

Starrs
Benj^m
Will

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Starrs of Southampton County being very Sick but in perfect mind and Memory thanks be to god therefore first I recommend my soul to God that gave it me in hope of a sure Resurrection, and my Body to be Buried in a decent like manner at the Discretion of my Executors

Imprimis I Give my son Benj^m Starrs the plantation whereon he lives and after his Death I Give the said plantation to my grand son Wm Starrs to him and the heirs of his body lawfully Begotten and if he should die without such heir then my desire is that the said land and plantation should return to his next Younger Brother then surviving to him and his heirs for ever

Item I Give to my son Absalom Starrs Sixty pounds current money to be raised out of my estate by my Executors after mentioned before any Devision of my personal estate to purchase him a tract of land to him and his heirs for ever

Item I Give and bequeath to my son Hardy Starrs the plantation whereon I now live also that tract of land purchased of John Person adjoining my plantations to him and his heirs for ever and if the said Hardy Starrs should die without an heir lawfully Begotten before he arrives to the age of Twenty one years Old then my desire is that the said plantations should return to my son Wm Starrs to him and his heirs for ever

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Item I Give and bequeath to my son Michael Stanis that
plantation that I purchased of Jesse Boyken to him and his heirs
for ever and if the said Michael Stanis should die without an
Issue lawfully begotten of his body or before he arrives to the age
of twenty one years old then my desire is that the said plant-
ation should return to my son Hardy Stanis to him and his heirs
for ever

Item I lend unto my loving wife Sathie Stanis the use of
my plantation whereon I now live during her life I also lend my
loving wife four Negroes Ned Moses Dinah Charity and one third
part of all my stock of what kind soever likewise one third part of
all my household furniture I also give my loving wife One half
the crop of ~~corn~~ ~~corn~~ growing to her use and after her death to be
equally divided among all my children to them & their heirs for
ever

Item I Give all my Negroes not heretofore mentioned and all my
estate of what nature or kind soever real or personal to be equally
divided by my friends Joseph Smith William Blunt & John Blunt
amongst all my children except my son Benjamin for I have given
him two Negroes Daniel and Bett and that their value should go
in part of his proportion of my estate and my desire is that my
Daughter Mary Stanis part should be of twenty pounds less value
than the Rest of my children for reason I have given her Daughter
Nancy a Negro Boy & Ham to them and their heirs for ever
and further if my sons & Thsalom Hardy or Michael should die
before they arrive the age of twenty one or have an Issue lawfully beg-
otten of their body then my desire is that their part of this Clause should

Nancy an Negro Boy witham to them and their heirs for ever
and further if my son ^{Southampton County, Virginia Wills 1772-1782} ~~Joseph~~ or Michael should die
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before they arrive the Age of Twenty one or have an ~~Heir~~ Lawfully leg-
itimen of their body then my desire is that their part of this Clause should
be equally Divided among all my Children then Surviving to them &
their Heirs for ever.

C And I do appoint my Loving Wife and my Son Absalom Skanis
my whole and Sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament
Disannulling all other Wills by me Made In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this seventh day of July
in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Seventy
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Signed sealed and Delivered: ^{Benⁿ his} X Skanis
In the presence of Zinda Linia
Wm Blunt before Signa
Jos Smith
Willⁿ his X Skanis
Mark

C At a Court held for the County of Southampton 10th of April 1774
This Will was presented in Court by Absalom Skanis one of the Exors
therein named and proved by the Oaths of William Blunt and
William Skanis two of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be record-
ed and on the Motion of the said Exors who made Oath accord-
ing to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of
the same giving Security Whereupon &c. R. Kell

Turner
John
Will

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In the name of God Almighty I John Turner of
the County of Southampton and Parish of S. Lukes being sick of Body
but of sound and disposing mind thank be to Almighty God for
the same do make and contain this to be my last Will and Testament.
Viz. After my funeral expences are defrayed and just debts paid
I dispose of my worldly Goods both real and personal which it hath
pleased God of his infinite goodness and Mercy to bestow on me in
the following Manner to Wit.

I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Turner my negro
Man called Pompey and to his heirs for ever and Whereas I have
hired the said Negro to the Widow Nicholson provided I shall de-
part this life before the first day of January next then I give the said
Mary Money I have hired the said Pompey for to my said son Jesse.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Selah Alsbrook a mulatto
girl called Mary which said girl my said Daughter had had in her
possession sometime my desire is that he shall have part 1 to her and
her heirs for ever

Item Whereas I have already given my son James Turner a suf-
ficient part of my estate which he has had in his possession some
time my desire is that he shall have no part of my estate

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Turner my negro
Man called Cose to him and his heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Jacob Turner my negro
girl called Lucy and a debt I charge my son James Turner with of
Twenty pounds Virginia Currency which he the said James borrowed
of me which may be proved by Michael Wilkins and I desire
that my son Jacob do demand or bring suit obtain judgment