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June Court W<sup>th</sup> Liberty

Recorded, and in the motion of the said Executor - certificate is granted him for  
Exec. obtaining a probate thereof in due form -

Essex

Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> 1683

In the Name of God amen. I Willm<sup>th</sup> Roberts of the County  
of Essex being in Perfect Health and Sound Memory but willing to mind the Uncertainty  
of Life and being willing to settle my worldly affairs I do make manifest and declare  
this my last Will and Testament In Manner & Form following first, I recommend my  
Soul to the Almighty God and my Body to the Earth from whence it came and as for the  
Worthy Gods whose will it hath pleased God to Endow me With in Manner and form follow-  
ing that is to say first &c.

Item I Give and Devise to my Son William Roberts one certain tract or Parcel of Land Containing  
by Estimation four hundred and Sixty five Acres to the same more or less lying in the parish  
of Edmund's Mill Church. I like wise give to my said son William two Negroes Named  
Jen and Justice like wise all my House hold Furniture as he hath now in his own Possession  
and after my wife's Death or Marriage I give to my said son one Negro Man Named  
Robin all which I give to him his heirs & assigns for ever.

Item I Give and Devise to my son Willm<sup>th</sup> Roberts after my Wife's decease or Marriage all that Part of  
the Tract of Land with Plantation where on I now live in which the Dwelling House now is  
to be Divided from the South of the Dry Slough beginning at the Stone between Annetia  
Gilliam and my self beside of the Slough thence turning by the said Slough to Patrick  
Laythams line I likewise give to my said son Willm<sup>th</sup> Roberts Negroes Named Moses Sam-  
y & his key one Feather Bed and furniture one small Gun known by the Name of the  
Whore; two Large Dishes and one half a Dozen Plates my Carpenter's tools with any other  
-cars & Croquet stons all my wearing Cloaths, and after my Wife's death or Marriage I give  
to my said son Willm<sup>th</sup> one Negro man named Tom all which I give to him his heirs & assigns for  
ever.

Item - I Give and Devise to my Son Benjamin Roberts all the Remainder Part of the Tract of Land  
where on I now live being the Upper Part thereof the same containing by Estimation three  
Hundred & forty three Acres to the same more or less the other Part being before devised to my  
son Willm<sup>th</sup> Roberts I like wise give to my Son Benjamin two Negroes Named Jack and  
Wife one Dining Table known by the Name of Trinitie one Feather Bed & furniture &c.

larged.

Anno Regni septimo Georgii Tertii Regis

large Dishes and Half a dozen Plates, one Using Given known by the Name of the Savage Covenant after My Wife's Death or Marriage I give to my said son Benj<sup>d</sup> one Negro Boy named Ned all which I give to him his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Roberts two Negroes named Abram and Beck one feather Bed and Furniture two Dishes and Half dozen Plates one Black Walnut w<sup>th</sup> falling Table one black Pine Chest Dove case, one Side Saddle: and after my Wife's Death or Marriage I give to my said Daughter Mary one Negro Woman named Jack, all of which I give to her & her Heirs and Assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Roberts two negroes named Charles & Jan one Feather bed and furniture two Dishes and Half dozen Plates one Black Walnut falling Table with a Mulberry frame one Pine Chest Dove case, one Green Side Saddle and after My Wife's Death or marriage I give to my said Daughter Sarah one Negro Woman named Paul all of which I give to her & her Heirs and Assigns.

Item I Devise and send the care of to my living Wife Faithy Roberts for and during the Term of her Natural life or Widow hood all that Part of the Land whereon I now live herein before given to my son William Roberts likewise my Negroes Robert Ben. Ted Phill<sup>d</sup> Joseph and all the that of My Estate what nature or kind soever that herein before Disposed of after my Debts and Legacies are Paid for the Maintenance and bringing Up of my son Benjamin Roberts and after his Decease or marriage it is my will that all my Estate of what Nature soever not herein before disposed of to My Children; be sold for the best that can be got for the same and the Money arising therefrom to be Divided in the following manner Viz<sup>t</sup> that one third to my son William Roberts; and two thirds to my son Benjamin Roberts all which I give to them and their Heirs for ever.

Item I Devise that my before mentioned Daughters Mary Roberts and Sarah Roberts shall have the Use of my said Room and Chapel, and land on my Plantation to such their Negroes during their single life.

Item I Devise that if either of My sons William Roberts or Benjamin Roberts should die Under age and without Issue then the Survivors of them either William or Benjamin the Land of the said deceased shall go to remain unto the Survivors and their Heirs forever.

Item My will that if either of My sons William Roberts or Benj<sup>d</sup> Roberts die Under age and without Issue that the Negro goods and Chattels shall and be Equally Divided betw<sup>en</sup> My Daughters Mary Roberts and Sarah Roberts and the Survivors of my before said son either William or Benj<sup>d</sup> which Division of Issue may be Made by two Discre<sup>t</sup> Persons all of