

At a Court held at Southwark for the
County of Surry, Octob: 4th 1726

The above Deed of Release from the above named Rob: Dix to the above named Daniel Dix was
this day proved in Court by the Oaths of Tr: Allen, Tho: Cook & Joseph Allen Witnesses thereto
and Ordered to be recorded and is recorded by

J. Allen

In the name of God Amen

- I Joseph Sharpe of Laurens Creek Parish in Surry
County in Virginia being very sick and weak in body but in perfect sense and memory all Praise & Praise
be given to Almighty God, do therefore make & Ordaine this to be my Last Will and Testament in manner
following that is to say first and principally and for above all Worldly things & Enjoyments I commit
my Soul into the hands of Almighty God the father of all mercies Trusting & firmly believing through the
Merits & bitter Passion of his Son and my alone Saviour Jesus Christ to Receive full pardon & Remission
of all my sins here committed when ever this Mortall Life shall cease. And my body I desire may
be committed to the Earth from whence it was taken & Interred after the manner of Christian buriall,
at the discretion of my Ex^{ors} hereafter named and for what worldly goods & Estate it hath been pleased,
the Lord to bestow on me after my just Debts & funerall Expenses are Dispayed I dispose of as followeth,
I Give & bequeath to my Living Wife Elisabeth this my plantation & Land whereon I now live
which I purchased of W^m Thomas During her Natural Life, And after her Decease I Give and
bequeath the aforesaid Plantation and Land to my Son Joseph Sharpe & to the heirs of his body
Lawfully begotten for ever, And if my said Son Joseph Sharpe should dye without such Issue then
I Give and bequeath the aforesaid Plantation and Land to my Son Benj^a Sharpe and to the heirs
of his body Lawfully begotten for ever.
- I Give and bequeath to my Son William Sharpe & to the heirs of his body Lawfully begotten
for ever that my Plantation and Land whereon he now lives with all the Land that lies of
that upper Side of the branch next to his house untill he comes to the fork of the said branch
near his said house & then to Run a straight Northwesterly Course from the said fork of the branch
untill it meets with Babo Line. And if my said Son W^m Sharpe Dye without such Issue then
I Give the said Plantation & Land before mentioned to my Son Christopher Sharpe and to the heirs
of his body for ever.
- I Give and bequeath to my Son Christopher Sharpe & to the heirs of his body Lawfully begotten
for ever all the Rest & Remainder of my Land at Pindion Swamp that is not already given to my
Son W^m Sharpe and if my said Son Christopher Sharpe should dye without such Issue then
I Give and bequeath the Land aforesaid given to my Son Christopher to my Son Benjamin Sharpe
and to the heirs of his body for ever.
- I Give & bequeath to my Son W^m Sharpe all the Stock of Cattle, hogs, horses & Sheep on the plan-
tation whereon he now lives except two cows & calves I further give and bequeath to my said son
W^m Sharpe all the household goods on the said plantation whereon he now lives together
with all the Utensils on the said plantation.
- I Give and bequeath to my Son Christopher Sharpe two cows & calves which I have at the plantation
that I have given my Son W^m and Excepted out of the Stock given my said Son W^m.
- I Give and bequeath all the Rest and Remainder of my Estate which I have not already given
away Let it be of what nature or Quallity Soever either here in Virginia England or any where
Else to be Equally Divided amongst my Living Wife & my Children hereafter named that is to
say Joseph Sharpe Chr: Sharpe Benj^a Sharpe Dinah Sharpe Hannah Sharpe & Elisabeth Sharpe
my said Wife & every one of the said Children to have an Equal Share or Part with the Rest.
- I do hereby constitute ordaine & Appoint my Living Wife Elisabeth & my Son Joseph Sharpe
my whole & sole Ex^{ors} of this my Will & do hereby make Null and Void all former Wills by

me made and declare this to be my Last Will & Testament in Testimony of all which I have hear unto
put my hand & set my Seale this Seventeenth day of August One Thousand Seven hundred and Twenty
one

Signed Sealed & declared to be
the Last Will and Testament
of the Subscribed in Presents of

Joseph ^{his} Sharpe: Sealed with ^{his} Wax
Markes

Edward ^{his} Tanner
Markes

Robert ^{his} Innam
Markes

W^m ^{his} W Tanner
Markes

At a Court held at Southwark for the
County of Surry November 9th 1726

The within mentioned Will of Joseph Sharpe deceased: was presented by Elizabeth Sharpe one of the Execut.
thereof who made Oath thereto (& gave bond with Security according to Law) and being proved by the Oaths of
Edward Tanner & William Tanner Witnesses thereto the Same is Ordered to be recorded & is recorded by.

William Cur.

This Indenture made the 19th day of December in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven
hundred & Twenty Six Between William Wife of the County of Surry of the one part and William Shands
of the County of Surry aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth That the Said William Wife for and in
consideration of the summe of five Shillings to him in hand paid the Receipt whereof he doth acquit
& discharge the Said William Shands his Execut. Adm^r & Assignes, hath bargained and sold &
doth by these Presents bargain & sell unto the Said William Shands his Execut. Adm^r & Assignes
a certain Tract or Parcel of Land with the Appurtenances thereof Situate lying and being on the South
Side of the Main Blackwater Swamp and on the East Side of Cottons branch in the County of
Surry afores^d containing by Estimation Eighty Acres of Land be the same more or less the Said Eighty
Acres of Land being formerly granted to John Mason by Patent dated the twenty third day of March one
Thousand Seven hundred & fifteen & by the Said John Mason sold and conveyed to the above named
William Wife by Deed Executed in Surry County Court the Nineteenth day of June one Thousand
Seven hundred & Twenty three as by the said Deed relation being thereunto had may more fully Appear And
also the Reversion & Reversions Remainder and Remainders thereof & of every part and Parcel thereof
To have and to hold the aforesaid Land with the Appurtenances unto the said William Shands
his Execut. Adm^r & Assignes from the day next before the date hereof unto the End & Term of One Year
from thence next ensuing to the intent that by Virtue thereof and of the Statute for transferring Uses into
Possession the said Will^m Shands may be in the Actual Possession of the Said Land & be Enabled to take
& accept of a Grant & Release of the Premises to him his heirs and Assignes forever **In Witness**
whereof the said William Wife hath hereunto set his hand & Affixed his Seal the day & year
first above Written, —

Signed Sealed & Delivered

Will^m ^{his} Wife. Sealed with a Wafer
Markes

In the Presence of

Jⁿ: Allen. —

John Ruffin. —

The Eldridge

At a Court held at Southwark for the
County of Surry December 7th 1726

This day appeared in Court the above named William Wife and did acknowledge the above mentioned
Contents to be his Reall Act & Deed which is Ordered to be recorded and is Recorded by. —

William Cur.