

Edmund
Drem
Will

In the name of god amen I Edmund Drem of the County of
Southampton and parish of St Luke being weak of body but of sound
and disposing mind and memory thanks be to god for the same
do make this my last will and testament in manner and form
following to wit

I'mprimis Whereas I formerly gave to my son Edmund Drem
in his life time a negro woman called Emily who hath since borne
a child called Jemmy now to further confirm the said gift I do hereby
agree that the said negro woman and child shall be disposed of
agreeable to the last will and testament of my son Edmund Drem
deceased

Item I give and bequeath to my son Jeremiah Drem all that
tract or parcel of land purchased of Elizabeth Cotton adjoining
the lands of John Turner lying and being in the said County of
Southampton to him the said Jeremiah and to his heirs for ever
and likewise give to my son Jeremiah my negroes to wit Harry
Shaffer Fortune to him and his heirs I also give to my son Jerem-
iah Drem two acres of land adjoining his still dam label land
off by my sons Jeremiah Drem and Jesse Drem and if they can-
not agree as to the bounds each of them are to choose a man
and the bounds as they shall agree on I do hereby declare
shall be the bounds I say I give the said two acres to the
said Jeremiah and to him and his heirs for ever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Drem all that
tract or parcel of land whereon I now live all but the two
acres which I have given to my son Jeremiah together with

I Item I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Dren all that tract or parcel of land whereon I now live all but the two acres which I have given to my son Jeremiah together with the appurtenances my still excepted and all my land lying on the head of Buckhorn that is to say all my land on the south side the Angelica swamp except the two acres before mentioned and the said tract of land granted in four patents I desire to my son Jesse Dren to him and his heirs forever.

I Item I also desire to give to my said son Jesse Dren one half of my stock of horses hogs cattle and sheep one feather bed and furniture and my negroes Elbinga Tom Jimmy Rufus Ben Leany and Kate to him & his heirs.

I Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Patience Smith one negro woman called Phillis and her increase which has been in her possession some time to her the said Patience and her heirs.

I Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Dryden a Fitzhugh the following negroes to wit: Jack Jeffery to her and her heirs forever.

I Item I desire my estate may not be appraised and I desire my wearing apparel may be divided by my Executors agreeable to their direction and for the said cloaths not to be accounted for in their account current with my estate.

I Item my will and desire is that the remaining part of my estate of my estate in whatsoever manner it may be found shall be sold to the highest bidder and that the money arising

to my son Jesse I give to him and his heirs forever,

Item I give to my said son Jesse I give one half
of my stock of horses hogs cattle and sheep one feather
bed and furniture and my negroes Ellena Jan Tommy
Lucius Ben Henry and Kate to him & his heirs

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Patience
Smith one negro woman called Phillis and her increase
which has been in her possession some time to her the said
Patience and her heirs

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Presilla
Fitzhugh the following negroes to wit Jack Jeffery to her
and her heirs forever

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desire my wearing apparel may be divided by my Executors
agreeable to their direction and for the said cloaths not to be
accounted for in their account current with my estate

Item my will and desire is that the remaining part of my estate
of my estate in what so ever manner it may be found shall
be sold to the highest bidder and that the money arising
from the sale be equally divided between my son Jeremiah
Ben Jesse I give my daughter Patience Smith & Presilla
Fitzhugh and that equal part which I intended for my
daughter Sarah I give and my son Edward I give to be
equally

divided between their surviving children and one equal part
to be divided between my daughters Olive Shanniss children
I Her Innominate and appoint my Dutyfull Son Sam-
miah Dren and Jesse Dren my Executors of this my last
well satisfying and confirming this and no other to be
my last will and testament In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10th day
of September 1774

Assigned Sealed &

Witness
Jesse Dren
Mark

Delivered by Jesse
Dren as his last will &
testament in the presence of

Abraham Johnson

Mark
Jesse Clifton

Thomas Ridley

A Court held for the county of Southampton 11th Dec^r
1775 This will was presented in court by Jeremiah Dren and Jesse
Dren Executors therein named and proved to the oaths of Abraham
Johnson Jesse Clifton and Thomas Ridley witnesses thereto and
ordered to be recorded and in the notation of the said Executors who
each according to law certify that is granted them for obtaining
a probat thereof in due and lawful form giving security to the Superior
Court

Sam^l Kellie

In the name of God amen I John Drake & John