

Richard Pond
In the Name of God Amen I Richard Pond of the parish of
Kottingham County of Southampton being weak & low but of sound
& sound mind do make and ordain this as my last will & Testament
in manner following to wit

First I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Pond one negro boy called Munn
and one feather bed and furniture & after the
death of my wife I further give unto my said son Richard the plantation
whereon I now live with three hundred and ninety five acres more or
less adjoining the same bounded by the Buckberry branch to the head of
the said branch and then by a straight line to the length that divided
my land from John Wajac's to be his his heirs forever

Secondly I give & bequeath unto my son John Hawkins Pond the plantation
whereon James Sedget formerly lived with three hundred & ninety
five acres land adjoining the same bounded by the land given my
son Richard on one side also I give my said son John Hawkins
two negro boys James & Isaac and one bay colt called Blag & one
feather bed & furniture to him & his heirs forever

Thirdly I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Moore one negro woman
called Franny & her three children Willy Ben & Isaac & their
increase also one feather bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever all
of which she has already in possession

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my daughter

I sound mind do make and ordain this as my last will of testament
in manner following to wit

First I give and bequeath unto my son Richard Pond one negro boy called Mun
and one pearl horse called Jock one feather bed and furniture & after the
death of my wife I further give unto my said son Richard the plantation
whereon I now live with three hundred and ninety five acres more or
less adjoining the same bounded by the Huckleberry branch to the head of
the said branch and thence by a straight line to the line that divided
my land from John Vassett's land & thence forever

Secondly I give & bequeath unto my son John Hawkins Pond the plantation
whereon James Sedget formerly lived with three hundred & ninety
five acres land adjoining the same bounded by the land given my
son Richard on one side also I give my said son John Hawkins
two negro boys James & Isaac and one bay colt called blays & one
feather bed & furniture to him & thence forever

Thirdly I give & bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Moore one negro woman
called Franky also her three children Willy Ben & Cesar & their
increas also one feather bed & furniture to her & thence forever all
of which she has already in possession

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Pond one negro woman

called Grace & her girl child called Furi & their increase also one feather
bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever

Twelfthly I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Pond one negro girl called Ann
& her increase also one feather bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever

Thirteenthly I give & bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Pond one negro girl called
Mourning & her increase also one feather bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever

Fourteenthly I give & bequeath unto my son Tho Pond one negro boy called George also one
feather bed & furniture to him & his heirs forever

Fifteenthly I give & bequeath unto my son James Pond one negro boy called Charles also
one feather bed & furniture to him & his heirs forever

Sixteenthly I lend unto my loving wife Martha Pond during her natural life the
plantation whereon I now live with 305 acres of land adjoining bounds
as is mentioned as above in the first clause of my will also the use & labour of
of the following negroes to wit Lawrence, Patty, Rachel, Lucy & Milly & after
my just debts and legacies are paid I also lend unto my wife the use of the
residue of my estate of what nature or kind soever. My will & desire is that
after the death of my wife my negroes Rachel, Lucy, & Milly with their
increase be equally divided between my two sons Tho^d & James or the heirs
of their body but if either my two sons Thomas or James should die under
age or without issue then my desire is that the survivor of them should
have the whole of the legacies herein given the other & if both sons
sons should

sons should be under age or without issue then the estate given them
to be equally divided amongst my surviving children but their heirs
& I further desire after the death of my wife the whole of my estate not
herein before given away be equally divided amongst all my children
herein named or their heirs. And lastly I do hereby constitute
appoint my loving wife Coecetur & my two sons Richard & John ^{heirs}
and whole & sole executors of this my last will & testament revoking
all former wills by me made In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal this 22 day of September 1777

Signed Sealed published
and declared in presence of

William Gray
Joshua Wood
Mary James

Richard & John

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 11 day of January 1778
This will was presented in Court by John Hawking and Richard Pond the executors therein
named and proved by the oaths of Joshua Wood and Mary James two of the witnesses
therein. And on the motion of the the said executors who made oath according to
Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving
Security whereupon &c.

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