

Mercer
Robert
Will

In the name of god amen I Robert Mercer of Southampton
County being in perfect sense and sound in memory do make and
ordain this my last will and testaments committing my soul to
a bright god and my body to the earth and as for my worldly
estate which hereafter is express & I devise of the same in the
following manner and form

Item I give to my son in law Sam Joseph Holliman one negr
man called Sam to him and to his heirs forever

Item I give to my son in law Arthur Holliman one negr
woman called Hollan and her increase to him and his heirs
forever

Item I give to Ellicajah Holliman son of Arthur Holliman
one negr girl called Selvie with her increase to him and
his heirs forever

Item I give to my son in law Joseph Holliman one negr
boy called coffee to him and his heirs forever

Item I give to my Brother John Mercer one negr woman
called Ann and one negr boy called Lewis to him and to
his heirs forever

Item I give to John Mercer jun^r son of the above mentioned
one negr boy called Sammie to him and his heirs forever

Item I give the use of one negr boy called Peter to Robert
Willson during his life and at his death I give the said
negr Peter to John Mercer jun^r above mentioned to him and
his heirs forever

him called called to him and his heirs for ever

Item I give to my Brother John Mercer one ~~negro~~ ^{negro} ~~called~~ ^{called} ~~Frank~~ ^{Frank} and one negro boy called James to him and his heirs for ever

Item I give to John Mercer jun^r son of the ~~above~~ ^{above} mentioned one negro boy called James to him and his heirs for ever

Item I give the use of one negro boy called Peter to Robert Williamson during his life and at his death Give the said negro Peter to John Mercer jun^r and his heirs for ever

Item I give to John Mercer jun^r Ten pounds cash

Item all the remainder part of my estate after my just debts are paid I leave to be equally divided Between Joseph Holliman, Nathan Holliman, Robert Williamson, and John Mercer ~~jun^r and his heirs for ever~~ I likewise appoint my son-in-law Joseph Holliman, my whole and sole Executor of this my last will and testament In Witness whereof I have set my hand and fixed my seal this ninth day of September one thousand seven hundred and seventy three

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of
John ~~Smith~~ ^{Smith}
James ~~Miller~~ ^{Miller}
Cammie ~~Thompson~~ ^{Thompson}

Robert Mercer Jun^r

A court held for the county of Southampton the 13th day 1775. This will was presented in court by Joseph Slaven an executor therein named and proved by the oath of James Murren one of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said James Murren who gave oath according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining of what thereafter due from giving security whereupon &c &c

Sam^l Willcox

Bailey
Sarah
Inv^t

Inventory of the estate of Sarah Bailey dec'd July 7, 1775
6 Cattle 2 Chairs 1 self beak 1 Bedstead 1 feather bed 1
rattin 1 safe 1 Box Iron 8 heaters 3 Basons 3 plates 2
Hatch Bmills 1 Bettle 3 Whials 1 grater 1 Iron pot
1 Chamber pot 1 Kettle 1 Chisel 1 Cash 2 Box
Ditto the estate £10.4.4 1/2

A court held for the county of Southampton the 13th day of July 1775. This Inventory of the estate of Sarah Bailey was this day returned and ordered to be recorded

Sam^l Willcox