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Anno Regni Septimi Georgii Tertii Regis

In the name of God Amen. I Robert Parham of Sussex County  
being sick in body but of a sound disposing mind and memory sincerely beged do constitute & appoint  
this my last will and testament in presence of my true friends & neighbors to be published & approved  
in hopes of his most merciful assistance of it and my body to be buried in a Christian  
like manner according to the devotion of my Brotherly thoughts named  
Item I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Lucretia Parham my land & plantation during her life,  
And my Negro woman Beulah and her child Cato and my Gray horse to such favor  
Item I give and bequeath unto my child that my wife to beg with my Negro boy David & my Negro  
girl Phillis, and my spiritual Plantation and Land after my wife decease and to the heirs  
forever, but if in case my child should die before it arrives to the age of twenty one year or mor  
west then the said plantation and Land, and two Negroes David and Phillis, to my loving wife  
during my wife's life and after her death is that Thomas Parham and my loving wife Lucretia Parham  
shall be my executors of this my last will and testament and my devise is that there shall be  
no appraisement neither shall they be compelled to give security for their faithful Execution  
of this my last will and testament this 17<sup>th</sup> of October 1667  
Signed Sealed and Delivered  
in the presence of

Abraham Parham junr  
Thomas Stewardant  
John Parham junr

Robert Parham Esqr

As a Court held for Sussex County the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1667  
The Last will and testament of Robert Parham deceased was presented into Court by Thomas  
Parham & Lucretia Parham the Executors therein named who made oath that as the law directs  
and the same was proved by the oaths of Abraham Parham junr Thomas Stewardant & John  
Parham junr the witnesses thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the  
said Executors certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form

W<sup>m</sup> Listerme cec.

A True and perfect Inventory of the Estate of Robert Parham deceased  
To 1 Negro Called Beulah, Negro David, Negro Phillis, Negro Cato & a Gray horse called Cato his wearing  
Cloath apparel

Thomas Parham Esqr  
Lucretia Parham Esqr  
As a Court held for Sussex County the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1667  
This Inventory of the Estate of Robert Parham deceased was returned by the Executors and ordered to be recorded  
C. Listerme