

1044 In the Name of God amen. I Epaphroditus Sydney of Richmond County being sick and weak of Body but of sound and perfect memory thanks be to God. Do make this my last will and Testament in manner following that is to say I becomit my soul to God hoping for Salvation through the Merits of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ and my body to be buried at the Discretion of my Ex^{rs}. herein after named. And unto my worldly Goods I give and bequeath them in manner following that is to say. —

Ans. I give & bequeath to my Loving wife Mary during her Natural life or widowhood my Negro man Solomon & my Negro women Jenny & Dophny. And a fourth part of my stock of cattle Sheep & Hogs & a fourth part of my household furniture. And to my Desire she shall have the use of half the houses on my Dwelling plantation & half the Land to work the Negroes on. And my mare & 1 black & 2 Negroes stock & household goods I only give her during her life or so long as she continues my widow. And at her Death or day of Marriage I give & bequeath the said Negroes stock & household goods to be Equally Divided amongst my Children John, William, Betty, Epaphroditus, Isaac, Minney, Anthony, & Giles. Which I give to them and their heirs forever. —

Item: I give and bequeath to my son William all that Tract of Land I now live on being my Dwelling plantation. —

The said Negroes stock & household goods to be Equally Divided amongst my children John, William, Betsey, Epaphroditus, Isaac, Wmney, Anthony, & Giles. Which I give to them and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son William all that Tract of Land I now live on being my Dwelling Plantation which Land I give to him & his heirs forever.

Item: I give & bequeath to my son Isaac all that Tract of Land I bought of Richard Taylor lying in Amelia County which I give to him & the heirs of his body Lawfully begotten, and, he should die without heir of his body. I then give and bequeath the sd Land unto my son Anthony & his heirs forever.

Item: All the rest of my Estate (after my just Debts are paid) I give & bequeath to my Children John, William, Betsey, Epaphroditus, Isaac, Wmney, Anthony, and Giles. To be Equally Divided amongst them. Which I give to them & their heirs forever.

Item: It is my will and Desire that my Childrens parts of my Estate be kept together & as they come of Age to receive their proportion, that they chuse one man and my Ex^{or} hereafter named chuse another man & they to allot their parts of my Estate before given them.

And I do hereby appoint my friend John Smith and my son John Tyndor of this County Executors of this my last will and Testament. And I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made. In Witnes whereof I have to this my last will

and Testament set my hand and seal this 25th Day of February 1766 —
Signed and sealed by the within named
Euphrodatus Sydnor & by him published
to be his last will in presence of

Test W^m Michay

John Mitchell

Samuel Williams

William Dero

Euphrodatus Sydnor 

At a Court held for Richmond County the 3^d day of May 1766 —

This will was presented in Court by Capt. John Smith and John Sydnor Ex^{rs}
therein named who made oath thereto according to Law, and being proved by the
oaths of W^m Michay John Mitchell Samuel Williams William Dero Witnesses thereto,
and admitted to Record, and on the motion of the said Executors giving
security a Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form —

Test J. Lupton D.C.

Pursuant to an Order of Court Dated May the third 1766. we whose Names