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Southampton County Will Book 2, 1762-1773  
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I Thomas Beel of Southampton County being in a poor  
state of health and willing to record the wishes of my  
life do think proper to make constitute and ordain this  
my last will and testament in manner & to these purposes  
First I give devise and bequeath unto my dear and loving wife  
Martha the use and profit of my plantation and lands  
whereon I now live together with the use & profit of some  
estate both movable & immovable during her natural life  
Secondly I give devise and bequeath unto my son Anthony Beel four  
acres of land at the corner of a tract of land which I own  
from joining to Thomas Beel's land to him & his heirs  
Thirdly I give devise and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Beel  
one feather bed & furniture & also give her one tract of land  
whereon I now live with the use & profit of same to her and  
her heirs forever  
Fourthly It is my will and desire that all my movable estate  
my wife's decess be equally divided to my son Anthony and  
my daughter Mary Beel and also appoint my friend Richard

But ye John Bryant Bridgman & me are all agreed  
Scott to make the division between them & I  
desire that my estate may not be appraised

Lastly I do appoint my loving wife Martha and my daughter  
Bridget to be executors and enter to this my last will & testament  
as witnesses my hand and seal this twenty fourth day of April  
1763.

Witness

John Beeler

Richard <sup>his</sup> Beeler for  
James Jordan Scott

Thomas V Beeler J. J.  
March

At a Court held for the county of Southampton on the  
day of June 1763.

This will was presented in Court by Martha Beeler the  
executrix named therein by the oath of the said Beeler & the  
witnesses & she made the record and declaration  
of the said will as she made oath according to the  
statute in that behalf made for obtaining letters of administration  
and the said Beeler & the witnesses & the said Beeler & the witnesses  
swore for obtaining letters of administration on the said decedent's estate giving  
security whereupon the