

Will^{ts} Pierce
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Testament

In the name of God amen I William Pierce of the parish of Copie
in the County of Westmorland in Virg^a gent^l being of good and perfect
memory thanks be unto God almighty, seriously considering the un-
certainty of life and time of my dissolution out of it, being now sick & in
bodily health imperfect, do make, constitute, ordain and appoint this
my last will and testament in manner and form following, revoking
and disannulling all other wills and testaments by me heretofore
made or devised - Imprimis I give my Soul into the hands of almighty
God my heavenly father hoping by the mediation of Jesus Christ my
blessed redeemer to receive it again into everlasting bliss & happiness
at the general day of the resurrection of the dead and my body
I give to the earth to be decently interred, and for my worldly goods
wherein it hath pleased God to bestow on me in this temporal life I
give and bequeath as followeth (viz.) Item, I give and bequeath unto
Stence Somers and Stanley Somers three hundred and ten acres of land being
the land their father formerly held on equally to be divided between
them, it being part of a patent granted unto me for six hundred & ten
acres dated the two and twentieth day of March 1665 to them and
their heirs forever - Item I do give and bequeath unto my grandson Edmund
Bayley all my land on the South side of Pauties runn next adjoining
unto Red Messings and George Bower to him and his heirs forever, as to the
remaining part of my lands which I hold in Virg^a I give unto my grand-
son William Pierce and to his heirs forever - Item I give and bequeath unto
my grandson William Pierce two negroes called Toney and Roger as being
his own proper Estate descending from his deceased father John Pierce to him
and his heirs forever, Item - I give unto my wife one negro named Mingo
and her thirds out of my Estate and it is my will that after her decease
the said negro named Mingo shall return unto my grandson William
Pierce and to his heirs forever and that her thirds before expressed shall be
always taken and esteemed for her right of dower - Item I give & bequeath
unto my grandson William Pierce all the rest of my Estate to him and
his heirs forever - It is my will that my Estate shall be kept entire upon
my now seated plantations after my decease untill my grandson William

at the general day of the resurrection of the dead and my body
I give to the earth to be decently interred, and for my worldly goods
whereunto it hath pleased God to bestow on me in this temporal life I
give and bequeath as followeth (viz.) Item, I give and bequeath unto
Thrice sons and Stanley sons three hundred and ten acres of land being
the land their father formerly lent on equally to be divided between
them, it being part of a patent granted unto one for six hundred & ten
acres dated the two and twentieth day of March 1665 to them and
their heirs forever. Item I do give and bequeath unto my grandson Samuel
Bayley all my land on the South side of Panties run next adjoining
unto Ned Messings and George Traue to him and his heirs forever, as to the
remaining part of my lands which I hold in Virg^a I give unto my grand-
son William Pierce and to his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto
my grandson William Pierce two negroes called Toney and Roger as being
his own proper Estate descending from his deceased father John Pierce to him
and his heirs forever. Item I give unto my wife one negro named Mingo
and her thirds out of my Estate and it is my will that after her decease
the said negro named Mingo shall return unto my grandson William
Pierce and to his heirs forever and that her thirds before expressed shall be
always taken and esteemed for her right of dowry. Item I give & bequeath
unto my grandson William Pierce all the rest of my Estate to him and
his heirs forever. It is my will that my Estate shall be kept entire upon
my own sealed plantations after my decease untill my grandson William
Pierce attains to the age of twenty years at which time my will is
my said grandson shall be therewith possess, and it is my will that
if it should please God that my grandson W^m Pierce should happen
to die before he attains to the age of twenty years then all the Land and
personal estate give unto him by this my will shall be equally divided
between my daughters Elizabeth Bridges, Margaret Graham and Mary
Parsey to them and their heirs forever. Item I give unto Thomas Mason

one thousand pounds of tobacco and unto Rachel his wife I give thirty shillings
to buy her a ring, and do make, constitute, and appoint my loving friend
Thomas Marson and my grandson William Pierce whole and sole Executors
of this my last will and testament, and it is my desire that my grandson
William be brought up and educated by my loving friend Thomas Marson
during his minority - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal the four and twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and one.

Memorandum - that the goods hereafter mentioned (that is to say) one
silver tankard marked in the bottom with these letters **E.T.H.**, six silver
spoons and one horse are the proper Estate of my grandson William Pierce as
descending from his father John Pierce deceased as above said, and ought not to be
accounted any part of my Estate, which said goods I will that my said
grandson William Pierce shall possess and enjoy, and desire that this codicil
annexed may be always taken to be part of my last will and testament, it
being recited before signing, sealing and delivery thereof.
Witness my hand and seal the day and date before written.
Witnesses
as Thomas Thompson, Daniel Neale, Phileas Thompson } William Pierce (Seal)

Westmoreland. Sd.

At a Court held for the said County the 25th day of
March 1702. The last will and testament of W^m Pierce Gent^l within
written was proved by the oaths of all the witnesses thereto subscribed, a
probate thereof granted Mr Thomas Marson and W^m Pierce Es^{rs} therein
named and the will ordered to be recorded. (S^r Cur^r)

Test

Jo: Westcomb Chc. Secm. p^{re}

Recorded 7th die Aprilis 1702.

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A true and perfect account and Inventory of all and singular the