

In the name of God Amen. I John Marks Senr of the Parish
of Sunning and County of Richmonde being very sick and weak in body
but of perfect and sound Mind and memory thanks be to God therefore; 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
in manner and form following, that is to say principally and first of all I recom-
mend my Soul into the hands of almighty God who gave it me and my
Body I commit 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
Estate, wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life. I give, devise
and dispose thereof in manner and form following. —

I give and bequeath unto my Son James Marks my Land whereon I now live
with all and every Appurtenances therunto belonging to be his property as
my Real Estate, immediately after my Death, and also the death of his
Mother. —

I give and bequeath also unto my Son James Marks two Young Negroes
Bob and Fiddy to be his property immediately after my Death. —

I give and bequeath unto my Son Edward Marks One Negro Man,
his name is Samuel to be his property immediately after my Death. —

Body I commit 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
Estate, wherein it hath pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give, sell
and dispose thereof in manner and form following. —

I give and bequeath unto my Son James Marks my Land whereon I now live
with all and every Appurtenances thereto belonging to be his property as
my Real Estate, immediately after my Death, and also the death of his
Mother. —

I give and bequeath also unto my Son James Marks two Young Negroes
Bet and Fidy to be his property immediately after my Death. —

I give and bequeath unto my Son Edward Marks One Negro Woman,
named Kate, together with her Increase of Children to be his property
immediately my Death and also the death of his Mother. I give and be-
queath unto my dearly beloved Wife Hannah Marks the whole and
sole use of all the residue of my Estate that I shall leave in her possession
both Real & Personal for and during the Term of her natural Life and
widowhood; — she paying my Just Debts &c out of the Profits of my Estate,
but if my said wife should marry again or should extraordinarily waste or

5 imber, my Estate then my Will is that my Executors do then confirm
her to her Dower as the Law directs

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Betty Bruce one Negro
Boy named Peter, and no other part of my Estate

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William Marks one Negro Boy named
Dick to be his property immediately after my Death

Item I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Jane Swoman one
Negro Man named Davy and five shillings Cash, and no other part
of my Estate, in lieu of her Mother's, my Daughter Anne Swoman's part
of my Estate to be her property immediately after my Death

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Francis Pragg one Negro
Girl named Jan, to be her property directly after my Death as aforesaid

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Philipe Carter one Negro girl
named Pet to be her property after my death as aforesaid

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Willson one Negro Girl
named Tall to be her Property after my death as aforesaid

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Hannah Bruce one Negro Girl named
Mummy to be her to be her property as aforesaid

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Coath one Negro Girl

to be her to be her property as aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Crash, One Negro Girl named denah, to be her property as aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Susanna Crash One Negro Boy named Newman, to be her property as aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John Marks One Negro Boy named Dany to be his property as aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Elias Marks One Negro Girl named Easter, to be his property as aforesaid.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son William Marks One Negro Boy named Will, to be his property in lieu of my Son Fennell Marks part of my Estate to be his property as aforesaid.

Item My Will and desire is that the residue and remaining part of my Estate at my said Wifes Death or Marriage, is to equally be divided among my following Children to wit. John Marks, Elias, Edward, James, William, Francis, Prager, Penelope Carter, Mary Willson, Hannah Bruce Sarah Crash, and Susannah Crash all but my Stock of Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Hogs, that part of the residue of my Estate, my Will and desire is that my Son James Marks

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son William Marks One Negro Boy named Will, to be his property in line of my Son Fennell Marks part of my Estate to be his property as aforesaid.

Item My Will and desire is that the residue and remaining part of my Estate at my said Wifes Death or Marriage, is to equally be divided among my following Children to wit. John Marks, Elias, Edward, James, William, Francis, Prager, Penelope Carter, Mary Willson, Hannah Bruce Sarah Crash, and Subannah Crash all but my Stock of Cattle, Horses, Sheep, Hogs, that part of the residue of my Estate, my Will and desire is that my Son James Marks, should have as his property, in the same manner as I have directed his other part or Legacy of my Estate, but if my said Son James Marks, should die leaving no Heir, then my desire is that the Stock aforesaid should be equally divided among my aforementioned Children.

Lastly I constitute, appoint and ordain my trusty and well beloved Son Elias Marks, and my Son in Law Daniel Willson, my Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament, Revoking and annulling all other and former Wills, Legacies and Bequests by me in any wise heretofore written left and bequeathed, Ratifying and confirming this and nothing

To be my last Will & Testament. As Witness my hand and Seal this
Twentieth day of March in the Year of our Lord 1786

Signed Sealed and declared by the said
John Marks to be his last Will & Testament.

In the presence of

John Marks.

Elias Marks

Shulton Willson

Griffin Coak

James Weeks

Shulton Willson

At a Court held for Richmond County the 4th day of April 1791.

This Will of John Marks, ^{dec.} was presented in Court by Elias Marks and
Daniel Willson the Executors therein named and being proved by the Witnesses
sufficiently was admitted to Record, and on the Motion of the said
Elias Marks and Daniel Willson who took the Oath as Executors and
giving Security a Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate
thereof in due form.

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