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Gosby James
his will

In the Name of God Amen I James Gosby of York County
being Sick and Weak of Body, but of Perfect Sense and Memory praised
be God for the same do make this my last Will and Testament in manner
following first I bequeath my Soul to Almighty God who gave it hoping
through the Merits of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to receive full
Pardon for my past sins and to bestowing of what Worldly Goods God
Almighty has blessed me with I Give and bequeath unto my son, Heir Apparent
Gosby the Plantation I now live on in York County to him and his
Heirs forever in fee simple Provided he Attains the Age of 21 Years
and leaves Issue of his Body lawfully begotten at the time of his death
but in case he doth not then I Give my said Land to Robert Shields Jun:
of York County to him and his Heirs forever Likewise I Give the said
Robert Shields Jun: Viz: Three Negroes by Name Tom George and
Jimmy he paying to my son Heir Apparent Gosby One hundred and twenty
Pounds Current Money if my said son Attains to the Years 21 or leaves
Issue at the time of his death lawfully begotten but in case it should
please God that my said son should die before he attains to the Age of
21 Year and leaves no Issue at the time of his death then I Give the
said Three Negroes Viz: Tom George and Jimmy to the said Shields and
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his Heirs forever Item I Give Mary Cosby Daughter of Samuel Cosby
dec^d twenty Pounds Current Money to be paid out of my Estate after
my dec^d but in case the said Mary Cosby should dye before she
attains the Age of 18 Years or lawfully Married the said Money
to return to my Son but in case he dies before he attains to 21 Year
of Age to go to the said Shields and his Heirs my desire is that my two
Negroes Robin Hannah and all my Stock Cattle Mares & Horses
Sheep and Hogs likewise all my Corn and Tobacco to be sold to
discharge my just Debts by my good friend Robert Shields Jun^r whom
I do Appoint my whole and sole Executor to this my last Will and
Testament and I do desire my said Ex^{or} to take care of my said Son
immediately after my dec^d and never to let him be with his Mother
and further it is my desire that my said Ex^{or} never be called to any Orphans
Court on the Account of my Son when my Estate that is my two Negroes
Robin & Hannah and all my Stock and Household Goods Corn and
Tobacco is sold and my just Debts are paid what remains I leave equally
to be divided between my Son and Wife Ann Cosby and the Heirs of my
Land to be laid off and she to have one third part and no more and my

desire is that the other part be not Rented to her or Leased on any terms whatsoever
and I do revoke and disannul all former Wills, ^{declaring} this to be my last Will and
Testament whereunto I have set my hand and Seal this third Day of August 1747.

Wit
Arth^r Dickeson

Nath^l. Buck

John F. Lister

James Creswell.

James Cosby (L. S.)

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Exam^d

Teste

Thos. Everard & Co. Sec^{ys}

In the Name of God Amen I Hugh Baskerville of