

date the Eighth Day of March 1753 the subscribers being
first Sworn have valued and appraised the Slaves and personal
Estate of John Fort dec'd as was presented to us by the
~~Executors~~ Executrix and is as above

Charles Barham

Benjamin Barham

Thomas Westbrook

At about held for the County of Southampton on Thursday the 8th Day
of July 1753

This Inventory & appraisment was returned and Ordered to be Recorded

Test J. Wells C^t

John Drake In the Name of God Amen I John Drake of Southampton County
Will in Kottoway Parish being sick & weak of Body but of sound and disposing
mind & memory thanks be given to Almighty God for the same, do make &
Ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following
Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Eldest Daughter Mary

Drake the Plantation whereon I now live and all the Land in
 belonging on the East side of the Horse Bone branch to her and her heirs
 ever excepting only what Timber my Daughter Ann Drake
 shall have Occasion of an equal Part of the Apple Orchard

Item I give & Bequeath unto my Daugh^r Anne Drake y^e remainder Part of my
 Land which is on y^e west side of the Horse Bone & was a forest what Timber
 she shall have Occasion of on the west side as also an equal Part of y^e
 apple Orchard to her & her heirs forever. Likewise give to my two
 Daughters Mary and Ann all the Movablees that shall be left at
 my Decease & my wife to be equally divided betwixt them. Item I give &
 Bequeath to my Daughter Esther fully one Trundle Bed & Bed Head. Item
 I give & Bequeath to my Son Joshua Drake one Shilling. I also give &
 Bequeath to my Son Thomas Drake one Shilling. Likewise give &
 Bequeath to my Son Barnaby Drake one Shilling. Likewise give &
 Bequeath to my Son Timothy Drake one Shilling. I also do appoint my
 Daughter Mary Drake to be whole & sole executrix of this my last Will
 & Testament hereby desannulling all other Wills & Testament by me made
 or before Ordained Ratifying & Confirming this and no other to be my
 last Will & Testament In Witnes^s Whereof I have signed my hand
 this 21st day of April 1701

Last Will & Testament. In Witnes, whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& affixed my seal this 15th day of March in the year of our Lord
God 1753

Signed Sealed Published & declared
by the said Testator as and for his
Last will & Testament in the

John Drake / Ls /

Presence of us

Tho: T Obery

Thomas T Drake

Geo: Gurley Jun^r

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on Thursday the 12th Day of July 1753.
This Will was presented in Court by Mary Drake the Executrix therein
named proved by the Oaths of Tho: Obery & George Gurley Jun^r the
Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded And on the Motion of the
said Executrix who made Oath according to Law Certificate was
granted her for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving
Security

Test

Doth 22 1753