

In the Name of God Amen the twelfth day of September one  
Edmunds thousand seven hundred & seventy seven I Henry Edmunds of Southampton  
County being sick and weak but of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for  
the same do make and Ordain this my last will and testament in manner and  
form following

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Howell Edmunds to him & his heirs  
forever forty pounds current money of Virginia

Item I give and bequeath unto my son William Edmunds to him & his heirs for  
ever the balance of his note due me for seventy five pounds proclamation money also  
his note due me for ten pounds three shillings and four pence also ten pence  
current money of Virginia

Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Edmunds to him and his heirs  
forever one negro boy called Ben now in his possession also his note of hand  
for thirteen pounds two shillings and five pence current money of Virginia  
also five pounds current money of Virginia

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Edmunds to him and his  
or provided he live to the age of Twenty one years four negroes to wit Jemmy  
Peter Jesso and Kate one feather bed & furniture called Truss One still cap and  
wool two Quens one silver headed sword but if my son Saml Edmunds die  
under the age of Twenty one years without Issue then I give the whole  
this legacy to be equal

will be called. I am one still captain  
worn two years one silver headed sword but if my son Saml Comends dies  
under the age of twenty one years without I give then I give the whole of  
this legacy to be equally divided between my sons William & John Comends  
and my daughters Sarah Mary Martha & Lucy to them & their  
heirs, I also give my son Saml Comends fifteen pounds current  
money of Virginia

Item I give and bequeath unto Charles Comends son of Henry Comends  
ten pounds current money of Virginia

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Comends  
to her and her heirs forever one hundred & seventy five pounds  
current money of Virginia

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Nicholson  
to her and her heirs forever one hundred & seventy five pounds  
current money of Virginia but in case my daughter Mary Nicholson  
die without her then I give the whole of this legacy to be equally divided  
between my sons William John & Samuel Comends & my daughters  
Sarah Martha and Lucy to them & their heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Hyrich to her and  
her heirs forever twenty five pounds current money of Virginia I also give unto  
my grand children Edmund & Susan Hyrich one hundred pounds  
current money of Virginia to be put to interest by the father of the said children  
and the money to be <sup>equally</sup> divided when Edmund Hyrich comes to the age of twenty one years  
and in case of either of their deceases under the age of twenty one years the survivor to have  
the whole of this legacy and in case of both of their deceases I give the whole of this legacy  
unto

I Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susan Edmunds  
to her and her heirs forever one hundred & twenty five pounds  
current money of Virginia

I Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Nicholson  
to her & her and her heirs forever One hundred & twenty five pounds  
current money of Virginia but in case my daughter Mary Nicholson  
die without issue then I give the whole of this legacy to be equally divided  
between my sons William John & Samuel Edmunds & my daughters  
Martha Martha and Lucy to them & their heirs forever

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her heirs forever twenty five pounds current money of Virginia I also give unto  
my grand children Edmunds & Susan Hyrich one hundred & twenty five  
pounds current money of Virginia to be put to interest by the father of the said children  
and the money to be <sup>equally</sup> divided when Edmunds Hyrich comes to the age of twenty one years  
and in case of either of their deceases under the age of twenty one years the survivor to have  
the whole of this legacy and in case of both of their deceases I give the whole of this legacy  
unto my daughter Martha Hyrich to her & her heirs forever

I Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lucy Nicholson to her & her  
heirs forever one hundred & twenty five pounds current money of Virginia  
I give & bequeath twenty five pounds current money of Virginia to be equally  
divided between my grand daughters Sarah & Lucy Edmunds daughters  
of Samuel Edmunds to them & their heirs forever

I Her I give and bequeath forty pounds current money of Virginia to be equally divided between my grand daughters Elizabeth Mary Lucy & Martha Williamsons daughters of Stephen Williams to them & their heirs forever.

I Her I give and bequeath unto Ethelred Edmunds son of Tho<sup>s</sup> Edmunds ten pounds current money of Virginia

I Her I give and bequeath two negroes to wit Robin & Fran to be sold & the money arising thereon to be equally divided between my son William John & Samuel Edmunds to them and their heirs forever.

I Her I give and bequeath all the remaining part of my Estate of all kinds whatsoever to be equally divided between my daughter Sarah & my son Sam<sup>l</sup> Edmunds to them and their heirs forever.

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Will<sup>m</sup> & Sam<sup>l</sup> Edmunds Executors And my daughter Sarah Edmunds Executrix of this my last will and testament and I desire that there may be no appraisement of my Estate.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & year above written

Signed Sealed published and declared  
by the testator to be her last will & testament

Mary Edmunds (S)

In presence of

John Loper

At a court held for the county of Southampton the 11<sup>th</sup>

Edmunds to them and their heirs forever

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whatsoever to be equally divided Between my daughter Sarah & my son  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Edmunds to them and their heirs forever

And I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons Will<sup>m</sup> & Sam<sup>l</sup> Edmunds  
Exors And my daughter Sarah Edmunds Executives of this my last will  
and testament and I desire that there may be no appraisement of my Estate

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day & year  
above written

Signed Sealed published and declared  
by the testator to be his last will & testament

Sam<sup>l</sup> Edmunds ES

In presence of

John Pope  
Simon & Revel  
mark

It is a court held for the county of Southampton the 11<sup>th</sup>  
day of December 1777

This will was presented in court

by Will<sup>m</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Edmunds two of the Exors therein named  
and proved by the oath of John Pope & Simon Revel two of the witnesses  
thereto and ordered to be recorded And on the motion of the said Exors who  
made oath according to law certificate is granted them for obtaining letters  
of administration on the estate of the said died giving security &c  
Whereupon &c

Sam<sup>l</sup> Kells C