

Arthur
Blacks
will

In the Name of God Amen I Arthur Black of princesse Ann County being at this present
sick & weak in body but blessed both the Lord in sound & perfect memory do make this to be my
last will & testament in manner & form as followeth. I do give & bequeath my soul to
almighty God my Creator & Redeemer who first gave me my being in & by whom I expect a
glorious resurrection at last Day. I do give & bequeath my body to y^e earth y^e Common
mother of us all to be decently buried with Christian like burial according to y^e discretion
of my loving friends & children & for what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me
with I give & bequeath as followeth. I do give & bequeath to my daughter M^{rs} Partridge
my Cupboard, - I do give & bequeath unto my granddaughter Frances Mosely two cows &
two yearlings which used to be called hers & their increase male & female. I do give & bequeath
to my Son in law James Partridge & my grandson Robert Burrough all my Carpenter's
Tools, & all my Turners Tools & one Coopers Ax. I do give & bequeath to my Son in law
John Williams all my Coopers Tools, & I give my final gun to my grandson Ja: Williams -
I give & bequeath unto my Son in law John Williams one chest called the white Chest. I give &
bequeath to my Son John Bonney my old Long Gun. I give & bequeath to my grandaugh
Frances Mosely three bed Snow lye upon y^e rugg blanket & sheet & two pillows - I give &
bequeath all my power to my four granddaughters Fran: Mosely, Eliz: Burrough and
Sarah Burrough & Elizabeth Williams to be equally divided between them all; - I give &
bequeath to my two Daughters all my Books only what I give to my grandson Robert
Burrough & has with his name in them & I give to my grandson Rob: Burrough one beaver
hat. I give & bequeath to my two Sons in law John Williams & James Partridge all my
Estate that I have not already given to be equally divided between them if they can
agree if not my will & desire is that it shall be sold at an outcry & then divided & I make
my two Sons in law James Partridge & John Williams my whole & sole Exors of this my
last will & Testament

Witnessed and sealed
In the presence of
William Poole
Alexander Harvey

Princesse Ann: At a Court hold y^e first Nov: 1726
Then the within last will of Arthur Black Doer
was presented in Court by his Exors, whom made oath
thereto & being proved by the oaths of William Poole &
Alexander Harvey witnesses thereto is admitted to Record