

Christopher Dudley's Will

and the name of God Amen: I Christopher Dudley of
Halifax Town in the province of North Carolina being of Sound &
Disposing mind, memory & understanding do make & confirm this my
Last will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say first
I Bequeath my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it hoping
& believing in a Remission of my sins by the merits & mediations of Jesus
Christ, and by my body I commit to the Earth to be buried at the Discretion
of my Exor: hereinafter named and my worldly Estate I give Devise
& Bequeath as followeth Viz.^t

Imprimis my will & desire is that all my just Debts
& funeral Expences be first paid and satisfied and I charge my Exor
personal Estate with the payment thereof.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my son Marcom Dudley Seventy five pounds
proclamation Money to him this Heir for ever.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my son Christopher Dudley One Hundred
pounds proclamation Money to him this Heir for ever.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Dudley One Hundred
pounds proclamation Money to her this Heir for ever.

Item I Give & Bequeath to my son Linton Dudley a Tract or piece
of land in the County of Middleburg in Virginia which I hold in Right

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 of my late wife Elizabeth, Mother of the said Linton: I also give &
 Bequeath to my said son Linton one Hundred Pounds of proclamation money
 Together with the said Land to him his Heirs & assigns for ever.

Item my will & desire is that the Legacies in money heretofore
 Devised to my four children, To wit Hannah, Christopher, Sarah & Linton
 may be applied towards their bringing up Maintenance & Education
 & to any for no other use or purpose.

Item all my Estate both real & personal whatsoever that some
 now is, or may be at the time of my death (the Land before Devise
 to my son Linton excepted) I will & desire may be sold at the
 Discretion of my Exors and the Money arising therefrom in the
 first place to be applyed towards the payment of my just Debts &
 the Legacies in money before Devise to my four youngest Children To wit
 Hannah, Christopher, Sarah & Linton and the Balance or Residue together
 with all Debts & moneys due me to be Equally divided between my
 right Children. To wit Ann Macher wife of Henry Macher, Guilford
 Lytha, Elizabeth, Hannah, Christopher, Sarah, & Linton to them & their

Years for ever Excepting that in the quota or share of my son Linton
the Ballance & overplus as aforesaid there be an allowance made of
one Hundred & thirty three pounds six shillings & eight pence so as
to include that sum his portion or share will be then equal to the
rest, this being in consideration of the Land before devised to him
and further my will & desire is that in case either of my said
Children. To wit. Ann Macher, Guilford, Agatha, Elizabeth, Ransom,
Christopher, Sarah, or Linton should die before they arrive to Lawfull
age or marry that then their portion & share go & remain to the
Survivor or Survivors of them share & share alike to them & their heirs
for ever... and Lastly I nominate constitute & appoint my son
Guilford Dudley, Henry Macher, & my friend Erondatio Davis Executors
of this my Last will & Testament hereby utterly revoking all other Wills
made by me whomever I have heretofore set my hand & affixed my
Seal this Second Day of June - Anno Domini 1777

Sign'd Seal'd Publish'd
& Declar'd in presence of

Christopher Dudley Seal'd

Charles Parker
Gabriel Long

Halifax County 3rd November Court 1781
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Jm^r Westcott
Joseph Cocks
Patrick Martin

Halifax County 5th November Court 1781
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Only proved by the Oaths of Wm Montfort & Jos^{ph}
Cocks who on this Oath did say that they
Christopher Dudley Sign Seal Publish and

This Instrument of writing to be his last Will & Testament
& that he was of sound mind & memory at the time of signing the same
and on Motion Ordered to be Recorded, whereupon Guilford Dudley &
Henry Macher Qualified as his Lawful Executors

Jos^t Wm Westcott &

In the Name of God Amen