

In the Name of God Amen I Edward Leavel of
George parish in the County of Spotsylvania being
very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory
Thanks to given to God therefore calling to mind the mortality
of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men
to die do make and ~~publish~~ my last will and testament
I shew to say principally and first I give
my soul into the hands of our heavenly Father and commend
to my Body I recommend and I to the last to be buried
in a Christian like and Decent manner in the Direction
of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the General
Resurrection I shall receive the same by the
Almighty power of God and I do hereby declare
where with all it has pleased God to bless me with
all in this life I give demise and dispose of these and
in manner and form following

I give to my well beloved Joseph and Benjamin Leavel
after the Death of Mary Leavel my well beloved wife two
hundred Acres of Land upon Joseph Leavel having the
other part Plantation without any molestation to my wife
Mary Leavel During her life time
I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary Leavel
one Negro man called Bright During her lifetime and after the
Death of my wife all and singular my movable and
Chattles of the Negro man if living to be sold and the Money to
be equally divided between all my Children each Child to have
an Equal part of the same

Item I give unto my son Benjamin Leavel lack of Thomas and
I also bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary
Leavel my only and sole Executrix of this my last will and
Testament and I give and bequeath unto my said son and
heir to be possessed and enjoyed During her life and Term of Years
herely uttered in full and entire and I do hereby
other former Testament will or legacies I give by
by in any ways before this in time made will of bequeath
- Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last
will and Testament in Witness where of I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this 23rd of February in the year of our Lord 1774
Signed sealed and published in presence of us and declared by the said
Edward Leavel to be his last will and testament in the presence of us
the undersigned