

David
Edmund
Wife

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In the Name of God Amen. I, David Edmund of Southampton County being of Sound &
Disposing mind and memory, thanks be to Almighty God as make this my Last Will &
Testament, in manner & form following (to wit)
I leave to my Wife Ann Edmund the use of the Plantation whereon I now live during
her life, likewise Three Hundred and Ten Acres of Land being the whole of the Tract
Tract Together with half the Estate of my late Wife Ann the best half the Expense
of Preparing her, I likewise give to my Wife Ann Negroes namely Sarah & Betty to her &
her Heirs for ever of the Labour of the said following Slaves during her Widowhood, namely
Dick, Ben, Anarchy, Peter, Tom, & Lydia, as to Lydia Children my wife may deliver
to my William at her pleasure, I likewise give to my wife Ann the third part of my cattle
One Half of my stock of Hogs, One Third part of my Sheep and One half of the Cash of
what kind or kind that is or may be made on my Plantation's three previous Years I also give my
wife One Feather Bed & Furniture, three head Cattle Horses (to wit) Dismal, Doll & her
Ancestor's Tolly my desire is that my Wife keep all my House hold Furniture during
her Widowhood, & give accepted, if then to be sold by my Executors the money arising from
the sale thereof to be Equally divided between my three Children, Howell, Mary & William &
then I give & Bequeath to my Son Howell Edmund the following Tracts of Land (to wit) the
Plantation and Tract of Land he now lives on containing Four hundred Acres more or
less the Land purchased of Ben Clements likewise the Tract of Land I purchased of
Gordon & Robert containing One hundred Acres more or less, & the other likewise the
Land I purchased of William Powers containing One hundred & twenty Two Acres more or less
Also a Tract of Land containing One hundred Acres more or less known by the name of the
Great Land I likewise give to my Son Howell Edmund the following Slaves namely Peter
& Andy, Dick Smithfield, Abraham, Beatawain Sarah, Abby, & Peter & I leave
Toff them with their future increase to him & his heirs forever, I likewise give to my son

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Tracts Together with half the Profit of my Grise Mill provided she be half the Expense
of Preparing her, I likewise give to my Wife Ten Negroes Namely Frank & wife to her
her Heirs forever of the Labour of the Sea following Slaves among her Widowhood, Namely
Dick, Ben Amosby, Isaacson, Tony, & Lydia, as to Lydia's Children my wife may deliver
to my William at her pleasure, I likewise give to my wife One Bar third part of my cattle
One Half of my stock of Hogs, One third part of my Sheep and One half of the Crop of
what kind soever that is or may be made on my Plantation's this present Year I also give my
wife One Feather Bed & Furniture, three head Cattle Horses (to wit) Dismick, Doll & her
Consort together with my desire is that my Wife keep all my House hold Furniture among
her Widowhood, I give Excepted, I then to be sold by my Executors of the money arising from
the sale thereof to be Equally divided between my three children, Howell, Mary & William
then I give & bequeath to my son Howell Camund the following Tracts of Land (to wit) the
Plantation and Tract of Land he now lives on containing Four hundred Acres more or
less the Land purchased of Ben Clements likewise the Tract of Land I purchased of
Small Rabbit containing One hundred Acres more or less, Also another likewise the
Land I purchased of William Bowen containing One hundred & twenty Two Acres more or less
Also a Tract of Land containing One hundred Acres more or less known by the name of the
Parish Land. I likewise give to my son Howell Camund the following Slaves Namely Tubin
Lenny, Isaac Smithfield, Abraham, Beatusam Sarah, Abby, Venus & Susan
Together with their future Increase to him & his heirs forever, I likewise give to my son
Howe Camund one Negro boy named Jack one Negro boy named George one Negro boy named Tony
to him & his heirs forever also one Negro man named Dick After the Marriage of my wife I
likewise give to my son Howell Two Feather Beds & Furniture One of which already received
likewise one Black walnut desk already received.

Item, I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Dawson the following Negroes namely
 Phillis, Nell, Doll, Rachel, Premier, Calenus Calu, Calah, Henry, Topsy, Phebe,
 Edith, together with their future Increase to her & her Heirs for ever likewise one
 Negro Girl named Anarchy after the Marriage of my wife Ann together with her
 Increase to her & her Heirs for ever likewise one Black Walnut Desk after the
 Marriage of my wife Ann also Two Feather beds & Furniture which she has
 already Received.

Item, I give & bequeath to my Son William Cammende the following Tracts of Land
 a Tract containing Two hundred Acres more or less whereon houses live also a Tract of
 Land purchased of Rich^d Taylor containing Four Hundred Acres more or less. I
 likewise give to my Son William after the Marriage or Death of my wife Two other
 Tracts of Land (to wit) the Plantation whereon I now live containing One Hundred
 & thirty Acres more or less and a Tract containing Three Hundred & Ten Acres more
 or less whereon my Gun Mill stands, which said above mentioned Land I give to
 him & his Heirs forever. I give to my Son William Cammende the following Slaves
 Mrs. Lewis, Stephen, Hannah, Sophie, Fanny, Patsy, Clara, Umar, together with their
 future Increase to him & his Heirs for ever. Also I give to my Son William after the
 Marriage of my Wife Ann One Negro Man named Bea, One Negro Man named
 Ephraim, One Negro Girl named Phillis one negro Girl named Phillis one negro woman
 named Lucia & one negro Girl named Phillis, with their Increase to him & his Heirs
 forever. I also give to my Son William after the Marriage of my wife Ann
 One kind of my stock of Cattle & one third of my stock of Sheep & one third of the profits of
 my business in the Province of South Carolina.

my great wife, provided he be at half the charges of keeping her in Spain, Also
in Black Walnut Desk a book of the Prayer Book together with the Wal-
nut Desk that is now in the House also my Copper Still after the Marriage of
my Wife, Also my Smiths Tools provided he will have the Smiths work done
on the Still during my wifes Widowhood My desire is, that the Lands purcha-
sed of Oliver Day (testimony Francis be sold by Executors hereafter mentioned) the
Money arising from the Sale thereof be Equally Divided between my three
Children Howell, Mary, & William Edmunds my desire is that after my Just debts
& Funeral Expenses there are paid the Remainder of Ready Money if any be Equally
Divided between my Wife & three Children above mentioned, My desire is, that my
Walnut Timber be Divided between my three Children above mentioned

I do Appoint my Sons Howell Edmunds John Dawson & William Edmunds Execu-
tors of my last Will & Testament as Witnesses my hand & seal this Twenty first
day of July, One Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty. David Edmunds
Virginia Seal of the knowledge of

Subscribed in Presence of

Samuel Nicolson
Molly Taylor
Barham Hines

Henry H. G. Grogan
marked

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the
11th Day of the Month of July 1782 was presented in
Court by Howell Edmunds the Executor named and
approved by the Oath Samuel Nicolson of
County of Gargard one of the Witnesses thereof
Ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of the
who make oath according to law Certificate is given
to him for obtaining a Probate in due form given