

Edward Burge's Will

JANUARY the ninth day in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred & fifty nine I Edward Burge being sick & weak of body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God therefore & calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make & ordain this my last will & Testament and as it has pleased God to bless me in this Life I give & Dispose of the same in the following manner & form —
 I give & bequeath to my wife Margit Burge the hole & sole Executo of all my Estate during her natural Life & after my wife Decease —
 Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Burge one feather bed & Furniture & one cow & calf. Item I give & bequeath to my sons Edward Moses & Rubin —
 eight pounds each to be raised out of my Estate, & after my wifes Decease my Land Negroes Goods & Chattels to be sold & Equally to be divided among all my Children & I also appoint my son Gardiner & William Burge to be Executors of this my last Will & Testament in Witness hereof I put my hand & Seal
 Signed in the presence of

Joel Anchorom —
 Anne Amerson —

Edward Burge 

A Court held for Stafford County 8th May 1759

The within last will & Testament of Edward Burge Dec^d was presented into Court by Margaret Burge Exec^{tr} there in named who made oath thereto according to Law & being proved by the oaths of Joel Anchorom & Anne Amerson the two Witnesses thereto subscribed is admitted to record & on motion of the Ex^{tr} & the performing what is usual in such cases Certificate is granted her for obtaining a Probate thereof due from

Teste

Henry Tyler &c

John Amerson

Pursuant to an order of the Worshipfull Court of Stafford

We the subscribers being Justices of the Peace for the County of Stafford &c have proceeded to appraise the Estate of John Amerson Dec^d in current