

In the name of God Amen I James Seward of Surryes Creek Parish, in Surry County in Virginia being very Sick & weak in body but of Perfect Sense and memory all Laud & Praise be given to Almighty God do therefore make and Ordaine this to be my Last Will and Testament in manner following first & Principally & far above all worldly things and enjoyments I bequeath my Soul to God the father of all Mercy's Trusting and firmly believing through the Merrets & bitter Passion of his Son & my alone saviour Jesus Christ to receive full Pardon and Remission of all my sins when ever this Mortall Life shall cease my body I commit to the Earth from whence it was Taken to be decently Interred after the manner of Christian burials at the Discretion of my Executrix hereafter named & for what Worldly Estate it hath been pleased the Lord to bestow on me after my Debts & funerall Expences are defrayed I dispose of in manner & forme following. —

Impr. I Give and bequeath to my Son John Seward and to his heirs for Ever one halfe of that my Tract or Parcell of Land by me purchased of Thomas Bins to be laid off Next to Hen: Marks line. —

Item I Give and bequeath to my Loving Wife all y^e Rest & Remaining Part of that my said Tract or Parcell of Land by me purchased of Thomas Bins during her Naturall life and after her Decease I give and bequeath all that Part of my aforesaid Land as I have herein given to my Wife during her Life to my Son James Seward and to his heirs for Ever my Negro man called Will. Item I further give & bequeath to my said Wife all my Crop of Corn & Tobacco provided she pay my Rent and Leavy this year. Item I further give and bequeath to my said Wife beef & Pork Enough to serve her family the next year Ensuwing the date hereof. Item I further give and bequeath to my said Wife the Labour of my Negro girl Jeanny untill my Son John come to the Age of Eighteen years and then my Will and Desire is that my said Negro girl Jeanny and all her Increase be Equally Divided between all my Children & their heirs Each of them to have an Equall Part or Portion with the Rest. —

Item I Give and bequeath to the Child my Wife is now big with Tenn Shounds Currant money let it be Either Son or Daughter. —

Item I Give and bequeath all the Rest and Remainder of my Estate of what Nature soever & where soever that I have not already bequeathed to be Equally divided between my Wife & Children Each of them to have an Equall Part or Portion with the Rest as well that as is not born as them as is born. —

Item I do hereby Constitute and Appoint my Loving Wife my whole & Sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament and do make Void all former Wills by me made and declare this to be my last Will and Testament in Testimony of all which I have herein put my hand & Seal this Twenty fifth day of August One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty Six. —

Signed Sealed and Declared to be the last Will & Testament of the Subscriber in presence

James Seward ^{his} make, ^{Wm. Gray} Regd. Mag.

of.

Wm. Gray

Tho: Taylor

Sarah ^{Thorp} ^{make}

At a Court held at Southwark for the County of Surry Aprill the 19th 1727. —

The above mentioned Will of James Seward deceased was presented by Elizabeth Seward Execut. thereof who made Oath thereto (& gave bond with Security According to law) & being proved by the Oathes of Wm. Gray, Tho: Taylor & Sarah Thorp Witnesses thereto the Same is Ordered to be Recorded & is Recorded by.

Wm. Gray