

In The Name of God amen soe be it; I Robert Middleton being sick & weak of body, but of perfect understanding, and memory, I give my soul to God that gave it, my body to be decently buried; As to what worldly estate it hath pleased God to give unto me, I do give and dispose as followeth

First I doe give and bequeath Fifty Acres of Land unto my son John Middleton and to his heirs forever, also I give unto my Son John Middleton & my son Benedict Middleton and to their heirs forever all my Estate of Land, jointly And that the Eldest heir male enjoy my Plantation of, Farrisaines with 364 Acres of Land and three wayes of outlett, and that my said Sons or their heirs, shall not at any time sell or Mortgage any of my said Land except to each other; also I give unto John Garland Nathaniel Garland both Sons of Nathaniel Garland, to each of them an English Crown to buy gloves and to Daniel Garland & Jeremiah Garland Sons of Nathaniel Garland to each of them 500<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco to be paid by by Executors when said Children are one & twenty years old, and if either of them die before that age, the Residue to the Survivor; also I give unto John, Robert, Thomas, & Eliz<sup>th</sup> Middleton all the Children of John Middleton, to each of them 500<sup>lb</sup> Tobacco, to be paid to the boys at the age of Twenty, one, and to the girls at the age of 17 and if any of them die before age, the Residue to the survivors, also I give unto my aforesaid Sons all my other Estate of goods and chattels, movable, and unmovables, to my aforesaid Sons, John Middleton and Benedict Middleton all my Estate whatsoever jointly with this proviso, that the Negroes now upon my Plantation and alimbeck, be not divided, but that one of my aforesaid Sons have them paying the other for the half Value, as they shall agree by

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themselves or by their neighbours, and so made my two sons John & Benedict  
Middleton Executors of this my last Will and Testament, Welling them to pay all  
my Just Debts, dues and Legacies, Signed Sealed this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of February 1697  
Teste Nathaniel Garland, Seneclitt Insoor & Robert Middleton

Westmorel<sup>d</sup> Set. At a Court held for said County the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1697

The last Will & Testament of Robert Middleton within named was this  
Day proved by the Witnesses thereto, and a probate granted the executor therein named  
of record to be Recorded

Teste James Westcomb CMC