sup> John Ghieselin M<sup>r</sup> James and William Nimmo Esq<sup>r</sup>  
of this my last Will and Testament —

Signed Sealed and Delivered }  
In Presence of us ..... }

John Wilkins Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Haynes Brent

William Dennis

William Nimmo Jun<sup>r</sup>.

Samuel Johnson

At about Held for Prince<sup>s</sup> Anne County April the 15<sup>th</sup> Day 1<sup>st</sup>  
The above last Will and Testament of Samuel Johnson dec<sup>d</sup> was proved  
to Law by the Oath of Haynes Brent and William Dennis two of the Executores  
thereto and is Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of John Ghieselin  
William Nimmo Jun<sup>r</sup> Gent. two of the Executores who made Oath, and gave  
with Security according to Law Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining  
thereof in due form. Liberty is Reserved to the other Executor to join in  
Probate when he shall think fit —

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E. H. H.

my Negro man Slave named Boker and Negro Woman named Rachel during her natural life, and after her Death, I give them to my Daughter Grace and her Heirs for ever. Item my will and desire is, that my Executors sell for, Seven or more Negroes, in the County of Accomack, in the Possession of one John Smith which I claim in Right of Descent from my Brother Benjamin Johnson dec<sup>d</sup>. Samuel Johnson, and three of the said Negroes, when recovered, together with the Child that my Negro Woman is big with. I give to the Child that my Wife is now enscent with, to him or her, and his or her Heirs for ever. Item, I give unto my son Benjamin Johnson the second choice of my Horses. Item, to Athaliah Willis, one Horse and Saddle whenever she marries or has occasion to leave my Wife, to be delivered to her by my Executors. Item, and directs that all my Estate of what nature or kind soever, not before mentioned, should be sold by my Executors at my Wifes Death, the money arising from the Sale thereof, shall be Divided among my Children that shall be then living, provided my Wife lives Single, or provides, she keeps maintains and Educates my said Children to my Directions herein before mentioned. Item, my further Will and Desire is, that if any one of my Daughters should die without issue, her part of my Slaves to be Divided between my surviving Daughters, the Child that my Wife is now enscent with. Lastly I nominate and appoint, Mr. John Ghiselin M<sup>r</sup> James and William Nimmo Esq; of this my last Will and Testament.

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
In Presence of us }

John Wilkins Jun.  
Haynes Brent  
William Dennis  
William Nimmo Junr.

Samuel Johnson

At a Court Held for Prince<sup>s</sup> Anne County April the 15<sup>th</sup> Day 1, 1751  
The above last Will and Testament of Samuel Johnson dec<sup>d</sup> was proved to Law by the Oath of Haynes Brent and William Dennis two of the Executors thereto and is Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of John Ghiselin and William Nimmo Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq; two of the Executors who made Oath, and gave Bond with Security according to Law, Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form. Liberty is Reserved to the other Executor to join in the Probate when he shall think fit —

Seal  
E. H. Moatley Esq

In the Name of God Amen, I Caleb Ward of the County of Prince Anne and State of Virginia being of sound sense and memory and knowing the uncertainty of this life do Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in Writing as follows. I recommend my soul unto Almighty God who gave it me and not doubting of a Joyfull Resurrection through the merits of his Christ my blessed Redeemer, and my worldly Estate I dispose of as follows, to give and bequeath unto my loving wife my Negro Girl Amy to her and her Heirs for ever, also give unto my loving wife Sarah the use of all my Estate both real and personal during her widowhood she taking care and providing for my children during their minority and after her Intermarriage or Death I give unto my son William Ward the plantation I now live on to him and his Heirs for ever, and all the remainder of the Estate that my wife should leave at her Intermarriage or Death to be equally Divided between two of my children to wit Benjamin Caleb Courtney, Lishia Sally and Rebekah and their Heirs for ever, and in Case my wife should Intermarry or die before my three youngest Children Caleb, Sally and Rebekah should all be age able to support themselves with their own Labour my desire is that Simon Davis should be hired out and the money arising therefrom applied towards their maintenance and support until they are able to Labour and support themselves, and then to be Divided amongst the six Children above mentioned, and I do hereby appoint my loving wife my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament disannulling and revoking all other Wills by me made, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1785.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged,

In presence of .....

John Schiss

John King

Jeremiah King

Richard White

Caleb C Ward

At about Held for Prince Anne County April the 15<sup>th</sup> Day 1785  
The above last Will and Testament of Caleb Ward dec<sup>d</sup> was proved according  
Law by the Oath of Richard White one of the Witnesses thereto and is Ordered  
be Recorded and on the motion of Sarah Ward the Executrix therein Named who  
made oath and gave Bond with security according to Law Certificate is Granted  
for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form —

Seal

E. H. Mosley Esq

*Wakesfield Will*

In the Name of God Amen. I Samuel Wakefield of the County of Prince Anne do make this my last Will and testament ... Imprimis, I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Anne Wakefield during her Widowhood all my property of whatever nature, except such as shall be hereafter mentioned, and in case of her Marriage or Death, to be equally divided among all my Children. Item, I give and bequeath to my son John Wakefield, one young bay Colt named Jenny. Item, It is my Will and desire that my beloved wife Anne Wakefield and my Friend Mr William Thoresgood be Executor and Executrix of this my last Will: Given under my Hand this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1784. —

Signed sealed and Delivered  
In presence

William Main  
John Brownlie  
John Thoresgood.

Samuel + Wakefield.

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County April the 15<sup>th</sup> Day, 1785. —  
The above last Will and Testament of Samuel Wakefield late was proved according to Law by the Oath of John Thoresgood Gent. one of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the Motion of Anne Wakefield the Executrix who made Oath, and gave Bond with Security according to Law. Certificate is Granted her for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

Scot.

E. H. Moseley Etch.

*Wright's Will*

In the Name of God Amen. I Christopher Wright of the State of North Carolina at present, but intending shortly to remove into the County of Prince in Virginia being weak and low in Body but of perfect memory and considering the uncertainty of this mortal Life, do make and seal this my last Will and Testament in full hope and expectation of a glorious Resurrection after Death, to a Life of immortal and everlasting happiness, by and through the Sufferings and Death of our blessed Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ after recommending my immortal Soul to Almighty God my Father in Heaven who created me, and to the Guardian care and protection of my blessed Lord Jesus who redeemed me, and my mortal Body to the Earth to be plainly and decently buried in the Church Yard. I now think for

business will guarantee for payment, and my executors may  
Name to provide and see, that all this is duly performed and Executed  
in the most expeditious and effectual manner, that the said Executors  
or either of them pay the Expense thereof, and all other necessary  
Expences for him, the said John Edwards out of the yearly hire of  
his Negroes, and Interest of his money, but if these should  
not be sufficient to answer those good purposes, then, in that  
Case it is my Will and desire, that the deficiency thereof be made  
up, out of part of the principal of such part of his Estate as will be  
the least prejudicial to him afterwards, and will answer the pur-  
pose too. And Lastly that my said Executors or one of them  
be repaid all necessary Expences in performing the said friendly Office  
out of the Interest of the said John Edwards Estate. Item all the  
residue and remainder of my Estate of what nature or kind soever,  
give to my loving wife Elizabeth to make free use of during her  
natural life and after her decease the remainder to be equally  
divided between my three youngest Children Peggy, Priscilla,  
and John Edward, or their Heirs, which Division, it is my Will  
and desire may be made in the most amicable and equitable manner  
by themselves, or their next friends, or my Executors, without any suit  
in Law about it. Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my  
trusty and esteemed friends W<sup>r</sup>. James Nimmo and W<sup>r</sup>. John  
Valentine of Norfolk to be Executors, and my Wife Executrix of  
this my last Will and Testament, also to be Guardians to all  
unmarried Children. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my  
Hand and Affix my Seal this fourteenth Day of January, in  
in the Year of our Lord Christ, one thousand seven hundred  
Eighty and five, the several Erasures and interlineations being  
by my own Hand, and before signing. —



At a Court Held for Prince<sup>r</sup> Anne County May the 12<sup>th</sup> Day.  
The above last Will and Testament of Doct<sup>r</sup>. Christopher Wright  
was proved to be wholly written by the Testator by the Oath of James  
William Robinson and William Nimmo Jun<sup>r</sup>, and is Ordered to be  
and on the motion of Elizabeth Wright and James Nimmo, two of  
Executors therein Named, who made Oath, and gave Bond with Se-  
al according to Law, Certificate is Granted them, for Obtaining Probate  
in due form —

Test<sup>r</sup>  
E. H. Moore

14. In the Name of god Amen I, Henry Woodhouse  
of Prince Anne County being in health of Body, and of perfect  
sense and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and  
Testament in the following manner, Vizt. Impunitus, I give and  
bequeath my Soul unto Almighty God and body to be entred at  
the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, Item, I give  
and bequeath unto my Son William the Plantation whereon I now  
live also my dutar Land to him and his Heirs for ever, I also  
give unto my said Son William one Negro fellow called Frank,  
and one wench calld Rose, and one called Venus, them and their  
Increase to him and his Heirs for ever, one Desk, one Cedar Chd.  
one Gold Seal Ring and one Silver hilted sword, Item, I give and  
bequeath unto my son Arthur Tayer the plantation whereon my  
Uncle Henry formerly lived to him and his Heirs for ever, I also  
give unto my said son Arthur Tayer one Negro fellow called Jim, one  
Girl known by the Name of black Amy, and one small Girl called  
Amy, them and their increase to him and his Heirs for ever, Item,  
give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth one Negro Boy called  
Harry, one Negro Wench called Hale, one Negro or Molatto girl called  
Amy, and one Negro boy called Peter, them and their increase to  
her and her Heirs for ever, Item, now in case either of my persons  
Children should die before they come to lawfull Age or Married  
then leave the Negroes given to the Peceasant to be equally divided  
amongst the surviving Chres, Item, I leave the whole of my person's  
Estate not heretofore mentioned to be sold, and the Money arising from  
the Sale thereof to be applyed in pay my just Debts, and after they are  
settled the Ballance that may remain I give unto my Daughter Eli-  
zabeth Woodhouse, Item, I give unto my Brother William Dale Woodhouse  
all the right that by in me in the Lands given him by my Father  
also the Lands and Marsh called Dales Island given him by my  
Mother to him and his Heirs for ever, Item, I give unto my brother  
John Woodhouse all the right that by in me in the Land given him by  
my Father to him and his Heirs for ever, Item, in case either of my  
Sons or their Heirs should take from the Heirs of my Brothers the Land  
given them by my Father, I then give unto the Heir of my Brother or  
Brothers the Land given to my Son or Sons that shall take the Land from  
the Heirs aforesaid, I leave my friends William White and my Brother

to dispose of my few worldly Goods in form and manner, how  
I give to my unhappy Son William as much of the Interest of  
my money in the Loan Office in Virginia (untill it is called out yearly  
as may be necessary to clothe and maintain him as a Labourer, together  
with the Assistance of such work as he can do himself, which I desire  
he may be made to do, under the direction and discretion of my Execu-  
tors or either of them, he not being endued with proper sense and re-  
son to manage any kind of Estate himself, nor is he desirous nor willing  
to do any business whatever. Item, I give to my undutiful Son Dav-  
one Shilling, and no more, by reason of his having absented himself  
from this his native Country and joyned her cruel and Tyrannic  
Enemies, at a time when she was nobly and gloriously struggling for  
her just and natural Rights and Liberties amidst imminent Danger,  
and threatened Ruin, this together with his forsaking our Army and mar-  
rying entirely against my consent and approbation incurred my  
utmost displeasure and detestation, I give and bequeath to my son  
John Edward my three Negroes Caesar, Bob and Phill to him and his  
Heirs for ever, likewise one good feather Bed and furniture, and all my  
Books and papers, when he has occasion for them, except such of my  
Books as may best suit my Daughters Peggy and Pifey, which, I give  
them equally. Item, I give to my aforesaid sons William and John Edward  
my wearing Apparel in such manner and proportion, and at such times  
my Executors may think most suitable for each of them. Item, I give to my  
Daughter Penelope Reed ten pounds annually, to be delivered in  
her own hands every fall of the Year, by some trusty person whom my  
Executors can confide in, for the sole purpose of furnishing her with  
Provisions while she stands in need, but no part, nor the whole thereof  
to be delivered to her Husband Thomas Reed, nor any person in  
his behalf. Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Peggy at her  
Marriage or her Mothers Death which ever may happen first, my  
three Negroes Satilia, Cloe and Peter, to her and her Heirs for ever; also  
one of my best Beds, and furniture belonging to it, one third part of my  
Table Linnen, six Silver table Spoons, and six silver Tea Spoons, one of my  
old Cherry, or black Walnut Tables, one half my black Walnut Chairs  
with black leather bottoms, my oldest Desk, my riding Horse called Iron  
all with her side Saddle and bridle, three Cows and Calves, six Ewes  
and Lambs, likewise one third part of all my book Debts Notes of

Hand Obligations Bonds and money in the ~~House~~, after  
debts are paid, she paying or causing to be paid the sum of five  
Pounds Carolina money yearly towards the support of my Da-  
ughter Penelope Reed as given to her above, Item, "I give to my  
Daughter Pifey or Priscilla at her Marriage or her Mothers Death  
which ever may happen first, my three Negroes, Hannah Phillis  
and Lewis, to her and her Heirs for ever, also one of my best  
Beds and the furniture belonging to it, one third part of my Table  
Linens, six silver tea Spoons, six silver Table Spoons, one of my wils  
Cherry or black Walnut Tables, the other half of my black Walnut  
Chairs with black Leather bottoms, my black Walnut Chest of  
Drawers, three Cows and Calves, six Ewes and Lambs, my young  
Horse called Vulcan, with her Saddle and bridle, also one third part  
of my Book debts, Notes of Hand, Obligations, Bonds and money in  
the House, after my just Debts are paid, she paying or causing  
to be paid the sum of five pounds Carolina money, yearly towards  
the support of my Daughter Penelope Reed, as given to her above.  
Item, Whereas a certain Kitchen Godwin of Hanover County hath  
lately obtained a Decree of the Court of Appeals against me in Order  
to discharge the said Decree, my Will and desire is, that my Execut-  
sell my Negro Wench named Pleasant, and her Child called John  
for the best price they can get, and if there should be any Overplus remaining  
after paying off the said Decree and Costs, that it be given to my Wif  
but if not sufficient to answer the ~~said~~ purpose, the Deficiency to be  
made up, out of the money in the House, Item, I further give to my  
son John Edward my Book and book Case to hold his Clothes and  
Books, my little Poney commonly called Johnnys <sup>Noise</sup> with his Saddle  
and bridle, also one third part of my Book Debts, Notes of Hand  
Obligations, Bonds and money in the House, after all my just De-  
bts are paid, likewise my Money in the Continental Loan Office, ~~at~~  
deducting what may be judged to be absolutely necessary by my Execut  
towards the common support of my son William as directed heretofore,  
exceeding six pounds yearly out of the Interest of the said money,  
some other ~~the~~ Interest of his Estate; And now as this my yo-  
lun. seems to have a fertile Genius, and endued with an apt Si-  
tuation, it is therefore my Will and earnest Desire that he shall be  
Educated in the Sciences of Latin, Greek and Arithmetic, and  
then he bound to the Study of Law, Divinity or Physick, which  
there may then seem best, to suit his inclination and Genius until

50 William Dale, Jr. my Executors to this my last Will and Testa-  
ment annulling and revoking all Wills by me heretofore made. In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Affixed my  
Seal this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1785.

Signed and Sealed in the presence of -

Henry Woodhouse

At about Held for Prince Anne County the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1785.  
The above last Will and Testament of Henry Woodhouse do<sup>t</sup> was prove-  
to be wholly written by the Testator by the Oath of John Lovitt and Adam Hin-  
ning and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the motion of William Dale Woodho-  
use one of the Executors therein named, who made Oath and gave Bonds with Securi-  
ty according to Law, Certificate is Granted him, for Obtaining Probate thereof in due  
form

Teste

E. H. Moseley Esq

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In the Name of God. Amen. I James am  
being of sound mind, do make this my last Will, as followeth. In  
primis, I desire a House 20 Feet square, to be built on the new  
Lot part of my Lot, and a Garden paled in, the use of which I  
give my beloved wife Frances Lamb, during her natural Life  
ther with a Calf pasture adjeining; also I give my said wife  
the use of two Cows and two Sheep and lambs to  
be chosen by herself, six Sitteng Chairs on pine tables, and a  
Mahogany table, and all my Cups and Earthen Ware, the  
Bay Horse call'd Queen, my Bed, Cot and Wheels, and all  
the Poultry; also the use of the House in which I now live, until  
the new House shall be built. The house I now occupy  
as another is built, I desire may be apnied, and a Sister  
built near it, and then rented out for the use of my Son John  
Lamb, till he attains 21 Years of Age, when I give the same to  
him and his Heirs for ever, and after the Death of my said Son  
I give the whole Lot to him and his Heirs for ever. I desire  
that all the rest of my Property may be Sold, or six Months  
thereafter, with good Security, and the money arising therefrom, as well  
as all monies due to me, to be used to educate my Son, and if any shorta-

St. remain I devise it to him and his Heirs for ever. Item. I  
desire that my Son may be brought up to such Business as he  
may choose but not in Idleness. Item If my Son James  
Lamb should die before he attains 21 years of Age, all that  
I have bequeathed to him I give to be equally Divided between  
George and Elizabeth Webbin, which in that Case I give to them  
and their Heirs for ever Lastly I appoint Daniel Richardson  
son, John Hopkins, and my beloved wife Francis Lamb  
to be Executors of this my Will In Witness of this my last Will  
I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the 26 Day of March 1785.

I acknowledge

In Presence of

John Smith

Thomas + Thompson

Anthony Walke.

James Lamb



At about Held for Princess Anne County the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1785.  
The above last Will and Testament of James Lamb da<sup>d</sup> was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of Anthony Walke and John Smith first  
two of the Witnesses whereunto and isOrdered to be recorded and on the Motion  
of Daniel Richardson and John Hopkins who made Oath and gave  
Bond with Security according to Law Certificate is Granted them for  
obtaining Probate thereof in due form

Oath

E. H. Woodruff.

Whitehurst's Will

In the Name of God Amen. I John Whitehurst in  
of the County of Princess Anne being very sick and weak do make  
and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form  
following Vizt. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son James Whitehurst  
the Land he now lives on running Waterley to the Swamp from the said  
thence Southwesterly along the said Land to a white Oak on Fenstres line  
one Negro fellow gun to him and his Heirs for ever; Item I give  
and bequeath unto my son Henry Whitehurst my plantation I now  
live on and one Negro fellow Lewis one Cow and Calf, the said Negro  
my wife's property during her widowhood and if Henry dies without any  
issue from his Body to come goes to my son Sulley to him and his heirs  
for ever and to bequeath to my son Sulley Whitelock 1785.

Plantation lying in Volchoster adjoining James Eaton and  
Cantrell Garrison, one Negro Boy Will, one young mare, one Cow,  
and Calf, two Ewes and Lambs, if he dies without any Heire from  
his Body then the same to go to my son Tully to him and his Heire  
for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my three sons James White-  
hurst, Henry Whitehurst and John Whitehurst the Use of my Ex-  
press to them and their Heires for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto  
my Son Tully Whitehurst one Negro Girl called Nance to him and his  
Heires for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Sally  
Whitehurst one Negro Wench Abb for ever, and her Increase to my Son  
Tully Whitehurst and Fanny Whitehurst and Elizabeth Whitehurst and  
the babe unborn to be equally divided amongst them when of age, and  
the rest of my Estate within Doors and out not mentioned in my Will  
to my wife during her Hidewhood and after to be Divided amongst all  
my Children to them and their Heires for ever. Item, I give and bequeath  
unto my Daughter Priscilla Shipp, one Negro Boy called Mingo, to her  
and her Heires for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter  
Mary Doudge one Negroe Girl called Easter to her and her Heires for  
ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Fanny Whitehurst  
one Negroe Child hoper to her and her Heires for ever, my Will  
and Desire is that James Whitehurst and Henry Whitehurst my Sons  
should be Executors to this my last Will and Testament to see and  
the meaning and mentioning performed according to my Desire unto whom  
I set my Hand and Seal this 30<sup>th</sup> of April 1785.

Assigned in the presence of -

Therowgood Land  
Elizabeth + <sup>her</sup> Langley  
Anna X <sup>mark</sup> Land  
w<sup>m</sup> of

John Whitehurst,

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of June 1785.  
The above last Will and Testament of John Whitehurst deceased was proved  
according to Law, by the Oath of the three witnesses thereto, and Ordinable to a  
Recorded, and on the Motion of the two Executors who made Oath, and gave  
Bonds with Security according to Law, Certificate is Granted them for  
Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

D<sup>r</sup> E. H. Henley C<sup>t</sup>l<sup>l</sup>

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In the Name of God Amen. I William Whitehurst  
son of Lemuel of the County of Princess Anne and State of Virginia  
being at the time of making this my last Will and testament very  
sick and weak, but of perfect sound mind and memory thank be  
to the Almighty for the same. I do dispose of my Real and personal  
Estate as followeth. Item. I give and bequeath to my well beloved  
mother Mary Whitehurst the use of my Land and all the rest  
of my Estate of what kind soever it be during her natural life.  
Item. I give and bequeath to my Sister Sarah Whitehurst after  
my mothers Death my Land and all the rest of my Estate of what  
kind soever it be to her and her Heirs for ever. and if my Sister  
should die without Child then I give my Land unto my Cauion  
Malachi Whitehurst, son of William Whitehurst and his Heirs  
for ever. In Witness hereof I set my Hand and Seal  
this twenty fourth Day of April, one thousand seven Hundred and  
Eighty five. And I further do appoint my  
Sister Mary Whitehurst Executrix of this my last Will and  
Testament.

Signed Published and]

Delivered in Presence of

Bagnell Moore.

Robert + Burley

Hilary Mooseley.

William + Whitehurst  
*mark.*

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County June the 9<sup>th</sup> Day 1785.  
The above last Will and Testament of William Whitehurst dec'd was  
proved according to Law, by the Oath of Hilary Mooseley Robert  
Burley and Bagnell Moore the three Witnesses thereto and Ordered  
to be Recorded: and on the Motion of the Executrix, who made Oath  
and gave Bond with Security according to Law. Certificate is  
Granted her for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

E. H. Mooseley att.

In the Name of God Amen.

I Thomas  
Henley of the County of Prince Anne and parish of Lin-  
haven being sick and weake of Body, knowing & by  
Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife my Tidin-  
House, likewise all my Estate both within Dores and without  
I give the use to her excepting my two Watchis and my  
waring Aparell I give them to my Son, one of them to be sold  
to pay for Schooling, and after my loving Wifes Middes. I give  
it to my Son Thomas Henly all my Estate, and I do appoint  
my Father Charles Henly. Executor. Signed Sealed and Dated  
twenty first of January 1785. —

Anthony Murphy

Mary + <sup>her</sup> Henly

Mary + <sup>mark</sup> Cwinin

Thomas Henly.

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1785.  
The above last Will and Testament of Thomas Henly dec<sup>d</sup> ap-  
proved according to Law by the Oath of Anthony Murphy attel  
thereto and ordered to be Recorded, and on the Motion of Chas.  
Henry the Executor therin named who made Oath and gave Bond  
with Security according to Law, Certificate is granted him for Obtaining  
Probate thereof in due form. —

Seals

E. H. Morley Esq

54.

In the Name of God Amen. I John Wickens of the County of Princess Anne and State of Virginia being sick but in sound mind and perfect memory thanks be to Almighty God, and thinks it proper to give my worldly Goods as pleas Almighty God to endew me with in the followinn manner. V. Item. I give and bequeath unto my Saley Wickens the Land and plantation as I bought of Solomon Allower containing fifty Acres more or less to her and her Heirs for ever, Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Saley Wickens fore Negroes by name V. Will. Peter. Sue and Member the Daughter of Member also two Cows and Calves, one Sorrell Horse to her and her Heirs for ever, Item. I give to my Wife Elizabeth Wickens the one half of the plantation and Houses and Orchards whereon I now live on, also the one half of the plantation lying in Norfolk County, also three Negroes by name V. Old Member, Robin Tamar, also two Cows and Calves, also one mare called Spirit during of her Widowhood, Item. I give and bequeath unto my son James Wickens half the Land and plantation, and half the Houses, and half the Orchards as I now live on, also the one half of the Land and plantation in Norfolk County, also 150 Acres of wooden Land in Norfolk County, as I bought of Mason Smith, also 112 Acres of wooden Land in Princess Anne County as I bought of Samuel Smith, also fore Negroes by name, V. Charity, Adam, Dennis and young Member, also two Cows and Calves, also one Horse Colt called Dolphin to him and his Heirs for ever, Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Wickens three Negroes by name, V. Sam, Judo, Rose, my will and desire is that at my wife marriage or death for Negro Tamar and her increase, also Robin and old Member to fall to my Daughter Elizabeth Wickens also one Horse Colt call'd Ball also two Cows and Calves to her and her Heirs for ever, Item. I desire all my Estate within doors and out doors ongivern to be equally divided between my Wife and three Children, I do hereby appoint my wife Elizabeth Wickens and my friend James Wallas Executor of this my last Will and Testament, as Witness my Hand and Seal this 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1783-

G. D. Cornew.

Thomas Hodges.

Thomas Haring

John II Wickens

55. (It about) Stells for Princeps Anne County the 1<sup>st</sup>. day of July 1785.  
The aforesaid last Will and Testaments of John Wichen's late was  
never according to Law by the Oath of George Durant Coopers  
and Thomas Hodges two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be record  
and on the Motion of the Executrix and Executor therin Named who  
made Oath, and gave Bond with Security according to Law, Certificate  
is granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

Oscar  
E. H. Mosley Esq.

Matthias' Will

In the Name of God Amen. I  
Reuben Matthias of the County of Princeps Anne in Virginia  
being very sick, but of sound mind and memory thanks be to  
God for it, but calling to mind the mortality of the body know-  
ing that it tis appointed for all men once to die, and with respect  
to my worldly Goods, I dispose them in the following manner to  
witt, I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife the use of the  
plantation and Land I now lives on during her life, also a  
Negro Girl called Nann, during her life and her future  
increase, and one Bed and furniture, one black Horse, Item,  
I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Matthias the plantation  
I now lives on after my wife's Death to him and his Heirs for ever  
I give and bequeath unto my son James Matthias a Negro Girl  
called Nann and her future Increase after my wife's death to  
him and his Heirs for ever - my Will and Desire is that for all  
my Household Goods and furniture within and without Doors, as  
all my Stock of all Kinds not before mentioned and a Negro Boy  
called Nann to be Sold at publick Sale, and after my Lawfull  
Debts be fully paid off, the rest to be equally divided between  
my wife and all my Children to them and their Heirs for  
ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughters Sally  
and Nancy and son James Matthias two Negroes one wench  
called Venus and one Girl Phillis and their future Increase  
to be equally divided between them when my Daughter Sally  
arrives to the age of Eighteen Years to them and their Heirs  
for ever. Nominating and Appointing my friend John Matthi-  
as sen<sup>r</sup> as Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking  
and annulling all other Wills and Testaments before made. In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this  
Twentyeth Day of May one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five

56 Signed Sealed and Acknowledged

In Presence of —

Neil Jamison  
Horatio Davis  
John Keeling Star.

Reuben Matthias

At a Court held for Prince George County July the 1<sup>st</sup> Day 1785.  
The above last Will and Testament of Reuben Matthias dec'd was proved according to Law by the Oaths of Neil Jamison and Horatio Davis two of the Witnesses thereto, and Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the Executor therein Named who made Oath, and gave Bond with Security according to Law Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form —

Oath  
E. H. Moody Esq.

In the Name of God Amen. I James Brown being very sick and weak but of sound sense and memory and knowing the uncertainty of this life do ordain this to be my last Will and Testament /to wit/ I recommend my Soul unto Almighty God who gave it me not Doubting of a joyful Resurrection through the merits of Christ my Blessed Redeemer and my Worldly Estate I dispose of as follows. Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Nancy the use of all my Estate both real and personal during her natural life and after her Death I give it to my son James and his Heirs for ever and in case he should die without Issue in the life time of his Mother then I give it to her and her Heirs for ever. my Will and desire is, that my son James to have necessary Education out of my Estate, and be maintained and provided for until he is fifteen Years of Age, and then bound out until he is twenty ..... Years of age, and do hereby appoint my beloved wife my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, disannulling and revoking all other Wills by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 26<sup>th</sup> Day April 1785. —

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged

In the Presence of . . . .

Jn. Achiss

Joshua X. Matthias

Henry J. Iverson alias Hammon

James Brown,

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County, July the 16<sup>th</sup> Day 1783  
The aforesaid last Will and Testament of James Brown dec<sup>d</sup> was  
proved according to Law, by the Oath of John Achife and Joshua Mathias  
two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the motion  
of Nancy Heath who was Nancy Brown the Executrix who made  
Oath and gave Bond with Security as the Law directs Certificate is  
granted her for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

Oath.

E. H. Mortley Esq.

Cason's Will

In the Name of God Amen, I, James Cason  
son<sup>d</sup> of the County of Princess Anne in Virginia being sick and weak  
of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for  
the same, but calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing  
that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain  
this my last Will and testament in manner and form following  
Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Moses Cason the Eastward  
part whereon he now liveth it being the Eastward side of the Line  
which I made my self for a Division of the said Land I give it un  
him and his Heirs for ever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my  
Solomon Cason one Hand Mill, I give it unto him and his Heirs for  
Item. I give all the Remainder of my Estate of all kinds and natur  
whatsoever unto my loving Wife Dinah, I give unto her for the u  
of bringing up of my small Children impowering her at the end  
her life to Divide it by her Will amongst such of my Children  
as she shall think most proper And Lastly, I constitut  
and appoint my said loving Wife Dinah, and my son Moses  
Cason my sole and whole Executors of this my last Will and testame  
revoking and annulling all other Wills and Testaments by me formerly  
made and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last  
Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my  
Hand and Seal this twenty fourth Day of September one thousand  
seven hundred and Eighty three.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged

In the presence of us

Richard Eaton

Tally + Eaton

Amy + Bonney

James Cason son<sup>d</sup>   
marks and seal

Note the words unto my Loving Wife Dinah was abstrained before signed & sealed  
At a Court Held for Princess Anne County, the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1783.  
The above last Will and Testament of James Cason son<sup>d</sup> was proved accord  
ing to Law by the Oath of Richard Eaton and Amy Bonney two of the Witnesses,  
thereto and Ordered to be Recorded

E. H. Mortley Esq.

In the Name of God Amen. I, Anne  
Hancock of the County of Prince's Anne in the common  
wealth of Virginia, being sick and weak in body, but of a  
sound and disposing mind and memory. (Blessed be God  
to make and publish this as and for my last Will and Testament  
in manner and form following, First, I give and bequeath  
unto my Daughter Mary Anne Selden all my wearing Apparel,  
and four of my best Ewes and Lambs, Item, I give and bequeath  
unto my Grand Son John Hancock Selden my Mare called  
Diana, and my two year old Horse Coll called Diamond, Item,  
I give unto my Son John Hancock my large Sorrel Mare called Juno,  
Item, I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Hancock my  
Mare Coll called Damsel, Item, I give unto my Grand-daughter  
Sarah Hancock Selden, my best feather Bed, one Bolster and two  
pillows, one suite of white Cotton Curtains, one suite of window Curtains  
my best Calicoe Bed-quilt, one white Counterpane, or Coverlet,  
marked A, H, S, and one full set of Chimes, Item, I give  
and bequeath unto my Grand-daughter Anne Robinson Hancock  
my worst Bed and Bolster, together with a new Bed-Bolster  
and a pillow unmade up, Also, I give unto my said Grand-daughter  
Anne Robinson Hancock, two Calicoe Bed Quilts, Item, I give  
unto my Grand-daughter Anne Robinson Selden one good  
Bolster and two Pillows, one white Cotton Bed-quilt, one Counterpane  
or Counterpain marked A, H, N, S, and one Silver Spoon, Item, I  
give and bequeath all my Sheets, Table Linen and Counterpanes  
(not already or herein before disposed of,) unto my aforesaid three  
Grand-daughters Sarah Hancock Selden, Anne Robinson-  
Hancock, and Anne Robinson Selden to be equally Divided  
amongst them, Share and Share alike, Item, It is my further  
Will and desire, and I do hereby Order and direct, that all the rest  
of my Stock, of every kind should be Appraised, and that my loving  
and beloved Son John Hancock should take and have said  
Stock at the Appraised Value or suffer the same to be sold at public  
as he shall Chuse, and think most proper, and that the money  
arising either by the Appraised Value or the Sale thereof, together  
with the residue of my Estate, not herein before given away, after payment  
of my Debts, I give to my Grandson John Hancock, to be applied

Scarachs Hill

59. in the Educating maintaining and bringing up of him my said  
Grandson John Hancock. And I do nominate  
constitute and appoint my loving Son, John Hancock Esq; of  
this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my Hand and Affixed my Seal, this twenty five  
Day of May in the Year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred  
and Eighty six.

Signed Sealed Published and -  
Declar'd in the presence of

William Nitmo att'

Betty Departus.

Francis Savage.

John Hancock,

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County August the 11 Day 1806  
The above last Will and Testament of Anne Hancock Esq; was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of the three Witnesses thereunto sworn  
to be recited, and On the motion of John Hancock the Executor there-  
named who made Oath and gave Bond with Security according  
to Law, Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in  
due form.

Seal  
E. H. Hardy Esq;

Whitchurst Will  
In the Name of God Amen. I James  
Whitchurst son of Thomas of the County of Prince Edward  
at the time of making this my last Will and Testament very well  
out of sound mind and memory thank be to God for the same.  
do dispose of my Real and personal Estate as followeth, to wit  
I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth Whitchurst the  
use of the following Leagues ten years. That is my Land and  
Sugars Paul, all my Household Good excepting what I shall  
hereafter mention. I now give her two Beds and furniture, one  
Horse called Courage, a Mare Colt, one half of the Castle, and  
all the Hogs during her Life. and one half whet the household  
Goods will sell for after the ten years is Expired, Item I leave  
to be Sold at the Christmas my Stears, and Horses that I am  
not already mentioned, one Bed and furniture, and all the Goods  
that any two Neighbors may think can be spared out of my Estate  
besides what may be a sufficiency to support my family the next ensuing  
Year. I leave to be Sold at the end and expiration of ten Years

my Land and Negros Paul, and the money arising from the  
Amount of the Sales with the other half that the household Goods  
sold for to be equally divided between all my Children that may be  
then a living to them and their Heirs for ever, item, I give and  
bequeath to my son's slave, Whitchurst all my Tools to him and his  
Heirs for ever, I have to be sold all my Cedar Casks and other things  
that may be spared besides what will do for the plantation use, for  
my people to work with, and the money arising from the Sale of them  
to go toward settling my just Debts, And Lastly I do appoint  
mt. John Hopkins and my Brother Henry Whitchurst Executors  
of my Last Will and Testament, Witness my Hand and Seal  
this Ninth Day of May one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five  
Signed, Sealed and Published,

In the presence of,

Matthias Hopkins

Anthony X Whitchurst

Hilary Storley -

James X Whitchurst

At a Court Held for Prince's Anne County the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 1801,  
The above last Will and Testament of James Whitchurst dec'd was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of Matthias Hopkins and Anthony  
Whitchurst two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordained to be recorded and on  
the Motion of Henry Whitchurst one of the Executors therein named  
who made Oath and gave Bond with Surety according to Law a  
Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form -

E. H. Anstotis  
De L.

## In the Name of God Amen.

I Samuel Thorowgood of the County of Prince George  
 Commonwealth of Virginia being sick and weak in Body,  
 but of a sound and disposing mind and memory, thank  
 be to God do make and publish this as and for my last  
 Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit  
 Impunito. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Sarah  
 Thorowgood my riding Chair and Harness, my old Chairs  
 Horse, my young Sorrel Horse called Dreadnot, three Cows  
 and Calves of her own Choice, two of my best Beds, bedstead  
 and furniture, six hundred weight of Pork to be scattered out of  
 my Crop of Corn now Growing seven Bushels of Indian Corn  
 fifty bushels of Oats, all my silver plate, my Silver Watch, and  
 my two young Negroes Ned and Amy to her and her Heirs  
 for ever, also the Use of four hundred Acres of Land with its  
 Appurtenances being the part whereon I now live, and the use  
 of my other Slaves for and during the term of her Natural life  
 and after her decease I give and devise the said four hundred  
 Acres of Land with its Appurtenances unto my Brother Will  
 iam Thorowgood and his Heirs for ever; And that the Slaves  
 and their Increase, which I have given the Use of to my said  
 Wife during her life, should after her decease be divided in the  
 following manner, to wit, one third thereof to my said Brother  
 William Thorowgood and his Heirs and the remaining two thirds  
 amongst all the Children which now are, or hereafter shall be born  
 of my Sisters Elizabeth Haynes and Mary Wilson, and the Su  
 rvivors or Survivors of such Children share and share alike, to them  
 and their Heirs for ever, Item. I give and bequeath unto my  
 said Brother William Thorowgood one young bay Horse call  
 Farnot, one other young bay Horse (distinguished by being a  
 natural pacer,) two plows and Harrows, and one hundred Acre  
 of Land whereon Dennis Anderson now lives to him and his Heirs  
 for ever. Also the four hundred Acres of Land herein before men  
 tioned after the decease of my said Wife to him and his Heirs for  
 ever. And all the rest and residue of my Estate not herein before  
 mentioned, I desire may be sold by my Executors herein after  
 named, either for ready money or short Credit, and the m  
 oneing from such Sale, to be applied to the payment of all

Samuel Thorowgood's Will

61. just and lawful Debts, and the overplus if any after paying  
of my said Debts, I give to my said wife Sarah Thorowgood for  
ever, and if the residue of my Estate should be insufficient to  
pay all my Debts, then and in that case I desire that my  
Negro Wench called yellow China, and her two Children, Nancy  
and Phillips may be sold to supply such deficiency and the  
Overplus of the money arising from the Sale of the said Slave  
after paying such deficiency, I give to my said loving wife Sarah  
Thorowgood and her Heirs for ever, And Lastly, I do nomi-  
nate constitute and appoint Mr. Jonathan Park, my said  
brother William Thorowgood, and Mr. James Nimmo Executors  
of this my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof,  
I have hereunto set my Hand and Affixed my Seal this Ninth  
Day of October one thousand seven hundred and Eighty five -  
Signed Sealed published and  
declared in presence - .

John Thorowgood

Thomas Walker

John Thorowgood son

Mitchell Thorowgood.

Samuel Thorowgood

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County, the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1785  
The above last Will and Testament of Samuel Thorowgood Gent dec'd was proved  
according to Law by the Oaths of John Thorowgood Thomas Walker and Mitchell Tho-  
rowgood Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded. James Nimmo and Jonathan Park  
refusing to qualify, on the Motions of Sarah Thorowgood who made her and gave  
Power with fullness according to Law Letters of Administration with the Will annexed  
is Granted her in due form, during the Minority of William Thorowgood one  
of the Executors named in the said Will

E. H. Marshall

In the Name of God Amen

I Harry Kelley of the County of Princess Anne and State of  
Virginia being sick and weak but of sound sense and memory do  
make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in  
manner as follows. I recommend my Soul unto Almighty God  
who gave it me, no doubting of a joyful reunion through the merit  
of Christ my blessed Redeemer and my worldly Estate I dispose of as  
follows. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife the use of all my  
real and personal Estate during her natural Life, and after her  
decease to be divided as hereafter mentioned, Item. I give and  
bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Kelley after my wife deceas-  
eth the South part of my plantation and tract of Land whereon I  
now live with all the Houses and Buildings thereon to be laid off  
in the following manner, beginning at a Gum standing in the middle of a

Kelley Hill

Branch, thence up a branch along by the flax hole, to a marked  
Corn thum<sup>n</sup> East to the main Road, to her and her Heirs forever  
also give her timber in the flatly Swamps to supply her with Rail  
and firewood for ever, also give unto her one Negro man named  
Dick, one Negro Girl Sarah and Negro Girl Edy after my Wifes  
decease Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Kelley the  
Northward part of the plantation and tract of Land at now lie on  
adjoining his Sister Mary from the branch to the main Road thence  
Northwesterly along the Roads to Moses Browns line thence binding  
said Browns Land to a white Oak. A corner tree of said Brown  
thence South Westerly by a line marked trees to the head of Caben  
branch thence down the said branch to the first mentioned Corn  
to him as long as he lives afterwards to his Son Thomas Kelley  
to him and his Heirs for ever, and all my black Smiths tools to h.  
and his Heirs for ever. Item. I give and bequeath to my two Daughters  
Betty Matthias and Lucy Kelley my plantation and tract of la.  
I bought of Willoughby Oatem over the branch after my wifes deceas  
to be equally divided only reserving the Eastward next to the branch  
my Daughter Lucy to them and their Heirs for ever. Item. I give a  
bequeath to my Daughter Lucy Kelley after my wifes deceas Neg  
man Peter and Neg<sup>r</sup> woman Aliph to her and her Heirs for ever.  
Item. I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Mary and Lucy  
after my wifes deceas five hundred weight of Pork ten barrels of Oil  
one Horse called Toby, two Cows and Calves, two Sows and pigs two  
Beds and furniture one plough and Harrow, six Chairs two Jewel  
Boxes, two Dishes six plates, Case knives and forks one Iron pot, a  
frying pan all my Earthen ware to them and their Heirs for ever.  
Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Betty Matthias  
forty pounds Cash to be raised out of my Estate, after my wifes De  
to be laid out in young Negroes for the benefit of her Children as sh  
shall think proper and after my wifes deceas all the remainder of n  
Estate she shall leave that is not given away, to be equally Divided  
amongst all my Children and their Heirs and I do hereby appoin  
constitute my loving wife Lucy Kelley my whole and sole Executor  
of this my last and testament disannulling and revoking all other Dis  
by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand  
and Seal this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of August 1785.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged

In presence of . . . . .

John Achips  
Elizabeth Achips  
William Achips  
Joshua Matthias

Harry Kelley

At about 100ds for Princeps Anne County the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1706.  
 The aforesaid Last Will and Testament of Harry Kelley late deceased proved  
 according to Law by the Oaths of John Ashby and William Ashby two of the  
 Notaries天文 and Declared to be sound. and on the Motion of Lucy Kelley  
 the Executing witness named who made oath and gave Bond with security  
 according to Law; Certificate is Granted her for Obtaining Probate thereof  
 in due form.

*Test.*  
 E. H. Monday Esq.

# In the Name of God Amen. I Jacob

Moore of the County of Princeps Anne being sick and weak of body  
 tho in perfect sense and memory do constitute and ordain this my last  
 Will and Testament in manner and form following. Item, give and  
 bequeath unto my son William Moore if ever he should return to his  
 native County the plantation wherons I now live if in case should no  
 return unto my son Cason Moore and his Heirs for ever. Item I  
 give unto my son Cason Moore the plantation I own in Muddy Creek  
 and twenty five Acres of Marsh or hope for perhs Marred to him  
 and his Heirs for ever. If in case my son William Moore should  
 return to his County and possess the plantation wherons I live and  
 should deprive my son Cason Moore in part of his Land. that I  
 have given him that then my son Cason shall be intitled to fifty  
 Acres of the Westerd End of my plantation that I have given unto  
 my son William Moore. it being fifty Acres that I bought of John  
 Cason this to be to my son Cason Moore and Heirs for ever.

Item I give to my Daughter Dinah Moore one Bed and furniture  
 two Cows and Calves one bay mare one spinning Wheel, one Negro girl called  
 Betty. to her and her Heirs for ever. And Lastly I give my loving  
 Wife Dinah Moore a Negro Wench called Frank, during her Natural  
 and then after my lawfull debts and funeral Charges being first paid then  
 the remainder of the personal Estate of mine to be equally Divided among  
 my loving Wife Dinah and William Cason and Dinah Moore and  
 after my loving Wifes decease the Negro Wench and Increase to be equally  
 divided between my son Cason Moore and Dinah Moore to be equally  
 unto them and their Heirs for ever. And Lastly I leave my Son  
 Cason Moore and my loving Wife Dinah Moore whole and sole Executors  
 of this my last Will and Testament. In witness I have hereunto set my  
 Hand and Seal this 26 day October anno Dom: 1706

*Signed in presence of us*  
 John Moore  
 Thomas Cudlstone

*Jacob Moore*

63. At about Hhds for Prince Anne County the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1785,  
The aforesaid last Will and Testaments of Elizabeth James dec<sup>d</sup> was proved according  
to Law by the Oath of William Petty and John Moseley Esq<sup>r</sup> Notary Public  
and Ordained to be Recorded and on the Motion of the Executor therein named  
who made Oath and gave Bond and Security according to Law. Certificate is  
Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

S. H. Moseley Esq<sup>r</sup>

In the Name of God Amen. I Elizabeth  
James of Prince Anne County being at this time weak in body and  
but of a disengaging mind and memory and in perfect sense, thanks be to  
God for the same, and as for my worldly Estate I give as follows. Item.  
give and bequeath to my Daughter Lydia Sanders my Land and  
plantation wherew<sup>n</sup> I now live to her and her Heirs for ever. I except  
the use of the said Land and plantation and House to my three  
Daughters Letty, Lucy, and Anney, until they shall marry them  
so of the said Land my Desire is that my daughter Lydia shalbe  
be possessed of the said Lands also immediately after my decease for  
and my other three Daughters to live together as above mentioned, my  
and desire is that if my Daughter Lydia Sanders takes Possession of  
said Lands as above mentioned that she or her husband Emmanuel  
Saunders pay ten pounds Virginia money to each of my other Daughters  
that is to say, ten pounds to Anney, ten pounds to Lucy, ten pounds to Lett  
and ten pounds to Sarah Clay, the above mentioned money to be paid at the  
of two years after my decease. I leave all my personal Estate to be equally  
Divided between my five Daughters above mentioned. I nominate consti  
and appoint Henry Woodard my whole and sole Executor of this my  
Will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all other Will or Wills raty<sup>r</sup>  
this to be my last Will and Testament and to the truth I have hereunto  
set my Hand and Seal this Seventeenth Day of October and in the Year  
of our Lord Christ One thousand seven hundred and Eighty five.

Signed Sealed and pronounced to be my  
last Will and Testament In presence of

John Woodard

Henry Woodard

Anney X Philpot

Elizabeth & James

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County the 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 1785  
The above last Will and Testaments of Elizabeth James dec<sup>d</sup> was proved according  
to Law by the Oath of the three Executors there<sup>n</sup> and Ordained to be Recorded  
and on the Motion of the Executor therein Named who made Oath and gave bond  
and Security according to Law. Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate  
thereof in due form.

S. H. Moseley Esq<sup>r</sup>

25.

In the Name of God Amen I Mary Randolph of Princess Anne County being at this time weak in body, and sick, but of a disposing mind and memory and in perfect senses thankes be to God for I do herein make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament. Item. I give and devise unto my son Willoughby Randolph six barrels of Corn and one Cow called Porter, and one Bed and furniture one Chest one Jugg and flask to him and his Heirs for ever, Item. I give to my Daughter Truelove Cannon all my wauing apparel and all the remainder part of my Corn, and one linen Wheel one box Iron and heisters, one pair Wool Cards to her and her Heirs for ever, Item. I give to my son Giles Randolph one Woolling Wheal and Cotton Carr one small trunk and one large Jugg two Slaps to him and his Heirs for ever, I leave to be Sold all the remainder part of my Estate not mentioned and after my just Debts paid, to be equally divided between my thre Children Truelove Cannon, Giles Randolph and Willoughby Randolph and their Heirs for ever, I nominate constitute and appoint John Woodard to be my whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking and disannulling all other Wills and Testaments heretofore by me made, ratifying and Confirming this to be my last Will and testament and to the troth I have hereunto set my Hand and sealed my Seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1785.—

Signed Sealed and pronounced to be  
my last Will and Testament —

William Simmonis s.w.

Caleb E. Cummings

Mary <sup>her</sup> Randolph

mark.

At a Court held for Princess Anne County the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1785.  
The above last Will and Testament of Mary Randolph ~~etc.~~ was proved according to Law by the Oaths of William Simmonis a Witness thereto and Ordained to be Recorded  
and on the Motion of the Executor therein named who made Oath and gave Bond  
with security according to Law Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining probate  
thereof in due form.

Test

E. H. Massey Esq.

In the Name of God Amen I John Tanner of the  
County of Princess in Virginia being sick of Body, but of sound mind and memory  
calling to mind Mortality do make this my last Will and Testament in manner  
and form following Impartus. I give to my son Joshua Lamont Tanner one  
Negro boy called Lewis, Slave. I give to my son John Tanner the Land and  
plantation whereon I now live, also one Negro boy named Tom, and one Man  
called Peggy to him and his Heirs for ever. Item. I give to my son William  
Tanner the Land and plantation I bought of Edward Lamont to him and  
his Heirs for ever. Item. I give to my friend Elizabeth Cannon, my half

Dicks Will

James Will

65 of a sum which we hold between us for ever, also I give to the said Elizabeth Cannon one half of the Increase of my Bed for the term of four Years if she should live so long, also alms of Stears and this Cow and Calf, until October next. Item I give to my Daughter Mary Janer one Negro Girl named Bob to her and her Heirs for ever, Item I leave all the rest of my personal Estate to be Sold for six months Credit and after paying my just Debts, the Remainder to be put to Interest for the support of my son Williams and Daughter Mary who I leave to the care of my aforesaid Friends Mr. Cannon, Eastby I constitute and appoint my friends Thomas Walker my Executor and Elizabeth Cannon Executrix to this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills bys heretofore made. Given under my Hand and Seal this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of December in the Year of our Lord 1785.

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged,

In presence of us . . . .

George Green

James Tinkley

Mary X Stevens.

John Janer, 

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of December  
The above last Will and Testament of John Janer dec'd was proved according  
to Law by the Oath of George Green and James Tinkley two of the Witnesses  
thereto, and Ordred to be Recorded, and on the Motion of the two Executors  
therein named who made Oath and gave Bonds with Security according to Law  
Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining probate thereof in due form -

S. H. Moseley Esq.

Be it known unto all Men by these  
Presentes, that I Frances Hague of Prince Anne County have made  
and declared that my last Will and Testament in Writing bearing  
date I the said Frances Hague do by this present Codicil confirm  
and ratifie my said last Will and do give and bequeath unto my Daugh-  
ter Margret Hague one Bead and fermetter and I give and be-  
queath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Hague one pound ten Shillings  
and I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Margret Hague one pound  
ten Shillings, and all the remainder of his jerseny Arstato to be Sold and his  
Debts to be paid and funeral Expences and what is left to be Divided  
amongst all his Children and my Will and meaingusthat this Codicil or  
Schedule be and be adjudged to be part and parcel of my said Will and  
Testament and that all things therein contained and mentioned be faithfully  
performed in as full and ample manner in every respect as if the same  
were so declared and set down in my said Will, In Witness whereof  
I the said Frances Hague have hereunto do appoint Thomas Brent  
Thomas Pibworth Sawtells and Adaminestens December 6<sup>th</sup> 1785.

Elizabeth Brent

Caty Gamewell

Frances X Hague, my hand, 

66. At a Court held for Princess Anne County the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of December 1786.  
The aforesaid last Will and Testament of John Bricks Hague late of was  
proved according to Law by the Oath of the two Witnesses sheweth and  
Ordered to be Recorded, and on the Motion of the two Executors therein  
named who made Oath and gave Bonds with Security according to Law  
Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

Just  
Ex H. Moody Esq.

In the Name of God Amen.

Solomon Sikes of Princess Anne County being infirm in body but  
in perfect health, do make and order this my last Will and Testament  
in form following that is to say. I give and recommend my soul  
unto the hands of Almighty God who gave it and my body  
to the Earth to be decently entered at the discretion of T. Fenton  
Curryman whom I make sole Executor of this my last Will  
and Testament and touching such worldly Estate which it hath  
pleased God to bless me with. I will and bequeath in the following  
manner and form. I bequeath to my son Asa Sikes the Westward  
side joining George D. Corpew Esq. Ifagulo run now called.  
Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Asa Sikes my hand  
Hill, a Cow with Calf and a Mare after my son Simon Sikes having  
the first Calf at a year old. and a Grindstone. Item. I give and bequeath  
unto my son Simon Sikes the Eastwards side of the Run belonging  
to the Land joining Caleb Fentons line, one feather Bed and furni  
ture two Heifers married Lady and Blaize, an Iron pot and Jack  
apewther Dish and two Basons. Item. I give and bequeath to my  
Daughter Sarah Sikes a Cow with Calf a feather bed and furniture  
a Chest and Table, a Dish and two Basons. an Earthen Dish and  
half a dozen plates, with all other trifling matters belonging to the  
House. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Levi Sikes a Dish  
and a Basin. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Elias Sikes  
a Basin and Frying pan. Item its further mentioned if my Daughter  
Sarah Sikes dies without an Heir, that my son Simon may her  
Item. I give and bequeath unto Timothy Wood a dark brown Slips  
three years Old. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Solomon  
Sikes and his Heirs one quarter Dole, and I do hereby utterly disallow  
revoke and disconnect all and every other former testaments and Wills  
any ways before made and bequeathed, ratifying and Confirming  
this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1786

J. G.

67. Signed Sealed published pronounced  
by the said Solomon Sikes as his last  
Will and Testament in the presence of us  
who in his presence and the presence of each  
other have signed Subscribers our Names

Caleb <sup>in Test.</sup> Fenton  
Thomas Brown  
Caleb X Fenton Junr.

Solomon X Sikes. <sup>mark.</sup>

At about Hhld for Prince Anne County the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1780.  
The above last Will and Testament of Solomon Sikes dec'd was proved according to  
Law by the Oath of Caleb Fenton and Caleb Fenton Junr. Wthm<sup>as</sup> thereto an  
Order to be recorded and Probate is Granted the Executor thereon named who  
made Oath and gave Bond and Security according to Law

E. H. Moultrie Esq  
*S. B.*

In the Name of God Amen.

Elizabeth Whitehurst the widow of James Whitehurst dec'd of  
the County of Prince Anne of Virginia being of sound mind and  
memorv do make this my last will and Testament, I do appoint  
my Brother in Law Samuel Williamson to be my Executor of this  
my last Will and Testament. Item, I give unto my Daughter  
Sarah Whitehurst one Cow and Calf one Sheet ore table one Bed and  
pulture four plates and one Basin and three Chairs two spinning  
Wicks two pair of Cards one Spoon pot one Dish and to her and her Heirs  
for ever. Item, I give unto my son David Whitehurst one Gun and what  
is belong to it to his Heirs for ever. all the rest of my Estate I give to  
my two Sons, Samuel Whitehurst and Tully Whitehurst to be equally  
divided between them two to have it to act there Education with their  
Heirs for ever, hereunto I set my Hand and Seal this twen  
sixth Day of December 1785.

Signed Sealed and Delivered

In the Presence of us.

Matthew Godfrey.

George Williamson

Robert Burley

Elizabeth X Whitehurst <sup>mark.</sup>

At a Court held in Prince Anne County the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1781  
The above last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Whitehurst the same was proved according  
to Law by the Oath of George Williamson and Matt Godfrey two of the Subscribers thereto and  
Ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Samuel Williamson the Executor thereon  
named who gave Bond and security according to Law, Certificate is Granted him  
for Obtaining Probate therof in due form.

E. H. Moultrie Esq

# In the Name) of God Amen

I Jonathan Dawley of Prince Anne County being very sick  
and weak of body but perfect mind and memorye thanks be to  
God. I recommend my Soul to God who gave it me. in manner  
and form following Item. I give and bequeath unto my  
Dearly beloved mother Mary Dawley my plantation which  
I now possess and all my moveable Estate without and within unto  
her live time and after her decease I leave my plantation and all  
my moveable Estate without and within to be Sold Item. I give  
and bequeath unto Frances Ains ten pounds Current money  
out of my Estate to him and his Heirs forever. Item. I give  
and bequeath unto Franky Cappis the Daughter of John the  
Remainder part of the money which my plantation and moveable  
Estate reaches unto her and her Heirs for ever. Item. I desire that  
John Cappis the Son of John and Dennis Dawley to be my whole  
and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament In witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and fixed my  
Seal this second Day of January in the Year of our Lord  
Christ, One thousand seven hundred and Eighty six. —

Signed Sealed and Delivered,

In the presence of,

Sydia <sup>for</sup> Davis  
Margaret <sup>for</sup> Cappis  
Mary <sup>for</sup> Dawley  
William Cappis

Jonathan <sup>for</sup> Dawley <sup>marko.</sup>

At a Court held for Prince Anne County the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1785  
The above last Will and Testament of Jonathan Dawley doth was  
proved according to Law by the Oath of the three Witnesses thereto and Ordred  
to be Recorded and on the Motion of John Cappis one of the Executors therin  
Named who made Oath and gave Bond with Security according to Law  
Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form

E. H. Mowley

69. In the Name of God Amen. I Henry  
Haynes of the County of Prince Anne and State of Virginia  
doth make this my last Will and Testament in manner and  
form following. .... Imprimis. I give and bequeath to my belov-  
ed wife Betty Haynes the use of all my Slaves till my Child  
respectively at the age of twenty one years, or are married, at which  
time such Child shall receive his or her equal part of the Slave  
exclusive of one third part which I give to my said wife during  
her natural life, and after her decease to be equally divided  
amongst all my Children. In consequence of the above bequest  
my wife is to keep, maintain Educate and bring my Children up  
in a Christian way. Item, I give and devise to my Son Henry  
Haynes, the tract or parcel of Land, I purchased from Nathaniel  
Hoggard, to him and his Heirs for ever: the balance if any t  
may be due to said Hoggard to be paid out of my Estate. &c.  
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife the use of all the residue  
and remainder of my Estate, of what nature, soever, during her  
natural life, and after her decease the whole to be equally divided  
amongst my Children, provided the debts due to me should not  
be sufficient to pay my debts. I will that so much of my Estate as  
my said wife may think proper be sold for that purpose,  
constitute and appoint my beloved wife Executrix of this my last  
Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set  
my Hand and Seal this tenth Day of December Anno Dom: 1758  
Signed Sealed published and Declared  
ratified and Confirmed in the presence of  
Jonathan Park  
William Thorongood.

At about Held for Prince Anne County February the 9th Day 1758  
The above last Will and Testament of Henry Haynes dec: was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of the two Witnesses thereto, and Ordained  
to be recorded, and on the motion of the Executive therein Named  
who made Oath and gave Bond and Security according to Law, Certi-  
cate is Granted her for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

E. H. Massey Esq

70.

In the Name of God Amen.

Elizabeth Harris, of the County of Prince Anne and  
Common wealth of Virginia (Spinster) being sick and weak in  
body, but of a sound and disposing mind and memory blessed  
be God, do make and publish this paper writing, as and for my  
last Will and Testament in manner and form following: Vizt,  
Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my Sister, Pamela Harris,  
ten pounds, to be taken from and out of the Legacy, which was  
given me by Doctor John Brownlie dec<sup>d</sup>, in his last Will and  
Testament, when the said Legacy shall be recovered and received  
by my Executrix herein after mentioned, and the remainder of and  
residue of said Legacy when so recovered and received, I give and  
bequeath unto my Mother, Frances Harris. Item, I give and  
bequeath unto my said Sister, Pamela Harris, one Bed and bed  
steads, two Chairs and one Table, to her and her Heirs for ever.  
Lastly, I nominate, constitute and appoint my said Sister  
Frances Harris Executrix of this my said last Will and  
Testament.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered,

In Presence of .....

William Nimmo, Junr.

Thomas X Webb  
mark.

Elizabeth X Harris.

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County, the 9<sup>th</sup>. Day of February 1786.  
The above last Will and Testament of Elizabeth Harris dec<sup>d</sup>, was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of, William Nimmo Junr. one of the Wits  
thereto and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the Motion of the Executive  
therein Named who made Oath, and gave Bond with Security  
according to Law, Certificate is Granted for Obtaining Probate thereof  
in due form. —

Seal

E. H. Monday 6th,

7<sup>th</sup>) In the Name of God Amen.

William Kilgore senior of the County of Prince Anne, and State of Virginia, being of sound senses, and knowing the uncertainty of this Life, do ordain this to be my last Will and testimony as follow  
I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Frances Kilgore all my right of that Land, I bought of Connor, to her for ever, and the remainder of Estate, I likewise give and bequeath to my said Wife to her Disposal, after my lawful debts are paid, out of my Estate, what is remaining is all my Wifes property for ever. I do Ordain and constitute my son in Law George Hudgings and William Kilgore, and John Kilgore and James Johnson, to be my whole and Sole Executors to this my last Will and testament As Witness my Hand and Seal this 28 Day of October 1781  
Signed Sealed and Delivered }

In the Presence of ...

James Johnson.  
John Shortzraize.  
Richard R. Whitehurst

William Kilgore.

Kilgores Hill.

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1780  
The above Last Will and Testament of William Kilgore sen<sup>r</sup> dec<sup>r</sup> was proved according to Law by the Oath of John Shortzraize attesting thereto, and is Ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of George Hudgenis one of the Executors therin Named who made Oath and gave Bonds with Security as the Law directs Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

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E. H. Master et al

72.  
In the Name of God Amen.

I Thomas Brown of the County of Princess Anne being sick, but in sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God, calling to mind, and desire to give my Wor<sup>d</sup>ly Goods as please Almighty God, to endow me with. Item, I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas Brown and his Heirs for ever, the Land and plantation, I formerly live on, bounded by line, containing 75 Acres more or less, being the Land that my farther gave me in his Will. Item, I give and bequeath to my Son Samuel Brown and his Heirs for ever, the Land and plantation I now live on, contain 50 Acres more or less. Also 25 Acres in the back Woods as my farther bought, of William Wickeris. Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Peggy Brown and her Heirs for ever, one Negro man calld Ginn. Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Betty Brown and Pollery Brown, Negro, Nan, and Negro George, and there increase to be equally divided between them, and if in case either should die under age, for their part to fall to the other. I desire that there should not be a Division, till the age of the Eldest comes to Eighteen, to them and their Heirs for ever. Item, I leave Negro Hanner and Negro Violet to be sold and all the rest of my Estate on given I desire my just debts to be paid, and for thirty two Pounds to be applyed towards my four Eldest Children for Bordo and Schoolen, and the rest of the money to be equally to be Divided between all my Children. I appoint my Friends Samuel Wallace Executor of this my last Will and Testa- ment, as Witness my Hand and Seal this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1785.

Witness,

G. D. Corpeno.

Henry Woodard

John Corpeno

Diney + Brown

Thomas Brown

73. At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1752  
The aforesaid last Will and Testaments of Thomas Brown dec'd.  
was proved according to Law by the Oath of Henry Woodard and  
John Corporation two of the witnesses thereto, and Ordred to be Recorded  
and on the Motion of the Executor therin Named who made Oath  
and gave Bond with Security according to Law. Certificate is granted  
him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form. —

Sent  
E. H. Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

In the Name of God Amen  
I, Josiah Woodard of Princess Anne County, being at this  
time weak in body and sick, but of a disposing mind and  
memory and in perfect senses thank's be to God for the  
same, and calling to mind the mortality of man, and the  
certainty Death do make and Ordain this to be my  
last Will and Testament. Item. I give and bequeath  
to my well beloved Wife Elizabeth Woodard one Cow  
called , Jack, and one black Cow, and one New and pu-  
ne feather bed and furniture, one Boom and tackl  
one Iron pot and Jackis, one Linnin Wheel and one Ch.  
also all my dry bacon, hams midlings, Joles, Shouldis  
also seven barrels of Corn during her Natural life, and  
after her Death to be equally divided between my three  
sons. William, Godfrey, and Josiah, Item, I give  
and bequeath unto my three Eldest sons William Wood-  
ard, Godfrey Woodard and Josiah Woodard my Negro  
girl Penelopy, with her Increase to be equally divided  
between them and their Heirs, and if in case either of  
the said three Sons should depart this life without Heir  
my Desire is, that the said Negro and increase be di-  
vided between the other of the said three Sons that are  
living and theirs for ever. Item. I give to my son Josiah

Woodard one Bed and furniture to him and his  
Heirs for ever; Item. I give to my son William  
Woodard one Heifer marked Crop and Slit the right  
Ear and over Seal the left. to him and his Heirs.  
for ever; Item. I give and bequeath to my youngest  
son Wilson Woodard my now dwelling plantation and  
Land whereon I now live. to him and his Heirs. law-  
fully begotten for ever, excepting the use of the said  
Land to my well beloved Wife during her natural life  
or Widowhood but my Will and desire is that if my son  
Wilson Woodard should depart this life without Heir of his  
body for my Lands to descend to my son Josiah Woodard  
and his Heirs for ever. Item. I give and bequeath to my  
beloved wife Elizabeth Woodard. the use of Land and plantation  
during her natural life or Widowhood but if she should at  
any time marry then for my Land two thirds of it to  
be rented for the use of my son Wilson Woodard, also I  
give the use of my Negro Girl Penelopy to my wife during  
her Natural life or Widowhood. I leave all the remainder part  
of my Estate to be sold for twelve months Credit and after  
my just debts paid to be equally divided between my three sons  
William Godfrey and Josiah. to be equally divided between  
them and their Heirs. I nominate constitute and appoint  
my beloved wife Elizabeth Woodard my whole and sole executor  
of this my last Will and Testament utterly revoking and  
disannulling all other Will or Wills heretofore by me made.  
ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and Tes-  
tament and to the truth I have hereunto set my Hand  
and Seal this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of February 1786. —

Signed Sealed and pronounced  
to be my last Will and testament.

In the Presence of . . . .

William Simmons

Martin Cummings  
Caleb L Cummings

Josiah Woodard.

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At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 13 day of April  
The aforesaid last Will and Testament of Josiah Woodard dec'd  
was proved according to Law, by the Oath of Martin Cumming  
and Caleb Cumming two of the Witnesses thereto, and Ordered  
to be Recorded, and on the Motion of Elizabeth Woodard the  
Executive therin named, who made Oath, and gave Bond with  
Security according to Law, Certificate is Granted for Obtaining  
Probate thereof in due Form.

Sect.

E. H. Mooreley Esq.

In the Name of God Amen.

I Andrew Etheredge of the County of Princess Anne  
and Precinct of Blackwater being in sickness, but in  
sound mind and memory, and thinking it proper to give  
my worldly Goods as please Almighty God to endue me  
with, Item, I give and bequeath unto my Grandson son  
Matthias Etheredge and his Heirs for ever, the one half of  
the Land as I bought of Abram Wermington near  
Alderton's Percorson, only except the said Land to his  
Mother Aliah Etheredge, I gave her, her Life in said  
Land being about fifty Acres binding by line and Percorson  
Item, I gave and bequeath unto my Daughter Diney  
Etheredge and her Heirs for ever, the other half of the said  
Land as I bought of Abram Wermington it being fifty  
Acres more or less bounded by Line and Percorson, Item  
I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Bekey Etheredge  
and Mary Etheredge and their Heirs for ever, the Land and  
Plantation I now live on, also fifty Acres in the Swamp as I  
bought of James Tooley for it to be equally to be divided  
between them, Item, I give and bequeath unto my Grandson  
Andrew Etheredge and his Heirs for ever the Land and plants  
at the head of the River containing forty Acres, bounden  
by Line and one Cow and Calf, it being all I intend to give  
him, Item, I give and bequeath unto Mary Eaton two  
Hessars about three Years Old, Item, I give and bequeath  
unto my Daughter Diney Etheredge, Mary Etheredge, an

Etheredge's Will.

75 Beechey Etheredge all the rest of my Stock of Cattle  
ongiven to them and theirs for ever, Item, I give  
and bequeath unto my Daughter Diney Etheredge,  
and Mary Etheredge and Beechey Etheredge all the rest of  
my Estate ongivin to be equally to be divided between them.  
Item, my desire is that the Cattle should not be Sold from  
the Children as they are under age, & I appoint George D.  
Corprew my Executor of this my last Will and Testament.  
At Witness my Hand and Seal this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1706.

Witness,

G. D. Corprew.

Fenton Cumming

Lydia + Randolph

Andrew A Etheredge,

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1706,  
The above last Will and Testament of Andrew Etheredge her was proved  
according to Law, by the Oath of Fenton Cumming and Lydia Randolph  
two of the Witnesses thereto and is Ordered to be Recorded, And on the Motion  
of the Executor therein Named, who made Oath and gave Bond with Security  
according to Law, Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereon  
in due form. —

E. H. Moseley Esq.



In the Name of God Amen.

I Thomas Whitehouse of the County of Prince  
Anne in Virginia being sick and weak of body but of  
perfect mind and memory thanks be to God for the  
same, but calling to mind it is appointed for all  
men once to die, do make and ordain this my last  
Will and Testament in manner and form as  
following / Vizt / Item, I give unto my Daughter  
Amy my Negro Wench Pleasant her and her Increase  
to her and her Heirs for ever. Item, I desire all the  
remainder of my Estate of all kinds and nature whatso-  
ever, I desire may be Sold at publick Sale and from the  
same money so accruing I desire all my lawful debts to be paid

first, and the Remainder to be put upon Interest for  
my said Daughter Amy, and when she should be  
of age to be the whole delivered unto her for ever  
and if she should die without Heir, the Negroes to be  
Sold, and all the Remainder of my Estate that I have  
given unto her to be equally divided between my three  
brothers, namely Jonathan Whitehouse Solomon White-  
house and John Whitehouse to them and their Heirs for ever  
**And Lastly** I constitute and appoint Eason  
Moore my whole and Sole Executor of this my last  
Will and testament revoking and anulling all other  
Wills and Testaments by me formerly made and ratify-  
ing and Confirming this and no other to be my last  
Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I do  
hereunto set my Hand and Seal this tenth day of  
August, One thousand seven hundred and Eighty six.

Signed and Sealed,

In the presence of,

Smith Brown

William Griffin

William Whitehouse

Thomas X Whitehouse,

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September  
The above last Will and Testament of Thomas Whitehouse d.  
was proved according to Law, by the Oath of the three  
Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded. And on the  
Motion of the Executor therein named, who made Oath  
and gave Bonds with Security according to Law.  
Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof  
in due form. —

Seal

E. H. Mawley Esq

76) In the Name of God Amen

I Benjamin Griffith of the County of Princess Anne  
being very sick, but of sound mind and memory thanks  
be to God for it, calling to mind the mortality of the  
Body, and knowing that it's appointed for all men once  
to die do make and ordain this my last Will and  
Testament in manner and form as followeth, to wit, item  
I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Griffith  
Ten pounds hard money to her and her Heirs for ever, my  
Will and desire is, that all my Estate of what kind soever  
it be within and without Books to be sold at publick Sale,  
and after ten pounds paid to my daughter Elizabeth all  
the rest of the money to be equally divided amongst  
my well beloved wife Elizabeth and all my Children.  
nominating and appointing my Friend Samuel  
Vial and John Matthias as Executors of this my  
last Will and Testament, At Witness I have  
hereunto set my hand and Seal this fifteenth Day of  
January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty two.

Signed Sealed,

In presence of,

John Matthias

Barth<sup>m</sup> Banwell

Henry X Matthias

Benjamin Griffith

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 1<sup>st</sup>. day of December  
A.D. 1782 the above last Will and Testament of Benjamin Griffith  
was proved according to Law by the Oath of the three Witnesses  
thereunto and Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of  
John Matthias one of the Executors who made Oath and gave  
Bond and Security according to Law Certificate is Granted him  
for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form, Liberty is reserved to  
the other Executor to join in the Probate when he shall think fit.

Sect<sup>r</sup>

E. H. Mowley Esq.

# In the Name of God Amen

I Solomon Wilkins of ~~Princes~~ Prince Anne County Virginia,  
being in sound mind and memory make this my last Will  
and Testament in manner and form following, to wit.

I give and bequeath unto my three Sons, Peter, William  
and John Wilkins all my Lands to them and their Heirs  
forever, to be equally divided between them reserving however  
for my two Daughters Mary and Margaret for five Years.

I give and bequeath to my son Peter three Negroe little

Frank, Argil and Sarah to him and his Heirs for ever.

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jean Benthol  
three Negroe, Sulley, Judah and Easter the Daughter of Sarah

to her and her Heirs for ever. I give and bequeath

to my daughter Mary three Negroes, Harry Ann, Bob, one  
Bed and side Saddle to her and her Heirs for ever.

I give and bequeath to my Son William three —  
Negroes Silbury, Bob, old Easter, and the Choise of my

House to him and his Heirs for ever. I give

and bequeath to my son John fore Negroes Harry George  
old Harry and Ned to him and his Heirs for ever. I give

and bequeath to my Daughter Margaret three Negroes  
Frank the son of Easter Rachel Easter the daughter of Bob

and one Bed to her and her Heirs for ever. And it

is my Will and desire that if any of my Children die without  
lawful Heir or before they cum of Age that then it is my Will

that their Estates be Equally divided amongst the rest of my

Children surviving and it is my Will that all the rest of my  
Estate that is not already given both Real and personal be equally

divided between my ~~two~~ Children as is above mentioned.

I also constitute and appoint my son Peter Wilkins —  
Executor to this my last Will and Testament. In

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and

Seal this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1784. —

Signed, Sealed & Delivered and Acknowledged in presence of

John Cornick

Blazon & Vangover

*solomon X Wilkins*

78. At a Court held for Prince Anne County the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1701  
The aforesaid last Will and Testament of Solomon Wilkins dec'd  
was proved according to Law by the Oath of John Cornick Esq: one  
of the Notaries and Ordered to be recorded the Executor therein named  
being dead, on the Motion of William Wilkins who made Oath and gave  
Bond and Security according to Law, Certificate is Granted him for  
Obtaining Letters of Administration on the Estate of the said  
Solomon Wilkins with the Will annexed in due form —

O. S.  
E. H. Morning Oct.

In the Name of God Amen.

I Charles Nicholson of the County of Prince Anne in the  
Colony of Virginia being very sick and weak in body but of sound  
and perfect memory as ever thanks be to God do make  
and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament to s:  
Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my wife Peggy

Nicholson the use of all the personal Estate that she had  
when I married her both Stock and Household furni-  
ture during her natural life, and after her death to be  
equally divided between her two youngest Children Betty  
and William Bishop, also I give my wife Peggy the  
use of one Negro Wench named Hannah during her  
life and after her Death I give the said Negro Wench  
Hannah to my son Charles Nicholson to him and his  
Heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Charles  
Nicholson one Negro fellow named Argill and one Negro  
girl named Muricer to him and his Heirs forever. Item

I give and bequeath unto my son John Nicholson a Negro  
fellow named Frank to him and his Heirs forever. Item

I give and bequeath unto my son Charles Nicholson the use  
of one Negro boy named Owen until my Grand daughter  
Anne Gashling arrives to the Age of Eighteen Years or day of  
Marriage which ever shall first happen, then I give the said  
Negro to my said Grand daughter Anne Gashling but if  
she should die within them term of Years then I give the said

Negro to my son John Nicholson and his Heirs —  
Item. I give and bequeath unto Betsy Biddle one bay  
Mare & colt that she has now in her possession to her and her  
Heirs. Item. I give and bequeath to my son Charles Nicholson  
one Cow and Calf and all my household furnitue  
re except one large Iron pot and that I give to my  
son John Nicholson. I also leave the remainder of my  
Stock to be equally divided between my two sons John Ni-  
cholson and Charles Nicholson. I also leave my Negroe wench  
Jenny to be sold at ather private or publick Sale for  
the use of paying my just debts and after collecting  
and paying all my just debts what money is left I leave  
to be equally divided between my two sons John Nicholson  
and Charles Nicholson AND I Astly nominate  
constitute and appoint my two sons John Nicholson and  
Charles Nicholson Executors of this my last Will and Testa-  
ment. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and Seal this twenty first Day of October 1786 —

Signed Sealed and Delivered —

In the Presence of —  
William Cartwright  
Robert Hartson  
John Biddle

Charles Nicholson

At a Court held for Princess Anne County the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1786  
The above last Will and Testament of Charles Nicholson dec:  
was proved according to Law by the Oath of John Biddle  
and Robert Hartson two of the witnesses thereto and ordered  
to be Recorded and on the Motion of the two Executors  
who made oath and gave Bonds with Security accord-  
ing to Law Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining Probate  
thereof in due form —

E. H. Roseley Esq.

# In the Name of God Amen

I Thomas Bustin of the County of Princess Anne being  
 very sick but of sound mind and memory thanks be to the Almighty  
 God for it, calling to mind the mortality of the body knowing  
 that it is appointed once for all men to die do make this my  
 last Will and Testament in the following manner, Item,  
 I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Molley Davis, one  
 young Negro boy she has now in possession called Tim to her  
 and her Heirs for ever, Item, I give and bequeath unto John  
 Griffen one Negro wench called Annica which he had in possession  
 and her future Increase to him and his Heirs for ever, Item, I give  
 and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Kisia Bustin all my real  
 and personal Estate within and without Dooms as long as she lives  
 a widowhood till my younger Child arrives to the age of twenty one  
 years my son Benjamin, except my Negro fellow called Toby  
 and when my said Son comes to that age then for it to be equally  
 divided between my loving wife Kisia Bustin and my Children  
 William, Thomas, Samuel, David and Benjamin to them  
 and their Heirs for ever, I leave my Negro Toby to be hired out  
 one Year after my death to bring my children up on which  
 I have by my last wife, & Item I give and bequeath unto my  
 daughters Lucy, Peggie and Frankey my Negro Toby after the  
 Years hire to them and their Heirs for ever, and if my Daughter  
 Frankey marries I give her one Cow and Calf out of my Estate to her  
 and her Heirs for ever nominating and appointing my beloved  
 wife as Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking and  
 disannulling all other Wills and Testaments In Witness  
 whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twenty  
 eight day of March one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six

Bustins Will

20. Sealed and Delivered }  
In the Presence of }  
John Matthias son.  
William Murray.  
William Stone.

Thomas Bustin Esq. 

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County April the 13 day 1787.

The aforesaid last Will and Testament of Thomas Bustin dec'd  
was proved according to Law by the Oath of William Murray and  
William Stone two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be sealed  
and on the Motion of the Executrix therein named who made Oath  
and gave Bond and Security according to Law Certificate  
granted her for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

Oath,  
E. H. Moseley

In the Name of God Amen  
that I Jonathan Whitehurst of the County of Princess Anne  
being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory  
thanks to God for the same, calling to mind the mortality of  
my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die  
to make an ordain of this my last Will and Testament and  
the discretion of my Executors. I desire my body to be buried  
a Christian manner and form as followeth, Item. I give and  
bequeath unto my son Jefre Whitehurst the plantation that I now  
live on unto him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath  
unto my two sons Jefre Whitehurst and David Whitehurst my  
Marsh Land lying on Caporos to be equally divided and if Jefre  
Whitehurst should die without heir lawfully begotten of his body  
I give and bequeath the said Land to my son David Whitehurst until  
his Heirs for ever, Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter  
Sarah Whitehurst one feather Bed and Furniture. Item I give and  
bequeath unto my daughter Lucy Whitehurst one feather bed and  
Furniture. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth

20. Sealed and Delivered }  
In the Presence of }  
John Matthias son.  
William Murray.  
William Stone.

Thomas Bustin Esq. 

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County April the 13 day 1787.

The aforesaid last Will and Testament of Thomas Bustin dec'd  
was proved according to Law by the Oath of William Murray and  
William Stone two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be sealed  
and on the Motion of the Executrix therein named who made Oath  
and gave Bond and Security according to Law Certificate  
granted her for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

Oath,  
E. H. Moseley

In the Name of God Amen  
that I Jonathan Whitehurst of the County of Princess Anne  
being very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory  
thanks to God for the same, calling to mind the mortality of  
my body knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die  
to make an ordain of this my last Will and Testament and  
the discretion of my Executors. I desire my body to be buried  
a Christian manner and form as followeth, Item. I give and  
bequeath unto my son Jefre Whitehurst the plantation that I now  
live on unto him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath  
unto my two sons Jefre Whitehurst and David Whitehurst my  
Marsh Land lying on Caporos to be equally divided and if Jefre  
Whitehurst should die without heir lawfully begotten of his body  
I give and bequeath the said Land to my son David Whitehurst until  
his Heirs for ever, Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter  
Sarah Whitehurst one feather Bed and Furniture. Item I give and  
bequeath unto my daughter Lucy Whitehurst one feather bed and  
Furniture. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth

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Whitchurst one feather Bed and furniture, Item I give and  
bequeath unto my son David Whitchurst one Mare Colt, and all  
her Increase unto him and his heirs for ever. Item I give and  
bequeath unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Whitchurst all the rest of  
my personable Estate without and within to her widowhood and  
after her Widowhood unto my Daughter Sarah Whitchurst and  
Tiley Whitchurst and David Whitchurst; and unto my daughter  
Elizabeth Whitchurst to be equally divided among them all and  
if my beloved wife Elizabeth Whitchurst should marry I desire her to  
have a equal part with the rest of my said Children. Item I  
appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Whitchurst and my friend Willoughby  
Berry my whole sole and Executor of this my last Will and Testament  
revising and disannulling all other Wills and Testaments formerly made  
by me as Witness my Hand and Seal this 3 day of January 1787.  
Signed Sealed and Delivered }

In the presence of . . .

Solomon Whitchurst  
Dennis X Capps  
John X Whitchurst  
William Capps

Jonathan X Whitchurst

At a Court Held for Union June County the 12 day of April 1787.  
The above last Will and Testament of Jonathan Whitchurst deceased  
was proved according to Law by the Oath of Dennis Capps and  
Solomon Whitchurst two of the Witnesses thereto and is Ordered  
to be Recorded and on the Motion of the Executor and  
Executive therein named who made Oath and gave Bond  
and Security according to Law. Certificate is granted  
them for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form —

E. H. Nowley Esq.

81. In the Name of God Amen

John Dier of the County of Princess Anne in Virginia  
being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and memory  
thanks be to God for the same but calling to mind it the  
mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed for all  
men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and  
testament in manner and form as following. [Viz.] Item. I  
give unto my son Willoughby Dyer the plantation whereon  
I now live divided by a line beginning at the Creek at  
the end of an ditch running down the said ditch near a plot  
Northwest corse to a pine, then turning near West corse to a white  
Oak Rainey's line thus I give to him and his lawfully begotten  
Item. I give unto my son John Dyer all the remainder of  
my Land on the South West side of the line before mentioned  
except a peace of Land joining of said track on the South side  
divided by a line beginning at the Marsh or Creek running  
to a persimmon tree and from thence strake Corse still to John  
Rainey's line, that peace of Land and Marsh I leave to be got  
and also a peace of Land and Marsh that I bought of Francis  
Airs with the other before mentioned only he is to give my so  
Willoughby Dyer the privilege of timber firewood and Litter  
on it, I give it to him and his heirs lawfully begotten Item  
give unto my son John one Cow and Calf and Increase one  
bed and furniture. I give unto my beloved wife Ruth  
Dyer all the reman of my Estates of all kinds and nature  
to her her widowhood and at her lives end to be equally  
divided between my three Children Willoughby Keria and John  
after my lawful debts are paid. I constitute and appoint my  
son Willoughby Dyer and Smith Brown my sole and whole  
Executors of this my last Will and testament revoking an  
annull all other Wills and testaments by me formerly made  
and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last

82. Will and Testament In Writings whereof I have  
hereunto set my Hand and Seal this nineteenth Day of  
September One thousand seven hundred and Eighty one  
Signed and Sealed in presence of

Solomon Whitehurst

William Bonney

Nathan Bonney

John Dyer

To a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 12 day of April 1787.  
The above last Will and Testament of John Dyer dec. was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of Solomon Whitehurst and William  
Bonney two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded  
and on the motion of Willoughby Dyer and Smith Brown the  
Executors therein named, who made Oath and gave Bonds with  
Security according to Law. Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining  
Probate thereof in due form

Whitehurst's Will.

In the Name of God Amen.

I Amey Whitehurst of the County of Princess Anne being sick  
and weak of body but of a sound mind and memory thanks be to  
God for the same but calling to mind the mortality of my body  
knowing that it is appointed for all persons to die do make and  
Ordain this my last Will and Testimony in manner and form  
following (Viz.) Item. I give and bequeath unto my son William  
Whitehurst one Negro girl called Caster and Twenty five pounds  
Cash, one Mare, two Cows and Calves, and all my House Furniture, to  
him and his heirs for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto Peggy  
Whitehurst my brother's daughter my Chest and wearing Clothes  
together with one years Schooling and one Gold Ring, and one pair  
of Silver buckles the smallest pair I have to her and her Heirs for ever.

E. H. Moorey Esq.

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Henry I give and bequeath unto Mary Jobson one flowery ground  
to her and her heirs for ever, I do ordain and constitute my brother  
Francis Whitehurst to be my Executor to this my last Will and  
Testament ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will.  
As witness my Hand and Seal this second day of December  
One thousand seven hundred and Eighty Six

Signed in the presence of us -

Therowgoode Land

Batson Morden

Henry Morden

Amy X Whitehurst

mark -

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1787 -

The above last Will and Testament of Amy Whitehurst doth was  
proved according to Law by the Oath of Therowgoode Land  
Batson Morden and Henry Morden witnesses thereto and -  
Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the Executor therein  
named who made Oath and gave Bond with Security according to  
Law. Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probat thereof in due  
form -

Dated  
E. H. Monterey Esq.

In the Name of God Amen

I John Matthias son of the County of Princess Anne in  
Virginia being in perfect health thanks be to the Almighty  
God for it calling to mind the mortality of life and  
knowing that it tis appointed for all men once to die  
do make this my last Will and Testament in man-  
ner and form as follows to wit, Imprimis, I give -  
and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Elizabeth Matthias  
the Use of the Land and plantation I now live on and the  
Land I bought of Charles Matthias and one Negroe wench  
called Sary during her natural life. Item, I give and

bequeath unto my son Henry Matthias one Negro fellow  
called Tom and fifty Acres of Land I bought of Reuben  
Matthias to him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give and  
bequeath unto my daughter Frankey Wiles one Negro Wench  
called Edie and her future Increase also one bed and furniture  
and ten pounds Cash out of my Estate to her and her Heirs  
for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Matthew  
Matthias fifty Acres of Land called Bread Ridge, and one  
Negro boy called Anthony to him and his Heirs for ever  
and in case he never returns back again I give the said Negro  
Anthony to my Daughter Holley Matthias to her and her  
Heirs for ever and for her to take him in possession till he returns  
back also the Land if he never returns I give it to my son John  
Matthias to him and his heirs for ever and for him to take  
the said Land in possession till he returns. Item I give and  
bequeath unto my son John Matthias the Land and plantation  
I bought of Joshua Matthias and one Negro Girl called Rachel  
and her future Increase to him and his heirs for ever. Item  
I give and bequeath unto my son Reuben Matthias the Land  
and plantation I bought of Edward Lancourt and Harry  
Kelley and one Negro fellow called Jack to him and his heirs  
for ever.

Carried forward. John Matthias

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Holley  
Matthias one Negro Wench called Bess and future Increase  
also twenty pounds Cash to be raised out of my estate to her and her  
Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son James  
Matthias the Land and plantation I got by his Mother Sarah  
Lester and one Negro boy called Jack to him and his Heirs for ever.  
Item I give and bequeath unto my son Jonathan Matthias the  
Land and plantation I bought of Sam Cotton and John Akiss  
and one Negro boy called Owin to him and his Heirs for ever.

and if he dies without Heir and his Land or Negro not sold  
to maintain him I give unto my son James Matthias and daughter  
Molley Matthias to them and their Heirs for ever. Item. I  
give and bequeath unto my son David Matthias one Negro fellow  
called Sam and a Negro Girl called Amy and her future Increase  
to him and his Heirs for ever. Item. I give and bequeath unto  
my son Isaac Matthias the Land and plantation I now live on  
and the pieces I bought of Charles Matthias after my Wifes natural  
life. I give my said son Isaac one Negro Girl called Janny and her  
future Increase to him and his Heirs for ever. Item. I give and  
bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Matthias one Negro Girl  
called Lydia and her future Increase to her and her Heirs for ever.  
Item. I give unto my Daughter Molley Matthias one Negro Girl called  
Hannah and her future Increase to her and her Heirs for ever.  
Item. I give and bequeath unto my Grandson John Barwell twenty  
Pounds Cash to him and his Heirs for ever out of my Estate -

John Matthias,

And if my wife should be with Child now or hereafter by me  
I give to it a Negro Wench called Parry and her future Increase  
after my Wifes natural Life to its Heirs for ever. my Will  
and Desire is that after my lawful debts and Legacies being paid  
of the rest of my Estate to be equally divid by my Executor or  
Administrator between my wife and all my Children that is  
now alive after anuff. Sold to pay of my debts and Legacies  
to them and their Heirs for ever. nominating and appointing  
my friend Charles Williamson as Executor of this my last  
Will and Testament revoking and disannulling all other Wills  
and Testaments before made. In Witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twenty third Day of  
February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred  
and Eighty six.

Signed Sealed Acknowledged

In presence of -

Charles Wray

John S. Salisbury

John Matthias Jr. seal

This Schedule to be part of my Will. I give and bequeath unto my Son Jacob Matthias the last piece of Land I bought of Charles Matthias to him and his Heirs for ever —

Horatio Davis

Mary X Davis  
mark.

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 13 day of April 1787.  
The aforesaid last Will and Testament of John Matthias dec'd. was proved according to Law by the Oath of Charles Wray and John S. Salisbury the Witnesses thereto, and the above Schedule or Codicil to the same was also proved by the Oath of Mary Davis and Horatio Davis Witnesses thereto and are Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the Executor therein named who made Oath and gave Bond with Security according to Law Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form —

Test

E. H. Mouley Esq.

In the Name of God Amen. I William Wickens of the County of Princess Anne and precinct of Black Water in the State of Virginia being in sickness but in sound mind and memory calling to mind that it is appointed once for all men to die. I do hereby make Order and appoint this to be my last Will and Testament and gives my worldly Goods as please Almighty God to bestow me with. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret Wickens one Negro man calld Bunch also Negro Wench Rose one Negro calld Bird and four Cows and Calves, all my Stock of Sheep thirty head of Sheep and all my household Goods and Kitchen furniture, two Stocks of Rice to her during life, and after her death for it to fall to my two daughters Nancy Wickens and Begey Wickens also the Land and plantation I now dwel on I give to my wife during her Middowhood also one Stock Steam and Cart and Whals.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Son Corpsew Wickenis two  
Negroes Senie and Eton and young Mare cald fly and  
bridle and Saddle two Cows and fifteen head Hogs and one  
Gunn to him and his Heirs for ever; Item I give and bequeath  
unto my son William Wickenis two Negroes cald Cate and Boston  
two Cows to him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath  
unto my daughter Nancey Wickenis one Negro cald Tillis to her  
and her Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my  
Daughter Marget Wickenis one Negro Girl cald Silvey to her  
her Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Two sons  
John Wickenis and Jesse Wickenis the Land and plantation now  
live on containing 114 Acres more or less also 8 Acres adjoinen ad  
bought of John Brown also six Acres as I bought of George two  
adjoinen also 25 Acres in the Swamp joinen George D. Corpsew.  
also Eighty two Acres adjoinen the said Land as I bought of Henry  
Tripp all the Lands more or less also two Negroes young Rose  
and Amey to them and their Heirs for ever to be equally divided  
between them, and if in case either my two Sons should die  
under Age for his parte to fall to the other brother Item.  
my Will and desire that Negro Peter Max and Nan also  
6 Acres of Land in the round Swamp adjoinen of John Wickenis  
Land also one Still and all the rest of my Estate ungiven for  
it to be sold at publick Sale or private at the discretion of my  
Executor of this my last Will and Testament as witness  
my Hand and Seal third day of November 1706 —

I appoint my beloved Wife  
Marget Wickenis and George  
Corpsew Executor of this —  
my last Will and Testament.

Signed Sealed,

In presence of us

Sarah Phillips

John Corpsew

Vincy & Brown

William X Wickenis

marks

Attest Held for Princeps Anne County the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1707 —  
The above last Will and Testament of William Wickenis was proved according to  
Law by the Oath of Sarah Phillips and John Corpsew two of the Testifiers to the same  
is Ordred to be Recorded, and on the Motion of George Corpsew the Executor  
therein named who made Oath and gave Bond and Security according to Law  
Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate therof in due form —

E. H. Secretary CL

In the Name of God Amen.

James King senior of the County of Princess Anne being in  
perfect mind and memory and knowing the uncertainty of  
his life do ordain this to be my last Will and testament  
in manner and form as follows my soul unto Almighty  
God who gave it in hope of a joyfull resurrection through  
Jesus Christ my blessed Redeemer. Item I give and bequeath  
unto my son James King twenty five Acres of Land which  
came by his Mother after her deceas to him and his Heirs  
for ever: also the third part of my Ewpon Orchard lying on the  
West end to him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give and  
bequeath unto my son John King twenty five Acres of Land  
after his Mother decease to him and his Heirs for ever, also a  
third part of my Ewpon Orchard to him and his heirs for ever  
lying to the Est end. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Jeromiah  
King twenty five Acres of Land being part of the plantation whereon  
I now live after his Mother decease to him and his Heirs for ever  
also a third part of my Ewpon Orchard to him and his Heirs for ever  
Item I give and bequeath unto my son Joel King one young Mare  
and Bed and furnetur and one Iron pot. Item I give and bequeath  
unto my Daughter Keria one Bed and furnetur to her and her  
Heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Lovy  
King one Bed and furneter and one pot and dech rim whet  
and all the rest and remaner of my Estate that is not all  
ready given away my will and desire is that it may be equall  
dividid between my three youngest Children after the decease  
of my well beloved wife Dinah King and do appoint my  
well beloved Dinah King and my son Joel King my  
holde and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament  
In witness wherof I have set my hand and

Seal this 27<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1781.

John Whitehead son.  
Mary Whitehead  
Margaret Whitehead

James King, Esq;  
*Notary Public*

at Court Held for Princess Anne County the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1787.  
The above last Will and Testament of James King dec'd was proved,  
according to Law, by the Oath of Mary Whitehead and John White-  
head two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordained to be Recorded, and on  
the Motion of Joel King the Executor therein named who made Oath  
and gave Bonds with Security according to Law, Certificate is  
him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form

Seal

E. H. Moorby Esq;

In the Name of God Amer  
William Robinson of the County of Princess Ann and Sta-  
tus anima mortua at Law being weak in Body, but  
in full Sane mind and memory do constitute  
my last Will and Testament, Imprimis, I die  
universal Philanthropy with all Mankind and  
my poor Carcase I leave it to be interred by my Ex-  
ecutor named, but as it the Custom of our  
have the Clergyman of the parish to come and say  
over the deceased, but thin I desire not, I  
do bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Elizabeth  
action I ever had for her together with all  
what nature or kind soever, and as to  
is my will and desire it should  
wait my de

Item, I give and bequeath to my loving brother Jo  
Robinson and his Heirs for ever. Seventy five Acre  
Land which I had from Peter Whitehurst in Exchan  
for Porters Bridge, Item. I give and bequeath to my so  
nally all my Library, but his brother John Read  
to have Access to it whenever he pleases. Item, Debts  
I owe and they must be paid, I therefore leave my Lyn  
Plantation to be Sold, for the satisfaction of my debts &  
my executors herein after named I have been Attorney  
fact for my fathers Estate and must shew in what man  
that stands. I paid Thomas Claiborne two hundred four  
as a Legacy to my sister Ann, but I never took any rei  
as to my sister Polly's Legacy. I paid it to her husba.  
William Payne, in respect to my other sisters their Leg  
are to be paid off, but I am unhappy in one thing that  
cannot be paid with the money my father intended  
as Colonel Edward Slack Moseley seni. came no  
money was in a depreciated state and made a tender  
hundreds, which will appear by a Statement inclosed  
Parchment in my desk, Item, I have in my posse  
Bond of about two thousand pounds of Thomas  
and Arthur Boush deceased which I took  
as security when Mr. Cramond claimed the  
ing partner of Robinson and Cramond the  
and Boush were to perform certain cover  
I Bond appear. Item, there are man  
of the said Bonds of two thousand  
covered. Their desir my Execu  
ct

Executors exert themselves to have the debt I owe Singleton  
and White paid and to redeem the Negroes of mine which he  
holds in trust. Item, after the redemption of the Negroes, I give  
them to my loving wife during her life, all the aforesaid Negroes  
and after the decease of my aforesaid wife, I leave the said  
Negroes to my son Tully and his brother John Read and  
their Heirs for ever. Item, I give and bequeath unto my Son  
Tully Robinson all my Lands on Long Island to him and his  
Heirs for ever notwithstanding his Uncles are to have the privilege  
during their lives to enjoy all the emoluments of the said in  
common with the said Tully. Item, it is my Will and desire  
that my aforesaid Wife Elizabeth should not see my aged Mother  
go to distress but take care of and Foster her. Item, I leave to  
the Lawyers their Honesty and wish them to avoid quibbling,  
to the Doctors, I leave them to their extravagant charges and  
with a reformation, and as to the Clergy I leave them to  
their penury hoping and wishing they may enjoy a sufficiency  
of it, untill they are more active in propagating the Christian  
Religion. Item, and I do by these presents constitute nominate  
and appoint my loving wife Elizabeth Robinson my loving  
brother Tully Robinson my brother in law Edward Rice  
and my friends Thomas Walke and William White jointy  
and severally to be Executors and Executrix to this my last  
Will and Testament and Guardians to my son Tully Robinson  
whom I hope they will have brought up to the profession of the  
Law; and it is my request they will use the greatest assiduity to  
have him properly instructed in it. In witness whereof I  
have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 23 Day of June 1787.

Signed Sealed and Delivered

In presence of

Mary Robinson

Anne Rice

Ann Dudley

William Robinson

In a Court Held for Prince Anne County the 10<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1787  
The above last Will and Testament of William Robinson deceased was proved according to  
Law by the Oaths of Anne Rice and Ann Dudley two of his Neighbors to be same as  
is Exdored to be recorded. Elizabeth Robinson the Executrix required to furnish a  
surety but on her Motion Letters of Administration with the seal thereto annexed of  
the Estate of the said William Robinson deceased granted her who made Oath and gave  
Bond and Security according to Law.

Test  
E. H. Dudley Esq.

# In the Name of God Amen

Charlottesville Dom: 1787. I, Thomas Kinsey of the State  
 of Virginia, and County of Princess Ann being very sick  
 and Weak in Body, but of perfect mind and memory, thank  
 be given unto God, do make this my last Will and Testament  
 in the following manner: Viz: Item the first, I give and  
 bequeath to Frankey Kinsey my dearly beloved Wife all  
 my real and personal Estate both within doors and without  
 two Cows and Yearling besides one Gun excepted which I  
 bequeath to my Son John Kinsey. Item 2 & 3 the above  
 state which I have made over to my loving wife Frankey Kinsey  
 is to be only during her Widowhood in her Possession, and  
 in case she marries then the Land is to be given to my well  
 beloved Son John Kinsey. Item the third, all my Estate  
 and Moveables is to be equally Divided among my  
 five Children and one Orphan Girrel named Sally  
 Shannon. Item the fourth, I likewise constitute make  
 and Ordain my loving wife Frankey Kinsey and Casen  
 More my Executrix of this my last Will and Testament  
 and I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke and disannul all  
 and every other former Testaments, Wills & Legacies, Bequests  
 and Executors by me in any ways before made Willed and  
 Bequeathed ratifying and confirming this and no other to be  
 my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have  
 hereunto set my Hand the day and Year above written

signed sealed published pronounced and  
 declared by the said Thomas Kinsey  
 as his last Will and Testament  
 in the presence of us the subscribers

Solomon Frizzell

Henry Smith

Nancy & Simpson

Thomas F. Kinsey

It about held for Prince's Anne County the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 1787.  
 The above last Will and Testament of Thomas Kinsey dec<sup>d</sup> was proved  
 according to Law by the Oath of Henry Smith one of the Minstros and  
 Ordered to be Recorded and on Motion of Casen Maire and Frankey  
 Kinsey the executors herein named who made Oath and gave Bond and Security  
 according to Law, Certificate is granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof  
 in due form at a Court Held for Prince's Anne County the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1790

The above last Will and Testament of Thomas Kinsey Esq<sup>r</sup>. R. M. Monday the

7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1790  
 was then proved according to Law by John H. Jones

In the Name of God Amen

I Thomas Robinson of Princess Anne County,  
being of perfect sound mind and memory thankes be to  
God do make and ordain this my last Will and  
Testament in manner and form following Imprimis.  
I desire all my lawfull and just debts be fully paid  
and satisfied by my Executors that shall be hereafter  
named. Item I give and bequath to my son <sup>one</sup> Moses  
Robbinson the tract of Land I now live on containing  
Eighty five Acre the Use of the said Land during his  
natural life and at the deth of my son Moses Robinson  
it is my Will and desire that the said Land should be  
sold and equally devided beteen all my Grand Children  
that shall be alive at the deth of my son Moses Robinson to  
them and their heirs for ever. I give and bequath to my Grand  
daughter <sup>one</sup> Lucy Robinson one Bed and furniture One  
puer boxon one dish one Hatchle to her and her heirs  
for ever; one pine chib. Item I give and bequath to my  
Grand daughter <sup>one</sup> Martha Robinson one Bed and furniture  
one Pia <sup>one</sup> puer Boxon to her and her heirs for ever.  
Item I give and bequath to my Grandson William Robinson  
one handmull to him and his Heirs for ever. Item I give  
and bequath to my Grandson James Robinson one Case with  
twelve bottles to him and his Heire And I astly, I  
appoint my friend <sup>one</sup> Lucy Hoxley my sole and <sup>one</sup> Executor  
of my last Will and Testament disanulling and deriving all  
other formerly made or suffered to be maid wheregento I  
have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 28<sup>th</sup> of April  
in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and  
Eighty Six

Sealed and Delivered }  
In the presence of us }  
Lizzy + Chapple      his  
John Moore  
Arthur Williamson  
Lucy Hoxley

Thomas X. Robinson

At a Court held for Princess Anne County the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1787.  
The above named Will and Testament of Thomas Robinson dec. was read  
according to Law by the Path of John Moore and Arthur Williamson  
two of the witnesses thereto and is Ordered to be Recorded and  
on the Motion of the Executor thereon named who made Oath  
and gave Bond and security according to Law Certificate is  
granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

E. H. Hoxley, Esq.

In the Name of God Amen  
 I Moses Robinson of the County of Prince Anne and  
 State of Virginia being sick and weak but of perfect sound  
 mind and memory for which I thank Almighty God do  
 make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in  
 manner and form following. In premis, I desire all my  
 just debt that they be fully by my Executor as shall be  
 hereafter mentioned Item I give and bequeath to my loving  
 wife Ann Robinson all my Estate that is remaining after  
 my just Debt is fully paid and satisfied during her natural  
 life and then the said Estate to be sold and equally divided  
 amongst all my Children, And Lastly, I constitute  
 my Friend Shelly Moseley my sole and sole Executor  
 of this my last Will and Testament dismalling and revoking  
 all other Wills formerly made by me to which I have here  
 unto set my Hand and Seal this 29<sup>th</sup> October in the Year  
 of our Lord one thousand even hundred and Eighty seven.  
 Sealed and Delivered  
 In the presence of  
 Shelly Moseley  
 Jeremiah T. am

Court Held for Prince Anne County the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1787  
 The above last Will and Testament of Moses Robinson dec'd  
 was proved according to Law by the Oath of the two witnesses  
 thereto and is ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of  
 the Executor therein named who made oath and gave bond  
 and security according to Law, Certificate for Obtaining  
 Probate thereof is Granted him in due form.

Seal  
 E. H. Moseley Esq,

90. In the Name of God Amen.  
James Wright of Princess Anne County being low and  
weak in body but sound in memory make this my last  
Will and Testament in matter and form as followeth  
first I give and bequeath my Soul unto God who first  
gave it me in hope of a joyful Resurrection through  
Christ Jesus. Item I give and bequeath that Plantation  
that I bought of Mary Carriel to my son John or could Item  
I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Sarah  
Wright all the rest of my Estate within and without  
Lands Profits and Advantages during her Widowhood  
and when she marries or dies then all my Estate above  
mentioned to be sold and Equally divided amongst my  
Children. Item I leave William Morris Junr. Executor to  
this my Last Will and Testament oneing this and no  
other to be my Will and desire. In witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal  
this twenty six day of October 1705.

Signed sealed and published

In the presence of

Bartram Barnes  
William Morris  
Edward Gappes.

James Wright

At Court Held for Princess Anne County the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1705  
The above Last Will and Testament of James Wright dec<sup>d</sup> was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of Abraham Barnes and Edward Gappes  
two of the witnesses thereto and directed to be Recorded, and on the Motion  
of the Executor herein named who made Oath and gave Bond with Security  
according to Law, Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof  
in due Form — Test.

E. H. Moreley Esq

Virginia Princess Anne County  
In the Year of our Lord God 1705 being very sick and  
poorly but perfect in mind and memory and seriously consider-  
ing the brevity of Life and that from the Burst I was  
taken and to the Durst must return I give my Soul  
into the hands of God that gave it and do ordain this to  
be my last Will and Testament and absolutely deny  
all others made or written before this principally and  
first all I desire all my lawful Debts to be paid &  
Item I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas Nelson  
one Cow and Calf one Muckit and nothing else besides  
to him and his Heirs. Item I give and bequeath to my son

q. John Nelson one small Gun to him and his Heirs  
and nothing else besides. Item I give and bequeath to  
my dearly beloved Wife Hester Surgeon Nelson all  
the <sup>rest</sup> remainder of my Estate both Stock and Household  
goods that is to say both within and without Doon to her  
and her disposal for ever, and do ordain her my sole  
Executrix of this my last Will and Testament whereunto  
set my Hand and fix my Seal this thirtieth day of September  
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In Testimony of  
Joshua Lawrence  
Frances X Berry.

Elijah G. Nelson

marko.

In a Court Held for Prince Anne County the 13<sup>th</sup> daye December 1787.  
The above last Will and Testament of Elijah Nelson dec<sup>d</sup> was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of Joshua Lawrence one of the Principals  
thento Lands Eschewed to be Proved and on the Motion of Hester  
Nelson the Executrix therein named who made Oath and gave Bond  
with Security according to Law. Certificate is Granted her for  
Obtaining Probat thereof in due form

Attest  
E. H. Massey Esq.

I John Kinion of the County of Prince Anne  
State of Virginia being sick and weak in Body, but of  
a sound mind and memory, do make this my last Will  
acknowledging this, and no other to be my last Will and  
Testament in manner and forme following, Imprimis.  
I give the Lands whereon I live containing one Hundred  
and thirty nine acres more or less, to my Daughter Elisabeth  
Kinion to her and her Heirs for ever. Item I give equally  
between my two Daughters Mary & Anne Kinion my Lands  
laying in Currituck County State of North Carolina to  
them and their Heirs, and should my three Daughters  
Elisabeth, Mary, and Anne decease without lawfull  
Heirs of their body lawfully begotten, I leave the full use  
and enjoyment of the whole of the above mentioned Lands  
to my Sister Margaret Berry during life, and at her  
decease I give the aforesaid Lands to her two Children  
John and Susanah Berrey's, to them and their Heirs  
for ever. Item I give to my daughter Elisabeth Twenty

Five Pounds Virginia money, ( Dollars at six Shilling  
which money is left in the care of my Sister Margaret  
Berry to be hereafter delivered to my Executor, for the use of  
the Child when at age, Item, I give to my daughter Elizabeth  
twenty two pounds Sixteen and eight pence, now in the hands  
of Col<sup>r</sup> John Achiss, as the Receipt will shew, money is sent him  
to her and her Heirs, Item, I give to my Daughter Elizabeth  
Eleven pounds ten shillings Virginia money, due from Jonathan  
Capt<sup>r</sup> and Sister Morris to her and her Heirs, Item, I  
give my daughter Elizabeth a feather Bed and furniture I  
lay on, one pine Chest one half dozen new Pewter plates and a  
Hatchel, to be delivered to the care of my sister Margaret Berry  
Item, I leave, and my Will and desire is, that my Negroes Pinah,  
Jack and Shadrick be sold at publick Sale, and all the Remainder  
of my Estate likewise to be sold for twelve month Credite, the  
purchaser giving Bond with sufficient Security, parts of  
which said money arising from the Sale thereof, to pay my  
just debts, and after paying my Debts the Remainder part  
to be equally Divided between my wife Courtney and my  
two Eldest Daughters to them and their Heirs, I leave to the  
care and trust of my Sister Margaret Berry my Daugh-  
ter Elizabeth, to bring up Schoole and Educate at her Dis-  
cretion, for which time and expence Sheas out, for  
Schooling, I leave to be satisfied by my Executor in Corne,  
for which, I leave my plantation to be Rented out, and to settle  
my Tax theron, I do nominate and appoint my trusty friend  
Eason More my sole and sole Executor of this my Last  
Will and Testament Given under my Hand and Seal  
this 23 Day of May 1787.

Signed, sealed, Published  
and Declared by the Testator  
to be his last Will and Testament

Holl<sup>r</sup> Williams

annah Skinner

John <sup>manus</sup> Skinner

John <sup>manus</sup> Berry

John Skinner

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1787.  
The above Last Will and Testament of John Skinner deceased was proved  
according to Law by the Oath of Sarah Skinner and John Berry  
two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded the Executor  
Resolving to Qualify, Letters of Administration with the Will  
thereof is granted unto John Bryant who made Oath and gave  
Bond with Security according to Law. — Test

W<sup>r</sup> H. Roseley Esq<sup>r</sup>

In the Name of God Amen

I John Thorngood being in perfect health do make this my last Will and Testament, Item I give and bequeath to my Sister Margaret Hamilton one half of my Plantation together with the improvements thereon where I now live, the dividing line to begin at the head of the Pond between the House and the Bay, and to run in a direct line to where my middle Gate now stands, and from thence to the Gate near Farnes Brents, and from thence in a direct line as far as my Land extends towards the cross roads near Mr. Huntors to her and her Heirs forever. Item: I give and bequeath the other part of my Plantation to my half Brothers Tho: Walkē John Phripp and my half sister Anne Phripp, to be divided into three equal parts and my Brother Tho: Walkē to have that part that Tho: Pibworth now occupies, my Brother John Phripp to have that part that Jesu Whitehurst lives upon, and my Sister Anne Phripp that part at present occupied by Mr. Garret, to them and their Heirs forever. Item: It is further my Will and desire that if my Sister Hamilton should die without an heir of her body, that the Land aforesaid given to her should be equally divided between my aforesaid half Brothers and Sister and if either of them should die without an Heir of their Body that the Land occupied by them should descend in equal proportions to the Survivors. Item: It is further my Will and desire that the whole of my Negroes (except young Tamar who I give to my Sister Anne Phripp) should be equally divided between my Brothers and Sisters before mentioned, and at their decease, or either of them, the lot of Negroes which fell to them together

Will

Thorngood's

with their offspring) as well as Samar before  
given, shall be as totally exonerated from Slavery  
as if they had been born free. Item, It is my Will and  
desire that the whole of my personal property not before  
or hereafter disposed of except one young Horse called  
Frolick which I give to T. Shippy should be sold  
to pay my debts by my Executors hereafter mentioned.  
Lastly, I appoint my Brother Thomas Walke  
and my worthy friend James Nimmo my Executors  
and if there should be money sufficient after paying  
my debts, it is my Will and desire that they accept a  
Quarter Cask of the best Madeira Wine to regale  
themselves upon while I am lying in the dust.  
For the friendship I have for Miss Betsy Newton  
of Kempes Ville I give her my Gray Riding  
Horse and as he is a favourite, hopes she will  
take good care of him for the sake of poor old  
Jack. — Given under my Hand and Seal  
this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1786. —

Signed and Sealed }  
In presence of }  
William Holmes  
Nathaniel Nimmo

John Thoroogood — Gnat

At a Court Held for Prince Anne County the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1787.  
The above last Will and Testament of John Thoroogood Gent dec'd.  
was proved according to Law by the Oath of Nathaniel Nimmo  
one of the Witnesses to the same, and also proved to be wholly written  
by the Testator by the Oath of William Nimmo Jun<sup>r</sup> Gent and Ordered  
to be Recorded. the Executors refusing to Qualify as such, Letters of  
Administration with the Will annexed is Granted to Thomas  
Walke Gent who gave Bond and made Oath and  
Security according to Law.

Attest,  
E. H. Moseley Esq.

# In the Name of God Amen.

I Thomas Woodhouse son<sup>r</sup> of the County of Prince Anne  
in the Colony of Virginia, being sick of body but of perfect  
mind, and memory and calling to mind mortality do  
make this my last Will and Testament in manner and  
form following, that is to say I do give devise and bequeath  
my worldly Estate to be divided in manner and form  
following. Imprimis, I give devise and bequeath to my  
loving wife Ann Woodhouse the plantation whereon  
I now live during her natural life, and after her death  
to the Child she is now big with to him or her and to  
his or her Heirs for ever, also the four following Negrows  
to wit, Ishmael, Nan, Racheal and Dinah, but  
in case my said Child shall die without such Issue then I  
give devise and bequeath the said Land and Negrows to  
be equally divided between my two Brothers in Law, Thomas  
Ewell and John Ewell to them and their Heirs for ever.  
Item, I give and bequeath to my said Child my Plantation  
lying between Charles Henley and James Woodhouse, also  
four Negrows to wit, Tom, John, Sitter and Amy, to him or  
her or to his or her Heirs for ever, but in case my said Child  
shall die without such Issue, then I give devise and bequeath  
the said Land and Negrows to be equally divided between  
my two Brothers, Thomas Ewell and John Ewell to them and  
their Heirs for ever. Item, I give and bequeath to my loving  
wife Ann Woodhouse one Horse named Prince one pair  
of Oxen, six head of other Cattle, ten head of Sheep, and  
Eleven head of Hogs my polterie of all kinds forty bars  
Corn, my plantation Utencels, Household and Kitchen  
furniture to her and her Heirs for ever she paying my just  
debts, my will and desire is that my Swamp Land lying  
in the Eastern shore Swamp shoud be sold towards paying  
my debts. Lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my  
loving Wife and her brother John James hole and sole  
Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby  
revoking and making void all former and other Wills by  
me made confirming this to be my last will and testament.

in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands and  
Seal this fourteenth day of Augst one thousand seven  
hundred and Eighty six.

Signed, sealed and delivered by the  
Testator in the presence of us Wm. Woodhouse

W<sup>m</sup> Rusel  
W<sup>m</sup> Dale Woodhouse  
William Shepherd

Thomas Woodhouse

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 1787.  
The above last Will and Testament of Thomas Woodhouse dec. was  
proved according to Law by the Oaths of William Dale Woodhouse and  
William Shepherd two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded  
and on the Motion of John James the Executor who made Oath and gave Bond  
with Security according to Law Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining  
Probate thereof in due form—

Test.  
S. H. Mordeley Esq.

In the Name of God Amen,  
I Thomas Scarborough Thorongood of the County of  
Princess Anne and Commonwealth of Virginia being  
sick and weak in Body but of a sound and disposing  
mind and memory blessed be God do make and  
publish this paper Writing as and for my last Will  
and Testament in manner and form following  
that is to say Imprimis, I give and bequeath  
unto my Niece Mary Thorongood Daughter of my  
Brother William Thorongood my young Negro woman  
Slave named Rachael to her and her Heirs for ever  
Item, I give and bequeath unto my Nephew John  
Thorongood Jamieson my Negro girl Slave called Betty  
to him and his Heirs for ever Item, I give and bequeath  
unto my Sister Pembroke Jamieson (now wife of Neil  
Jamieson) the use of the three following Negro Men Slaves  
during her natural Life, to wit, Frank, Tom and Joe  
and in Order that the said Neil Jamieson shall not have  
any Right, Title, Interest, Claim Property or demand  
whatsoever in and to the said three Negroes in Right  
of his said wife during her natural Life, I do hereby  
nominate constitute, and appoint my Brother Mitchell  
Thorngood a Trustee and next Friends to my said

sister Sembroke Jamison during her natural life, for  
her and her Name, and for her only proper use benefit  
and behef to hire out for her as Trustee aforesaid or  
otherways dispose of the said three Negroes as shall  
seem to him most beneficial, and advantageous for my  
said sister during her natural Life as aforesaid, and  
for all such sums of money or other things, as the  
said three Negroes shall hire out, or be otherways  
disposed of. I do hereby Order, will and direct my  
said Brother Mitchell Therongood to account with  
her, or pay into her hands, or to her Order, during her  
natural life as aforesaid, and after the death of my said  
sister Sembroke Jamison I give and bequeath the said three  
Negroes Frank, Tom and Joe to my said Brother Mitchell  
Therongood and his Heire for ever. Item, will, order and  
direct, that all the rest and residue of my Estate of what  
nature or kind, wether both real and personal not herein  
before particularly mentioned and given away be sold,  
by my Executors herein after mentioned and the money arising  
from such sale after paying off and satisfying all my just  
debts and funeral Expences, remain to be equally divided  
between my said Brother Mitchell Therongood and my  
friend Mr. Frank Collier share and share alike to  
them and their Heires for ever. Lastly I do  
nominate, constitute, and appoint, my two Brothers William  
and Mitchell Therongood Executors of this my last  
Will and Testament hereby revoking and annulling  
all others and former Wills by me heretofore made. In  
Witness whereof I the said Thomas Scarborough  
Therongood have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this  
15<sup>th</sup> Day of December One thousand seven hundred and Eighty  
Seven.

Received, sealed and delivered  
In the presence of

George Oldner

W. Nimmie Jr.

Edward

Tho: T. Therongood

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At a Court Held for Prince George County the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1788  
the aforesaid Court held and Testampt of Thomas Barber of the  
Thurwgood dec<sup>d</sup> was proved according to Law, by the Oath of William  
Plumme and George Oldner two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to  
be Recorded, and on the Motion of William Thurwgood one of the  
Executors therein Named, who made Oath and gave Bond with  
Security according to Law, Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining  
Probate thereof in due form —

Sect<sup>r</sup>  
E. H. Moseley Esq.

## In the Name of God Amen.

William Thorowgood Jr. of the County of Prince  
Anne and State of Virginia being in perfect health and  
of sound mind and memory do make, ordain, appoint,  
and constitute, this my last Will and Testament, in  
manner and form following to wit, I give and devise,  
One hundred Acres of Land in the County aforesaid, which  
was given me by my Brother Lemuel in his last Will;  
and whereon Dempsey Anderson is now Tenant unto  
Henry Haynes son of Henry Haynes dec<sup>d</sup> to him and his  
heirs for ever, but in case he the said Henry should die  
without heir of his body, in that case give and devise the said  
hundred Acres of Land unto Mitchel Thorowgood son of John  
to him and his heirs for ever, Item, I give and devise to the said  
Henry Haynes, the tract of Land left me by my brother Lemuel  
after the decease of his Widow to him and his heirs for ever,  
but should the said Henry die without lawful heir of his body,  
I will that the said tract of Land be sold and the money hence  
arising to be equally divided amongst the surviving Children of  
my Sisters Betty Haynes and Mary Wilson, Item, I will  
that the sum of fifty pounds, out of the money due me at my  
decease, or to be raised by the sale of my personal Estate (Negroes  
excepted) be paid to the Guardian of the said Henry Haynes and  
by him to be laid out in Educating and bringing up the said  
Henry, Item the tract of Land left me by my Father, I  
will that it be sold on twelve months Credit and the money  
thence arising to be equally divided amongst the surviving Children  
of my Sisters Betty and Mary as aforesaid, Henry Haynes excepted,

4<sup>o</sup>. who will draw no part thereof. Item, I will that all my  
Negroes be equally divided among the surviving Children  
of my Sisters Betty and Mary as before mentioned. Henry  
Haynes accepted. Item, I will that all my personal Estate  
of what nature or kind soever be sold and the money  
thence arising after the payment of my just debts, and  
the fifty pounds before given to Henry Haynes, be equally  
divided amongst the remainder of my Sisters' Betty and  
Mary's Children. And I do hereby appoint, constitute  
and nominate my friends Mitchel Thorongood, William  
Thorongood and Jonathan Park, to be Executors of this my  
Last Will and Testament, as Witness my Hand and  
Seal this the 12 Day of November, in the Year of our  
Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty Two  
Signed Sealed Published and  
and declared in the presence of Wm Haynes, William Thorongood  
Inn Haynes.

Court Held for Prince Anne County the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 1780  
The above last Will and Testament of William Thorongood Esq<sup>r</sup> was  
proved according to Law by the Oath of the two Witnesses to the same and  
ordered to be Recorded, And on the Motion of Mitchel Thorongood and  
Jonathan Park two of the Executors therein named who made Oath and  
gave Bond and Security according to Law, Certificate is Granted  
them for Obtaining Probate therof in due form,

Seal,  
E. H. Moseley Esq.

Virginia) Prince Anne County  
November the 6<sup>th</sup> 1787. I Thomas Allen of  
County being sick, but of perfect mind and memory being  
desirous to surrender my soul into the hand of God  
that gave it: and to dispose of my worldly Goods, do make  
and ordain this: to be my last Will and Testament in  
form and following manner. I give and bequeath unto  
Catheron Price one Cow and Calf to her and her heirs for  
ever, item, I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved  
Wife Jemimah Allen all the rest of my Estate both within  
doors and without during her natural Life; and after  
her Death: to Mr. John Shortridge and his heirs for ever.

Allen's Will

97. but in case the a<sup>t</sup>. Shortridge should die before my  
Wife for it to devend on Paul unto m<sup>r</sup>. Tully Robinson  
and his Heirs for ever. Likewise I ordain my dearly  
beloved wife, Semimah Allen my whole Executrix of  
this my last Will and Testament As witness  
my Hand.

Signed Sealed and Delivered }

In presence of -

Nathan Cornicks  
Catharon X Price  
Jo<sup>n</sup> Lawrence

mark  
Thomas X Allen. <sup>mark</sup>  
his

At about Held for Princess Anne County the 14. day of February 1708.  
The above last Will and Testament of Thomas Allen deceased was  
proved according to Law by the Oath of Joshua Lawrence one of the  
Witnesses to the same and Ordered to be Recorded, and on the Motion of  
of the Executrix who made Oath and gave Bond with Security  
according to Law. Certificate is granted her for Obtaining Probate  
thereof in due form.

, scat,  
E. H. Hardig Elk.

In the Name of God Amen  
I. Thomas Reynolds Walker of the County of Prince  
in Virginia being of sound memory and calling to mind  
Mortality do make this my last Will and Testament  
in manner and form following. A<sup>t</sup>z<sup>t</sup> I give and bequeath  
to my son Thomas Walker one Bed and Furniture  
one Mare called Nancy and her Colt, one Negro  
named Isabel and her Child Rob to him and his Heirs  
I give to my son George Reynolds Walker one Bed  
and Furniture one Mare called Pleasant and one  
Negro Lidia to him and his Heirs for ever. I give  
to my son John Walker one Bed and Furniture  
one Mare called Lady and her Colt, and Negro  
Pleasant and Child also the Lott I bought of  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. Ja<sup>n</sup> Kempe at Kemps Ville to him and his  
Heirs for ever. I give to my son Nathaniel Walker  
one Bed and Furniture, a Horse called Jack and a  
Mare Sheby, one Negro named Aliph my Rifle  
and family Watch to him and his Heirs for ever;

I give to my daughter Sarah Walker one Bed  
and furniture one Mare named Fair-rosamond  
a Negro young Nan and Fanny to her and her  
Heirs forever. I give to my sons Thomas and George  
Reynolds Walker the Land I now live on after my  
Wifes decease between them according to division I  
have made giving my son Thomas his choise of parts  
to them and their Heirs for ever. I leave my part of the  
new granted or patented Land being two thousand Acres  
and for which I have an Obligation of Mess<sup>r</sup>. Jno. Achiss  
and George Kelly to make a right. to be sold, as also  
the Island of Marsh containing agreeable to my former  
purchase two hundred and sixty three Acres to pay  
my just debts, and the overplus if any to be equally  
divided between my living Wife and the above five  
Children. All the remainder of my Estate to my said  
living Wife during her life and after that I desire to be  
divided equally among my aforesaid five Children  
and their Heirs for ever. I leave my said Wife Sarah  
Walker Exec<sup>or</sup> and my son Thomas Walker Executor  
to this my last Will, revoking all other Wills by me  
heretofore made. Witness my Hand and Seal this  
29<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1780.

Sealed and Acknowledged  
before us ..... } Tho: R. Walker, Esq<sup>r</sup>

In a Court held for Prince George County the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1780.  
The above last Will and Testament of Thomas Reynolds  
Walker dec<sup>r</sup> was proved to be wholly written by him by the  
Oath of Anthony Walker and Thomas Kemps Gent<sup>r</sup> and  
Ordered to be Recorded, and on the Motion of Sarah Walker  
and Thomas Walker the Executrix and Executor thereon  
named who made Oath and gave Bonds with Security  
according to Law, Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining  
Poachall thereof in due form.

Test,

E. H. Morley Etch.

In the Name of God Amen

Lazarus Morse of Princess Anne County and  
State of Virginia, having a mind to dispose of  
my Estate as follows, Item, I give and bequeath  
unto my wife Catharine one feather Bed and  
furniture one Cow and Calf, four Barrels of  
Corn, two Hogs one Dish and Basin two plates and  
one spinning Wheel, Item, I give and bequeath unto  
Barbara Morse one feather Bed and furniture one  
linen Wheel one new wooling wheel, four hundred hairs  
of watered flax, one safe, one Juniper Chest all the spun  
Cotton now in the house, one bay Horse all the Cloath  
now in the house unmade into Garments, two Cows and  
Calves one beef Cow, two Basins, six plates, six spoons,  
and two dishes one pair of wool Card and all the wool  
now in the house, one Iron Kettle, one meal sifter  
fifteen heads of hogs, fifteen barrels of Corn one Loom  
eight Chars, one table one hatchle two axes all the  
hors and plows, one han mill, one Grindstone pan pott  
trammels and Chains all the Cuppere ware, Hay and  
Gras four head of Sheep during her natural life and  
after her death to be equally divided between Peter Morse  
and John Shipp else Morse my will and desire is that  
if the said John Shipp else Morse should die without  
lawful heir of his body all the aforesaid Goods to the  
said Peter Morse without any division, but if the said  
Peter Morse should die without lawful heir of his  
body the said Goods to Thomas Morse and his heirs  
for ever, Item, I give and bequeath unto Peter Morse  
one young Mare, Saddle and bridle and one feather  
Bed and furniture and Gun and six head of Sheep to him and his  
heirs for ever, I give and bequeath unto John Shipp else Morse  
one feather Bed and furniture if he should die without  
lawful heir of his body to Peter Morse and his heirs  
for ever, Item I leave all my Cattle that is not already  
given away to be sold if the Executor shall think proper  
and the money due to me to be collected out all my

Lawful debts to be paid. Item I leave all the remainder of my Estate that is not already mentioned in this Will to my Sister Barbra Morse during her natural life and after her Death to be equally divided as aforementioned, and I do appoint and leave my Brother Francis Morse my whole and Sole Execut<sup>r</sup> of this my last Will and Testament revoking disannulling all other Wills by me made In<sup>r</sup> Wellness whereof I have hereunto sett my Hand and Seal this October 27<sup>th</sup> Day 1707.

signed Sealed and - }  
delivered in the presence of J.

J. H. M.  
Joseph X. Pamal.  
Tho: + Sutton  
<sup>in mark</sup>

Lazarus Morse

W<sup>t</sup> al<sup>r</sup> g<sup>r</sup>it<sup>r</sup> held for Princ<sup>r</sup> Clun County April the 11<sup>th</sup> day 1708  
The above last Will and Testament of Lazarus Morse dec<sup>d</sup>. was  
proved according to Law, by the Oath of J<sup>r</sup>oel Morse one of the W<sup>t</sup>itnesses  
to the same and entered to be recorded, and on the Motion of Francis  
Morse the Executor herein named who made Oath and gave Bond with  
Security according to Law Certificate is granted him for Obtaining  
Probate thereof in due form —

E. G. Newell Esq<sup>r</sup>.

My Will

Virginia) In the Name of God Amen  
I William Morse of Pinaland County, Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
hereby give and bequeath unto my Brother James Morse  
Seventy five Clerks of Land, joining the said Jas<sup>r</sup> Morse  
to him and his heirs for ever. I hereby give and bequeath  
unto my brother Joel Morse the plantation wheron Elijah  
Nelson now lives and twenty five Acres thereunto  
belonging to him and his heirs forever. I give and  
bequeath unto my Brother Joel Morse a Negro man  
named Abel to him and his heirs for ever. I hereby give  
and bequeath unto my Sister Anna Williams after  
my Mothers decease a Negro man named Argal to her  
and heirs if any for ever, and my desire is that if she  
dies without lawful heir, the said Negro Argal to return  
to Brother Joel Morse and to his Heirs for ever,  
and I appoint my brother Joel Morse sole and Sole  
Executor of this my last Will and Testament whereunto

I have set my Hand and Seal this 23 day of January  
1703 -

Signed sealed and delivered

In presence of

Sarah Munden

Nathan Munden

Isaac Johnson —

William Morse

At a Court held for Prince George County the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 1700 -  
The above last Will and Testament of William Morse dec<sup>d</sup>. was  
proved according to Law by the Oath of Nathan and Sarah  
Munden two of the Witnesses to the same and Ordered to be  
Recorded and on the Motion of Joel Morse the Executor  
therein Named, who made Oath and gave Bond with Security  
according to Law, Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining  
Probate thereof in due form —

Test,  
E. H. Moreley Esq.

*Virginia* Prince George County in the Year of  
our Lord God 1706, Being very poorly but perfect in  
mind and memory; and seriously considering the shortness  
of life, and that from hence I was taken, and to the day I  
must return, I give my Soul into the hand of God that  
gave it, Therefore ordain this to be my last Will and  
Testament and absolutely disp<sup>r</sup> all other made or written  
before this, principally and first of all I desire all my  
lawful debts to be paid, Item I give unto daughter Julie  
Twelve Shillings to her and her heirs for ever and nothing  
else besides, Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter  
Anne Cornish five shillings to her and her heirs for ever  
and nothing else besides, Item I give unto my daughter  
Amy Cornish <sup>Five Shillings</sup> to her and her heirs for ever and nothing  
else besides, I desire that all my household Goods should  
be sold and all the rest of such property except my Negro  
Lamb; and that the money arising from the estate  
besides him should be paid unto my two Daughters  
Anne Cornish and Amy Cornish for their <sup>part</sup> that I am  
owing them for in the purchase of said Negro Lamb  
and if there be not enough to pay them that then  
the said Negro be not sold but hired whilst they are  
paid; and all other lawful debts, and then to be for  
ever free from all Persons and all all Claims whatsoever