

merino to the age of twenty one years one dollar her
some furniture one cow and call one chest one Black
hunk and one small silk ditto to him and his heirs for
ever

Rightly I give and bequeath unto Bunge's Joyner one cow
yearling to him and to his heirs and a sign for ever

Rightly I give and bequeath unto Baker Joyner one cow
yearling to him and to his heirs for ever

Rightly I give and bequeath unto Calow Joyner one cow
yearling to him and to his heirs for ever

Rightly I give and bequeath unto Baldy Drake one black
cow yearling to his heirs & a sign for ever

Rightly I give and bequeath unto Mary Drake wife of
Barnaby Drake jun^r and to Tabitha Joyner wife of Bruton
Joyner my riding saddle and Bridle

Rightly I give and bequeath to Barn
AB Recorded after 1833

Mercer In the name of God amen I John Mercer of the
John county of Southampton Virginia being sick and weak but
with of sound mind and perfect memory do make ordain this
my last will and testament in manner and form as follows
to wit

Firstly I give to my son John Mercer the plantation that
he now has in his possession with all parcels thereon

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Secondly I give to my daughter Patsy ~~for~~ my loom with all
the stays and harness belonging to it
3rd I give to my son James Mercer my plantation that I now
live on ~~also my chippie mill also my negro woman named~~
my negro boy Lewis

4th I give to my daughter Patience Mercer six pounds
5th I give to my daughter Betty Mercer six pounds
6th I give to my daughter Grace Mercer six pounds

And it is my will and desire that before my estate is
divided that there may be purchased for my three young-
est daughters such articles as shall best mention trunks
and three quarter yards of linen to be divided among
them ~~also a cloak for Peter Mercer and a cloak and Hat~~
~~for Benj^{am} for Grace Mercer~~ ~~and it is my will and desire~~
~~that the remainder part of my estate should be equally~~
~~divided between my three children~~ ~~John Mercer~~ ~~Patience~~
James Mercer Patience Mercer Betty Mercer and Grace
Mercer

I do ~~also~~ further appoint John Mercer and John Mercer
my sole ~~executors~~ ~~of this my last will and testament~~
and I do hereby revoke and make void all former testame-
nts by me heretofore made and I do establish this to be my
last will and testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto
unto set my hand and affixed my seal this 25th day
of July in one thousand seven hundred seventy five

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I do further appoint John Mercer and ~~John Purcell~~
my sole executors of this my last will and testament
and I do hereby revoke and make void all former wills
by me heretofore made and I do establish this to be my
last will and testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this 25th day
of July in one thousand seven hundred seventy five

Signed Sealed &
delivered in the presence

John Mercer
Mark

at us his
Benjamin & Crumpler

Mark
John his Britt

Mark
John Crumpler

A court held for the county of Southampton the 14th day
of December 1775 and Well was presented in court
John Mercer and John Purcell executors therein named
and proved by the oaths of Benjamin Crumpler and John
Crumpler two of the witnesses and ordered to be returned
under the seal of the said Court who made oath according
to the law and is granted them for obtaining a probate
of the said will giving security &c at Southampton
Sam. Pettoce