

Clara
Jas.
Wells

In the name of God amen I Joshua Clara on the
country of Southampton and parish of St. Luke in the County of
New York and at the County Court and in the presence of
Almighty God for the same to make and ordain this to be my
last will and testament I do stand principally giving my soul
into the hands of Almighty God who gave it to me and my body
I recommend to the care to be used at the discretion of my
executors hereafter mentioned

I express after my funeral expenses are paid and my
debts paid and a share of my worldly goods to be made
personal which it hath pleased Him who is God of his infinite
mercy and goodness to bestow on me in my death and turn of
my life and I give the true intent and meaning to be created by
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I give and bequeath to my son John Clara and my daughter
plantation together with part of my land adjoining the same
bounded as follows beginning at a live oak corner between
my on the south side of Quinn's branch thence down the turn of
the said branch to the fork then up the run of the Shappert branch
to the head thereof then running a straight course across the old line
a line of marked trees containing an estimation three hundred
fifty acres to the same now to be provided by the said John
Clara to have lawful title of so to him the said John and his
heirs for ever but my son John departs this world
out lawful and all men know the acres of land to my son
William Clara and to his heirs for ever All that I have to my said
son John Clara my negro man called Bob and my negro woman
called Patsy and my negro girl called Patsy

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 I then give and bequeath to my son William Claude the Negro
 Robbin and Denah which he has now in his possession and
 my negro Boy called Joe and my still and its appurtenances
 otherwise I give to my said son William Claude all my lands
 lying on the back side of the May farm branch containing as is
 esteemed Four Two hundred and forty four acres to the same
 more or less to him ~~the said~~ William and to his heirs forever
 I then give and bequeath to my son Joshua Claude my neg
 ro Jeffery and egg which he has now in his possession and my
 negro Boy called Samy (about 10 years old) and all my lands
 or more about Newby branch containing as is esteemed
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Three hundred and eighty eight acres be the same more or less
which said land I give to him and his heirs for ever provided
he lives to have lawfull issue but provided he dies not
live to have lawfull issue then I give and bequeath the
said lands to my son John and to his heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Phoebe and the
negroes which has been in her and her husband's possession
some time to patience and man the former increase of them and
is in the possession of my said daughter and her husband
together with their future increase to her the said Phoebe and
to her heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth and
the negro woman now in her possession to wit called Magg
together with all her former and future increase to her the said
Elizabeth and to her heirs for ever likewise I come and with
each a calf

Item This is to satisfy to whom it may concern that I did
some years ago give to my daughter Mary Williamson
one negro woman which she has had ever since in the
possession called Judith

Item I give to my daughter Lidea Clifton five pounds
Virginia currency

Item I give to each of my grand children being sons and
daughters of John Clifton and my said daughter Mary
Clifton five pounds cash the said cash to be deposited in
the bank of the Commonwealth of Virginia and to be

daughter of John Clayton and her said
Clayton five pounds each the said cash to be deposited in
the hands of my executors hereafter mentioned and to be
delivered to each of my said grand children when they
arrive to the age of the Boys twenty one years and the girls
eighteen years.

I Item give and bequeath to my daughter Joshua Clouse
my son Philip and my son William called John
together with my father in trust to pay the said Joshua and
his sister

I Item I give to all my grand children except the children
my daughter Lydia Clouse who has already had a bequest
in her will of £5 each and still is to be regarded agreeable
to the terms of the said bequest £5 lawfully begotten of and by
sons and daughters whether living or departed this life the
sum of five pounds each which said money I desire to
be deposited in the hands of my executors until my said grand
children is of the age each of them of the Boys twenty one years
and the girls eighteen years.

I Item the meaning of the aforementioned bequest to all my
grand children a legacy of £5 is all the lawfully begotten
grand children of mine which shall be living or born at the
time I shall depart this life.

I Item I give and bequeath the remainder part of my
estate in whatsoever manner it hereafter may be found that is
to say all my personal estate and realty which is not
to be sold to the best advantage

I have given to all my grand children except the children
my daughter Lydia Clifton who has already had a portion
in her will of £5 each and still is to be regarded agreeable
to the terms of the said bequest 1. Law father be given to and by
sons and daughters whether living or departed this life the
sum of five pounds cash each which said money I desire to
be deposited in the hands of my executor and all my said grand
children is of the age each of them of the Boys twenty one years
and the girls eighteen years

Item the meaning of the aforementioned bequest to all my grand children a legacy of £5 is all the ~~benefit~~ begettens grand children of mine which shall be living or born at the time I shall depart this life

~~I hereby bequeath and assign the main and part of my~~
estate in whatever manner it best may be found (that is
to say all my personal estate and realty which is not
already bequeathed or given) may be sold to the highest bidder
giving the purchaser thereof twelve months credit and the money
arising from the sale thereof to be equally divided between my
children hereafter mentioned to wit Joshua Clark & John Clark

and Mary Williamson and as my said daughter
Williamson is a great distance from me so that I do not know
whether she may be living or not provided she is dead my desire
is for her proportionable part agreeable to the said equal division
to be equally divided amongst all her children.

I do constitute and appoint my sons William Claude
and John Claude and my daughter Asstia, it children in General
to this my last will and testament ratifying and confirming
this to be my last will and testament In Witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this six
teenth day of October 1773

Josh: Claude

Signed sealed published

and declared by the said

Asstia Claude as his last will

&c in presence of the undersigned William

Claude between John Claude and Mary

Williamson witnessed in the presence of

done before signed and sealed

Sam: Westbrook

Sam: Westbrook junr

John Westbrook

At a court held for the County of Southampton the 11th
day of Novr 1773 was presented in court by William Claude
Claude and Asstia it children &c declared their names

this to be my last will and testament On the 11th day of October 1773
have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this sixteenth day of October 1773

Asht. Claud

Signed Sealed published

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Asht. Claud as his last will,

&c. in presence of the wards William
Claud between John Claud and Ellen
Williamson witnessed in the 21st last was
done before signed and sealed

Sam Westrook

Sam Westrook jun

John Westrook

At a court held for the County of Southampton the 11th day of October 1773
was read with was present in court or William Claud
Claud and Joshua Chickering Secretaries thereon signed
proved by the oaths of Saml Westrook and John Westrook
the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded And on the motion
of the said Secretaries who made oath according to law that
they were present at the above said probate of the said will
and were duly sworn

Sam Kellam

At the Subscribers being informed in the County of Southampton
that the said Asht. Claud the testator had a claim on the said
testament of Asht. Claud the said Asht. Claud was a claim on the said
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