

Shields
will

In the Name of God Amen I James Shields of the
Parish of Bruton and County of York being at present of sound Mind do
make this my last Will and Testament I recommend my Soul to the
Almighty hoping for his Mercy through the Merits and Mediation of my
blefed Saviour and my Body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian
manner and as to my Worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me
with I dispose of in manner following

Imprimis I give and devise unto my two Daughters Elizabeth and
Hannah and to the Heirs of their Bodies lawfully begotten my Plantation
at Skimmens in the County of York to be equally divided between them but
if either of my said Daughters should die without lawful Issue then her
part shall go to the Surviving Sister and the Heirs of her Body lawfully
begotten And if both my said Daughters should dye without such Issue
then I give and devise my said whole Plantation to my Son James and
his Heirs forever. Likewise give my said two Daughters Elizabeth and

and Hannah fifty pounds Current Money each of them provided the
Seat of Government should not be removed from Williamsburgh in ten
Years from this present time otherwise I give to each of them but
twenty five pounds Current Money And in case either of my said
Daughters should die before she Arrives to the Age of twenty one Years
or Marriage then the Survivor of them to have the others part so dying
of the said Money and if both of them should die before the said Age or
Marriage then both their parts of the said Money shall go to my Son James.

Item I Give to my two Daughters Anne and Christiana each of them
One hundred pounds Current Money provided the Seat of Government
should not be removed from Williamsburgh in ten Years from this
present time but if otherwise then each of them to have but fifty pounds.

Item I Give to my Daughter in Law Judith Bray Ingles three
Negro Slaves, Larit, Simon Belinda and Daba and their Issue to be
delivered her when she Arrives to the Age of twenty one Years And in
case she should dye before she Arrives to the said Age then I give the
said three Slaves and their Issue to my Son James and his Heirs forever.

Item I give to my beloved Wife Anne the free Use & Occupation of

said three Slaves and then I give to my son James
Item I give to my beloved Wife Anne the free Use & Occupation of
all the rest of my Estate both real and Personal for and during her
Natural Life or Widowhood and give her free Liberty, to sell Six, Eight
or Ten of my Slaves if she shall find it necessary and also my Waggon
and Horses for the discharge of my Just Debts And when my said
Wife shall die or marry then I give and devise my Plantation on
Will Swamp and also all my Houses and Lands in the City of
Williamsburgh to my Son James and the Heirs of his Body lawfully
begotten I also Give unto my Son James and his Heirs forever after
the death or marriage of my said Wife the residue of my Slaves and
also all my Plate Household furniture and all other my Personal
Estate not already disposed of by this my Will: But in case my Son
James should die without lawful Issue then it is my Will and desire
that my said plantation at Will Swamp and also all my Houses and
Lands in the City of Williamsburgh be sold to the best advantage for
Money: And in case ^{said} my Son James should die before he Arrives to the
Age of twenty one Years and after the death or Marriage again of my

said Wife then my Will and desire is that all my aforesaid Slaves & Personal Estates not already particularly disposed of by this Will be likewise sold to the best Advantage for Money and that the Money arising by the Sales of my aforesaid Estates Real and Personal so directed to be sold be equally divided between my then surviving Children. And in case either of my said surviving Children should die after Marriage and leave a Child or Children then my meaning is that the said Child shall have the Mothers part but if more Children than one that then the said Mothers part be equally divided among her Children. Lastly I do hereby appoint my loving Wife to be Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament And my desire is that she may not be obliged to give Security for the performance thereof and also that there may not be any Appraisement of my Estate. In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal the nineteenth Day of December One thousand seven hundred and forty seven.

Signed Sealed Published and declared
by the Testator in the Presence of us

Wm Parks

John Berron

James Stielor (L.S.)

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Wm Parks

John Berrow

Ann White

At a Court held for York County the 17th Day of December 1750.
This Will was proved by the Oaths of John Berrow and Ann White
Witnesses thereto sworn to by Ann Shields the Executrix therein named
and Ordered to be recorded And on the Motion of the said Executrix Certificate
was granted her for obtaining a Probat thereof in due form.

Exam^d

Teste

Thos. Overend C. Cus.

In the Name of God Amen 18th Dec 1750