

My  
will

In the Name of God Amen I Juley Smyth of princeps ann County being in a very weak & low Condition  
of body but of sound & perfect mind & memory, thank God for y<sup>e</sup> same & calling to mind y<sup>e</sup> uncertainty  
of this mortal life & that it is appointed for all men once to die have thought fit to make my last will &  
Testament which is as follows... I give & bequeath my soul to almighty God my great Creator hoping  
to receive full pardon of all my past sins & a joyful resurrection at y<sup>e</sup> last day, & my body to the earth to be  
buried in the church of y<sup>e</sup> Discretion of my Exor hereafter named & my worldly Estate I dispose of in the  
following manner viz: — I give & devise to my son Juley Smyth my land & plantation in y<sup>e</sup> woods except  
twenty five acres more or less, after my wifes Decease to him & his heirs for ever & if he be of age he come  
to age & without a lawful heir of his body then to y<sup>e</sup> child my wife now goes with if a boy if not then to  
fall and I send to my son Charles & his heirs for ever — I give & bequeath to my son Charles Smyth my  
land & plantation whereon I now live with y<sup>e</sup> twenty five acres about excepted to him & to his heirs for  
ever — my will & desire is that y<sup>e</sup> house standing on the land given to my son Juley be forthwith altered  
& made fit for my wifes reception & entertainment & the charge thereof to be paid for out of my Estate  
by my Exor she having promised to accept thereof & y<sup>e</sup> land given her as her full part of my real Estate  
& not to challenge or claim any right of dower in or to any part of the land given to my son Charles —  
I give & bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth Smyth the second best bed & furniture thereto belonging also the  
bed & furniture that she lies on two Iron pots & hooks on being at y<sup>e</sup> store the other y<sup>e</sup> second best one frying  
pan, one third part of all my powder, one third part of all y<sup>e</sup> table linen, two spinning wheels & a pair of cards  
four ewes & four lambs, four cows & calves & one cow that may be fit to kill at y<sup>e</sup> fall, one third part of all my stock  
of hogs half the geese & other fowls, one small walnut Table one new pine Ditto my one large chest y<sup>e</sup> whole quantity  
of man, one suit of mourning to be paid for out of my Estate my gray horse called Currago with her own  
saddle & bridle two trunks that was her own one third part of all the chairs in the house one half of y<sup>e</sup> wheel  
now in the house & one third part of that now growing on y<sup>e</sup> ground, one third part of all my meal at home  
for y<sup>e</sup> house use, one third part of y<sup>e</sup> Corn y<sup>e</sup> walnut spice box one half of the pots one pair of fire tongs & if  
any small matter necessary to house keeping not above innumerable my will & desire is that she have her  
full third part thereof all which above mentioned particulars to my said wife as her full part & share of  
all my personal Estate & not to have any more or to do with any of my other Estate I give & bequeath to my  
son Charles my slave called Smart & my molatto servant back to him & his heirs for ever also my own  
riding horse Trooping saddle pistols & other furniture thereto belonging a silver can & a silver Cup  
I give to my daughter Elizabeth my molatto servant girl called Sarah to her & her heirs for ever my

I give to my daughter Elizabeth my molatto servant girl called Sarah to her & her heirs for ever my best bed & furniture my horse called Spark & all her mothers wearing cloaths one large & one good Trunk & if in case of molatto girl given to my daughter Eliz: should die within y<sup>e</sup> space of twelue months from and after my Decease then in that case I give to my aforesaid Daughter y<sup>e</sup> first child that my negro woman called Jonny / that hereafter bring; - I give to my two Daughters Anne & Frances my the my negro woman called Jonny / & her child called Phillip together with all y<sup>e</sup> negroes & so of y<sup>e</sup> said Jonny / except as above excepted / to be Equally divided betw<sup>en</sup> those whom the Lord shall come to twenty one years of age or marry so which shall first happen to them & their heirs for ever provided always that if either of my said Daughters depart this life before y<sup>e</sup> above limited time then my will & desire is that her part of y<sup>e</sup> said negroes & negroes who shall be divided betw<sup>en</sup> y<sup>e</sup> survivor of them & my daughter Elizabeth to whom I give y<sup>e</sup> same. - I give to my daughter Anne y<sup>e</sup> sum of gold 60 <sup>lb</sup> & a small standing my will & desire is that my two daughters Anne & Frances be put to & kept at school so long as is fit & convenient & shall be thought fit & necessary for them by those hereafter appointed to take care of my Estate & that y<sup>e</sup> charge and expenses of their education be paid for out of my Estate - my will & desire is that my worthy friend Lieut: Col. Thomas Wall take into his custody & care the most precious of forty barrels of port Wine to bebarados & sold & dispose of y<sup>e</sup> said Effects to the best advantage & after y<sup>e</sup> Deduction of his reasonable charge for disposing thereof that he render an account to my Exors & y<sup>e</sup> money remaining in his hands to be by him or them paid to Mr. Thomas Nelson of York towards y<sup>e</sup> discharge of my debt to him, & my will & desire is that all y<sup>e</sup> goods now remaining unsold which I bought of Mr. Nelson be kept Intirely together & as soon as possible or convenienty will admit after my decease they be sold & disposed of by Mr. friends or Exors & that the produce thereof be appropriated towards paying & discharging my debt to y<sup>e</sup> said Nelson - I give to my son Tully my plate hilted sword & wearing y<sup>e</sup> mother of to my son Charles & if y<sup>e</sup> said Tully shall arrive to Sixteen years of age then to be delivered to him in a good condition as y<sup>e</sup> same now is also to y<sup>e</sup> said Tully two yearling hoiwers and their future increase - I give to y<sup>e</sup> child my wife now goes with one silver Spoon also that y<sup>e</sup> said child w<sup>th</sup> my son Tully have two years schooling each to be paid for out of my Estate my meaning in this is that the Teacher be only paid for his Trouble in teaching them - I give to my Godson Charles Layer my silver Snuff box my Common prayer Book - I order & appoint that all y<sup>e</sup> rest of my Estate not already disposed of be brought to appraisement & after all my just & lawfull debts are paid what is y<sup>e</sup> find of Surplusage or remainder be Equally divided betw<sup>en</sup> my four children Charles Elizabeth Anne & Frances for y<sup>e</sup> or the survivor of them to whom I give y<sup>e</sup> same - Lastly I order & appoint my son Charles to be the whole & sole Executor of this my last will & Testament hereby & finally Testifying that my

Said son do not bargain sell or dispose of any thing without consent good liking & approbation of my  
worthy friends Cap. Anthony walls & Charles Sayer who I appoint Trustee & overseers to do this will  
and truly performed in witness whereof I have set my hand & seal y<sup>e</sup> 16. of January 1722

Signed Seal &c. in presence of  
Thomas Detamore  
William Pools  
Easter <sup>hamer</sup> Pools

Princos Ann Court hold y<sup>e</sup> 16. December 1723  
Ann<sup>d</sup> Thos<sup>y</sup> herons to annexed last will of  
cap. Tully Smyth Dec<sup>y</sup> was presented in Court by his  
Ex<sup>r</sup> who made oath thereto & being proved by all the  
witnesses thereto is admitted to record

In the Name of God Amen The last will & Testament of Thomas Franklin of princos Ann County in virginia  
being sickly & weak in body but in perfect & sound mind & memory knowing the certainty of death but  
uncertainty of the hour have ordained this last will & Testament as followeth - first I give & bequeath  
my soul unto almighty God who gave it to me at first in hope of a joyful resurrection of y<sup>e</sup> body at y<sup>e</sup>  
last Day through the merits Jesus Christ my Redeemer & my body to the earth to be decently buryed at  
the Discretion of my Excutrie hereafter named - first I do give & bequeath all my will & Testament made  
before by me as for my real Estate I give & bequeath as followeth - Item: I give & bequeath unto my  
son William Franklin & plantation whereon I now live being one hundred acres to him & his heirs  
for ever also I give & bequeath to William my son twelve pence in full of his portion - Item: I give  
& bequeath unto Tho<sup>s</sup> Franklin my son & plantation & half the land belonging to it called by the  
name of Bones of oile to him & his heirs for ever but not to milist his mother of y<sup>e</sup> house or cleared  
ground as long as she lives any more than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> said land as long as she lives without dam  
nying each other - Item: I give & bequeath to my son Daniel Franklin the rest of y<sup>e</sup> land called by the  
name of Bones to him & his heirs for ever - Item: I give & bequeath unto my two sons Richard and  
Nathaniel Franklin a parcel of land lying & being betwixt son Edward Bonnoys & Tho<sup>s</sup> Albritton Land  
to be Equally divided betwixt them to them & their heirs for ever - Item: I give & bequeath unto  
Franklin my son a parcel of land called <sup>Process Anne Court</sup> <sup>by his</sup> <sup>willis</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>virginia</sup> <sup>proceeders</sup> <sup>net</sup> to him & his heirs for ever - Item: I give & bequeath  
unto Edward Franklin my son that land I bought of John maiko called by the name of Georges  
Cobben being one hundred acres to him & his heirs for ever - Item: I leave a small parcel of land which