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Richard Drake of Southampton County this Twenty Eighth
Day of February 1759 Who being weak of body but in perfect
mind & memory. Thanks be to God. & now considering that it is
Appointed for all men once to Die & not knowing how soon I therefore
make & Ordain this my Last Will & Testament

First I give & Bequeath my Soul into the hands of God that gave it me. & next my body to be buried in a decent & Christian manner at the Discretion of my Exors hereafter mentioned. & for what worldly Goods it hath Pleased God to Bless me with all after my Just Debts & Funeral Expenses are paid. I give & Devise the Rest of my Estate in manner and form as following

Item I give & Bequeath to my son Francis Drake one Shilling Sterling to him & his heirs &c

Item I give & Bequeath to my son Matthew Drake one Shilling Sterling to him & his heirs &c

Item I give & Bequeath to my son Nathaniel Drake one Shilling Sterling to him & his heirs &c

Item I give & Bequeath to my son Justice Drake one Shilling Sterling to him & his heirs &c

Item I give & Bequeath to my son Jacob ^{Southampton County Wills 1749-1762} one Shilling Sterling
to him & his heirs &c

Item I give & Bequeath to my Son William Drake one Shilling Sterling
to him & his heirs &c

Item I give & Bequeath to my Son Britten Drake one Shilling Sterling
to him & his heirs &c

Item I give & Bequeath to my Son Richard Drake the plantation & Lands
whereon I now live together with all the Lands I have in
possession to him & his heirs & assigns forever

Item I give & Bequeath to my Son Edm^d Drake so much of my Estate
as will purchase him a good tract of Land & one Feather Bed & Bolster
and rug one blanket one sheet one Iron pot & one Frying Pan
to him & his heirs forever

Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Martha Wilks ^{nee} the wife of Jacob
Williams one Shilling Sterling to her & her heirs &c

Item I give to my Loving Wife Margaret. During her Life or Widowhood
all the Rest & Remainder of my Estate; & After the Death of my
Wife Margaret or if she should marry then After her marriage

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Wilks one Shilling Sterling to her & heirs &c

Item I give to my Loving Wife Margret. During her Life or Widowhood
all the Rest & Remainder of my Estate; & After the Death of my
Wife Margret or if she should marry then after her marriage
all my Estate aforesaid to be Equally Divided Between my Son
Children viz. Richard. Edmond. Elizabeth. & Margret

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I do constitute & ordain my two sons Matthew & Richard my
Whole & sole Exors of this my Last Will & Testament to see the
same fully completed whereof I utterly revoke & disannul all Wills
heretofore by me made coming only by this to be my Last Will &
Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand &
my seal the day & Date first above Written

Signed & Sealed }
in presence of }
Thomas Gray }
Ben^m. Williams }
Matthew Williams }

Richard Drake

A Court held for the County of Southampton the 13th day of September 1755
This Will was presented in Court by Richard Drake one of the Executors
named therein proved by the oaths of Thomas Gray Benjamin Williams &
Matthew Williams the Witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded

And on the motion of the said Richard who made oath according to Law
Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form
giving Security. Whereupon &c

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W. H. H. &c.

Witness in the name of God Amen I Thomas Williams of the County of