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Richard Well In the Name of God Amen The 9 Day of June 1761. I Richard
Wells of the Parish of Vottoway & County of Southampton
being in Perfect health thanksgiving unto God, therefore willing
to record the Mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will & testament
that is to say Principally & first of all I give & Recommend my
Soul into the hands of Almighty God that Great and mighty God
I Recommend the Earth to be Buried in a decent Christian Buriall
at the discretion of my Exors. nothing Doubting but at the
General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the
Mighty Power of God. And as Touching each worldly Estate
wherewith it hath Pleased God to Bless me in this Life I give
devise & dispose of the same in the manner & form following
I my Executors I leave to my well beloved wife Judith Wells the
Plantation whereon I now Live and three negroes Peter Cate &
Sarah and all my Personal Estate except such as I shall here
after bequeath during her natural Life

Item I give & bequeath to my well beloved son William every one
Gill married I marry to him & his heirs forever

Item I give & bequeath to my well beloved son John two negroes named
Jenny & Sarah to him & his heirs forever Likewise I give

I then I give & bequeath to my well beloved son William one negro
Gul named Janney to him & his heirs forever

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I then I give & bequeath to my well beloved son John two negroes named
Jenny & Sarah to him & his heirs forever likewise I give
to my son John one white man & a butch & all my working
Tools to him & his heirs forever

I then I give & bequeath to my son John after my wife's decease
two negroes named Peter & Gabe to him & his heirs forever

I then I give to my son Richd. Kirby five bottles of

I then I leave to my Daughter Ann Porter after the decease of my
wife the use of one negro named Sarah & after her death
the value of her & her increase to be equally divided
among the children of the said Porter

I then I leave to my well beloved Daughter Mercy West after my
Wife's decease the use of one Negro named Dinah & after
her death I give the said negro & her increase to be
equally divided among the children of John Porter

375 Item I leave to my Daughter Judith with the use of her own
named Ann during her natural life & after her death
I give the said Negro & her Increase to be equally divided
among the Children of the said Judith

Item my Will & Desire is that after the Death of my Wife that all
my Personal Estate that cannot Particularly given away may
may be equally divided among or between Wm Kirby, Abby
Kirby, John Kirby & Eleya Ingam to them & their heirs
I do hereby constitute make Ordain & appoint my two sons
Wm Kirby & John Kirby to be my Executors of this my
Last Will & Testament And I do hereby utterly disavow
Revoke & disannul all and every other former Testaments
Wills Legacies & bequests and Executors by me in
any ways before named. Willed and bequeathed
ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my
Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day &
Year first above Written

Signed Seal & Published

Person or persons named
by the said Rich^d ~~Butler~~
his Last Will & Testament
in the Presence of us

Richard K. Kirby
mark

Peter Bulbo
his
Martin H. Cook
mark

A Court held for the County of Southampton the 14th
day of May 1761

This Will was Presented in Court by Wmth Butler one of the
Heirs therein named Proved by the Oath of Peter Bulbo
one of the Witnesses thereto & Ordered to be Recorded
And on the Motion of the said Cook who made Oath According
to Law Certificate was Granted him for obtaining a
Probate thereof giving Security Whereupon

P. Bulbo
R. Kirby