

Elphy Tillery's will

In the Name of God Amen Elphy Tillery of Halifax County & State of N. Carolina being weak in body but of a sound mind & memory do make & ordain this my last will and Testament in manner & form following vizt That is to Say. First that all my just debts be paid by my Executor hereafter mentioned out of my whole Estate. -

Item I Give to my loving Wife Viley Tillery for the Space of twelve years from the date hereof if she should Continue my widow the whole of my Estate Consisting of Land negroes & other of all kinds house hold & Kitchen furniture & if she should die or marry before the term of twelve years my will & desire is that my Estate be kept together untill my Daughter Betsey Tillery shall arrive to the age of fifteen. -

Item I Give to my Daughter Cally Motley during her natural life one negroe Girl names Beede & one Cow & calf & after her death I Give & bequeath the said negroe Girl & Cow & calf to my Grand Daughter Margaret C. Motley to her & her heirs forever. - 3

Item I Give & bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Tillery one negroe boy names Sham to her & her heirs forever
Item I Give & bequeath to my Sons David & Thomas Tillery the land & plantation whereon I now live to be equally divided between them, to them & their heirs forever. -

Item I Give & bequeath the whole of my Estate that has not been heretofore bequeathed to be equally divided amongst my wife & the rest of my Children namely John Tillery Judith E. Tillery Nancy Tillery Eliphatus Tillery Viley Tillery Samuel Tillery Phebe Tillery & Fides Tillery to them & their heirs forever. And lastly I Recommend

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& calf to my Grand Daughter Margaret & Molly to her & her heirs forever. — 3
Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Nancy Tillery one negroe boy named Abam to her & her heirs forever
Item I give & bequeath to my Sons David & Thomas Tillery the land & plantation whereon
I now live to be equally divided between them, to them & their heirs forever. —
Item I give & bequeath the whole of my Estate that has not been heretofore bequeathed
to be equally divided amongst my wife & the rest of my Children namely John Tillery
Judith E. Tillery Nancy Tillery Eliphatus Tillery Alcy Tillery Samuel Tillery
Polly Tillery & Betsey Tillery to them & their heirs forever. And lastly I nominate
& appoint my Son John Tillery & my Friend Thomas Barnes Executors to this my last
Will & Testament.

Signed Sealed & acknowledged in presence of us
Barwell Smith William Duncan
April. 26. 1798

Eppie Tillery

Halifax County Va August 26th 1798 Then this Will was exhibited in
open Court & duly proved by the oath of W^m Duncan one of the Subscribing Witnesses
thereto & on motion ordered to be Recorded. Whereupon John Tillery one of the Executors
named came in & was duly qualified thereunto
Witness — J Long C^l