

Last Will and Testament of Michael Fontrip

In the Name of God amen

I Michael Fontrip the Elder of the Parrish of ...
thanks be given unto God therefor: and 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, that is to say principally and first
of all I commend and give my Soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my Body I commend it to the Earth
to be buried in a Christian like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and as touching
such worldly goods and Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the
same in the following manner and forms

Item

I give and Bequeath unto my Son John Fontrip Michael Fontrip William Fontrip Wright Fontrip and Aaron Fontrip the
sums of one Shilling Currant money in full of their portion of my Estate to be paid unto: each and every of them
within twelve months after my decease, I having already made sufficient provision for them accordingly as it hath
pleased Almighty God to Bless me

Item

I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecca (the now wife of Henry Whitburnst) and my Daughter Mary (the
now wife of Thomas Wilks) the sums of one Shilling Currant money in full of their parts and portions of my Estate

Item

I give unto my Grandson Francis Ship; a small parcell of Land adjoining to the Land of my Son John Fontrip

Item

I give and Bequeath unto my Son James Fontrip and his heirs for ever
whereon I now live, Situate in the Eastern Branch of Elizabeth River

Item

I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Fontrip one good feather Bed and all the furniture thereunto
belonging to be paid by my Executors out of those that I shall leave at the time of my Decease

Item

I give and Bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my personall Estate of what Nature or quality, soever, unto
my Loving wife Ann Fontrip and to my Dutifull Son James Fontrip, to be Equally divided amongst them after
all my Just Debts and funerals Charges are paid and deducted to which End I doe Ordain Constitute and Appoint
her my said Wife and him my said Son Executors of this my last will and Testament willing and Requiring them
truly and faithfully to discharge the trust hereby reposed in paying all such Just Debts and Dutys as I doe owe
either in Law or Conscience and likewise pay and Satisfie unto the severall Legatories herein mentioned all such
Legacies as I have given In Witness and full Confirmation whereof I have wrote with my hand and Seal the first
day of February in the year of Our Lord Christ according to the Computation of the Church of England One
Thousand Seven hundred and Tenn

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I give and bequeath unto my Son John Fentris Marshall Fentris William Fentris Hughes Fentris and Aaron Fentris the sum of one Shilling Currant money in full of their portion of my Estate to be paid unto each and every of them within twelve months after my decease, I having already made sufficient provision for them according as it hath pleased Almighty God to enable me.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecca (the now wife of Henry Whitehurst) and my Daughter Mary (the now wife of Thomas Wiles) the sum of one Shilling Currant money in full of their parts and portions of my Estate to him the said Francis Ship and his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son James Fentris and his heirs for ever all that tract and parcell of Land wherein I now live, situate in the Eastern Branch of Elizabeth River.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Fentris one good feather bed and all the furniture thereunto belonging to be paid by my Executors out of things that I shall leave at the time of my decease.

Item I give and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my personal Estate of what nature or quality soever unto my Loving wife Ann Fentris and to my Dutifull Son James Fentris, to be Equally divided amongst them after all my just Dotts and funerals Charges are paid and deducted to which End I doe Ordain Constitute and Appoint her my said wife and him my said Son Executors of this my last will and Testament willing and Requiring them truly and faithfully to discharge the trust hereby reposed in paying all such just Dotts and Dutys as I doe owe Legacies I have given in Witness and full Confirmation whereof I haveunto sett my hand and Seal the first day of November in the year of Our Lord Christ according to the Computation of the Church of England One thousand Seven hundred and Ten.

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the within specified Michael Fentris Lord to be his last will and Testament in the presence of us

Thomas Crook
Richard Carter

Michael N Fentris Lord and Seal
Princess Anne At a Court Held 24 April 1714
By the Exors who made oath thereto and was proved in Court by the Oaths of all the Evidence