

Benja Gray
Will

I Benjamin Gray of Southampton County being perfectly sound in mind

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memory do hereby make void all other wills will hereby by me made
You make You desire this to be my last will & testament in manner & form as follows
I Give to my wife Catharine Gray the use of the plantation & its improvements
I now live during her widowhood & to her line to my said wife all my
household goods & stock that is not given away in this will in legacies during

her widowhood

2. I Give & bequeath to my son James Gray the plantation where I now
live & one hundred acres of land adjoining the same & his heirs forever
I also give to my said son one bed & furniture

3. I Give and bequeath to my son Richard Gray the other half of my land
containing one hundred & seven acres devised from my son James
land by a line of marked trees made by myself to him & his heirs
forever Also I give him one bed & furniture

4. I Give to my daughter Mary Gray one bed & furniture also one chest of drawers

5. I Give to my son Joseph one bed & furniture

6. I Give to my son Benja one hundred pounds cash

My will & desire is that when my wife dies or departs the hands of the said
plantation that it be sold & the money arising by the sale
to be divided equally among the said

I now live during my widowhood & I have less to my said wife all my
household goods & debts that is not given away with the exception of the said

her widowhood

2^d I Give & bequeath to my son James Gray the plantation wherein I now
live & one hundred acres of land adjoining heretofore to him & his heirs forever
I also give to my said son one bed & furniture

3^d I Give and bequeath to my son Richard Gray the other half of my land
containing one hundred & seven acres divided from my son James
land by a line of marsh & trees made by myself to him & his heirs
forever Also I give him one bed & furniture

4th I Give to my daughter Mary Gray one bed & furniture also one child & bed

5th I Give to my son Joseph one bed & furniture

6th I Give to my son Benjamin one hundred acres

My will & desire is that when my wife dies or dies before me of the said
I have intended that it should be the same & the same among my children
be equally divided among all my children

7th I Give to my daughter Mary Gray one woman & saddle

8th I make & name my sons Joseph Gray & Benjamin Gray one whole &
one & one of the my last will & testament & bequeath

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my hand this twenty eighth day of December on the year 1766

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Witness and sealed
In presence of
Thomas Putton &
Thomas Bewley
Wm Bay Putton

Benjamin J. Grayson
made

At a Court held for the county of Southampton
the 11th Day of Dec. 1766

This will was presented in court by Benjamin Grayson of the said County named
& proved by the solemn affirmation of Thomas Putton & Thomas Bewley
they being the people called Quakers One of the witnesses there to Jordan to be
recorded And on the motion of the said actor who made oath according
to law certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due
form giving security Whereupon &c

Wm Bay Putton

Washington

In the name of God amen I John Washington of Southampton County do
make constitute Jordan this to be my will & testament of what I now possess
it hath been please God to bestow on me I dispose of in form & manner following
I give and bequeath to my brother John Washington