

In the Name of God Amen. Last Day of December 1718: I Samuel Shepherd of Prince Anne County
being in good health & of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God almighty for the favour bealing to mind &
uncertainty of this life do make & ordains this to my last will & Testament: principally becoming my proce-
dure Soul into y^e merciful arms of almighty God who gave it in trusting in y^e merits of Jesus Christ
my Lord & Saviour for y^e remission of my sins & my body I bequeath to y^e death to be buried at y^e discretion
of my Exor^r trusting to receive y^e same at y^e general resurrection & touching my worldly Estate I
give & bequeath as follows (viz^t): I give I give & bequeath unto my dear Son John Shepherd his heirs &
assigns my best bed being y^e now of Tuckers with blow curtains & valins my best rug & our large blanket
or pair of my best sheets my best bedstead chest with the Double lock my two best plates two English plates
one spoon knife my best bodysheet my four best new bests sent in by my vessel of Rowland H^r Turner
my Bible which hath y^e apostrophe in it with y^e arithmetick & y^e lawns arithmetick both new
Capt 37: the wood chisels arithmetick book two Rodders arithmetick Book & Cochers arithmetick
John Vernon was instructed in y^e art of a merchant two powder dishes and six plates for
pouring & a two gallon cangel my hand with his mother to have y^e right of y^e mile during her na-
tural life & that both the said son & son wife to be & delivered unto my dear son John Shepherd at
age of fifteen years or y^e other things at y^e age of Twenty one years - I give to Capt^m Craford
my first scholar Judge Hales Cantemplations Herbs & y^e first things to buy & ring
towards my said Son I give to my son one half of what money I shall be possessed with
and have to most y^e time of my decease also: one cow & calf two ewes lambs to be delivered
to my son John Shepherd at Twenty one years of age - I have given my wife Sarah Shepherd my
land & house in y^e western Branch of the fork County to her her heirs & assigns for ever
I have I give & bequeath unto my wife Sarah Shepherd a box of y^e money y^e goods & chattels -
that I bequeath what our next best provision in this will be making for the same to my son
Exor^r of this my last will & Testament ratifying this no other to my self & to Samuel

Witness y^e Court held that on 1718.

And Thos^y a byndlaw with of Sam^l Shepherd

was present in Court by his Ex^r who made

with the said being a deputy of y^e adm^r to be sworn