

now being by Virtue of the said recited Indenture of Bargain & Sale made to him of a Year and of the said Statute and to his heirs & Assigns for ever the afore said land and Premises with Appurtenances and all the Right Title Interest Name or Names and Demands whatsoever of them the said Benj^r Sowerby of us and to the Same and Every Part thereof and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders thereof and Every Part thereof. I have and to hold y^e said Land and Premises with the Appurtenances unto the said George Cyer his heirs and Assigns for ever to the only use and behooff of the said George Cyer his heirs and Assigns for ever and the said Benj^r Sowerby for himself his heirs Executors and Administrators do Covenant and agree with the said George Cyer his heirs Executors and Administrators that he and every of his y^e before hereby Granted Land & Premises & every Part thereof with the Appurtenances will Warrant and for ever defend against all Persons whatsoever. In Witness Whereof the said Benjamin Sowerby hath hereunto set his hand and Affixed his Seal the day and year above Written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered

In Presence of

Benjamin Sowerby Seal
1729

John Chapman

Sam^l Thompson

Hen Watkins

Nich^l Mayet

Ascert held for Sherry County
August the 20th 1729

This day Appeares in Court the within named Benjamin Sowerby and did Acknowledge the within mentioned contents to be his last Act and deed which is Ordered to be Recorded & is recorded by

William C.

In the name of God Amen

I Howell Edmunds of Sherry County being very Sick and weak but in perfect Sound Sense and memory, Thanks to Almighty God for the same and knowing I am appointed for all men once to dye, do make and Ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner and form following

First of all my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and my body to the ground, to be buried in Christian like and decent manner at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter to be named and as to what worldly goods it has pleased God to bless me withall my Desires they should be disposed of as followeth

I give and bequeath to my eldest Son Tho^s Edmunds the Plantation whereon I now live, and that Land lately had, a Patent for one the Wild calls and an Entry on Nollaway River Joining to Benj^r Clements, and Tho^s Bulls, and also two hundred Acres of that Land at great Creek after Nicholas Edmunds has made his choice to him and his heirs and in case of failure of Issue to the eldest Surviving Brother or his heirs male I give such

I give and bequeath to my Son Howell Edmunds that tract of Land on Plunks Swamp in the Isle of Wight County together with all the Stock belonging thereunto and also the Debts due to me from Thos^s Saul and George Wood, and three hundred Acres of Land at the great Creek to him and his heirs and in case of failure of Issue to the eldest Surviving brother or his heirs Male

Item, I give such of the Negro named Nels and a bed and furniture and twenty five Pounds Curr. money of Virginia I bequeath to my Son Nicholas Edmunds five hundred Acres of Land apat the great Creek in Brunswick to have his first choice with all the Stocks therunto belonging or any wife appertaining and also a bed & furniture likewise two Negroes (to wit) George and Sarah the Land to be in the same manner as aforesaid

Item, I give to my Daughter Sarah Jones One Pistol to buy a Ring and a Negro Wench (called Moll) and her increase to her and her heirs

Item, I give to my Daughter Elizabeth Edmunds One Negro Woman named Nan and her two Children with their Increase to her and her heirs and her choice after my Son Thomas of the best bed & furniture in y^e house and my riding horse (called Jockey) after April next and four female Cattle not under three nor above six year Old

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Anne Edmunds two Negro boys (called Byrd and Will) and also one bed & furniture & four head of female Cattle not under three nor exceeding six year Old

And further my Will is that Whereas there is some Gum Sugars and Molassus now by me that my Children that are unmarried jointly endeavour to make the best of it and Divide the Produce Equally amongst them And further my Will is that my Stock and prop. be and remain as it is for the support of my Children till they are of Age or Married

And what remains of my Estate (after my Debts and the aforesaid Legacies are paid) I leave and personally give to my Son Thomas Edmunds and his heirs and I also do appoint him to be my Whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament Witness my hand and Seal this 24th day of December 1728

Signed sealed declared and Pronounced
as his last Will & Testament in Presence of us

Howell Edmunds

Andrew Lister
William Briggs
Dorlong

At a Court held for Surry County
August the 20th 1729

The above mentioned Will of Howell Edmunds Deceased was presented in Court by Thomas Edmunds Executor thereof who made Oath thereto (and gave bond with Security according to Law) and being Proved by y^e Oaths of William Briggs & Lewis Delony Witnesses thereto the same is ordered to be recorded & is recorded by

John Lister

In the name of God Amen, I John Hicks of Surry County being of Sound Perfect and disposing mind and Memory thanks be to the Almighty God, and calling to mind the uncertain State of this transitory Life and that all flesh must yield unto Death when it shall Please God to call do make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & Form as followeth

Item, I recommend my Soul into y^e hands of Almighty God my Saviour Jesus Christ in whom alone I trust to be assuredly saved and for my body I commit it to y^e Earth to be decently Interred at y^e Discretion of my Executrix hereafter named and for my temporal Estate I give devise and dispose of y^e same in y^e forme following

Item, I Desire that all my just Debts and funerall Expences be first paid and Allowed

Item, I give and Devise unto my Son Robert Hicks and his heirs for Ever the Tract of Land Innow Live on and my wearing clothes and my Will and desire is that my Son Robert shall goe and Live with my Son in New Edwards Parish untill he comes to be at y^e Age of Eighteen Years

Item, I give and Devise unto my two Sons John Hicks and Dammuel Hicks and their heirs for Ever my Tract of Land