

In the Name of God. I MEN, James Shaw, of the County
of Halifax, being sick & weak of Body but thanks be to god of perfect mind and
sound Memory & knowing it is appointed for all persons once to die, do make &
Ordain this my Last will & Testament in Manner & form as follows to Wit

First. I recommend my soul to the Almighty as gave it and my Body to be decently
buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, As touching of my worldly
Estate I give & bequeath in the following Manner that is to say

I Give unto my beloved wife Sarah Shaw, all my Lands, plantation & Negroes
that I now possess, during of her natural life, also I Give unto my s. Wife, all my
Stock of Horses, Cattle, Hogs, & Sheep, & all my Household Furniture of every kind
whatsoever, during her natural life as aforesaid.

Item I give unto my Son Tho: Shaw, One hundred & Eighty Acres of Land, being the
same whereon he now lives & possesses to him & his Heirs forever.

Item, I Give unto my Son Henry Shaw, one half of the Lands I now possess to
be divided Equally & for my s. Son Henry, to have the lower part including my Mill
& also the Houses whereon I now live the s. Lands to be divided beginning at the
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James Shaw Will

Lands of Shaw

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Item, I Give unto my Son Payton Shaw, all the Remainder of my Lands,
being the upper half of the S. tract, to him & his heirs forever.

Item, I Give unto my Son Henry Shaw, one Negroe Woman named Tab, but
the Child she is now big with Excepted, & all the rest of her Increase to him.

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and his heirs forever.

Item, I give the s^d Negroe Child the afore^d Negroe Woman Tab is now big with to my son Peeter Shaw, & all its Increase to him & his heirs forever; But be it further understood that if the s^d Child should not live to be delivered & to be not thought to be a well hearty Child, then & in that case my will & desire is that my s^d son Peeter, have one hundred dollars raised out of my perishable Estate that I have lent to my wife after her Decease.

Item, I give unto my Daughter Mary Powell, One Negroe Boy Abram, to have & his heirs forever.

Item, I give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Powell, one Negroe Girl Amy, and all her increase to her & her heirs forever.

Item, I give unto my Daughter Sally, one Negroe Girl Melly, & all her Increase to her & her heirs forever.

Item, I give unto my son Tho^s Shaw, One Negroe Boy named Bob, to him & his heirs forever.

Item, My Will & Desire is that all the Estate that I have already lent to my Wife be Equally Divided after her Decease, between all my Children to them & their heirs forever. I also appoint my friends William Powell Sen^r & Charles Moore Executors & my Wife Executrix, to this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have set my hand & affixed my Seal this day

seven hundred Ninety.

Anno Dom. one thousand

Signed & sealed in presence of

James ^{his} Shaw - Clerk
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Signed & sealed in presence of -
Lechariah Powell & Benjⁿ Green.

James ^{his} Shaw Seal
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Halifax County Es^t

August Sessions 1790. Then this will was exhibited in Open Court & duly proved by the Oaths of Lechariah Powell & Benjⁿ Green, two of the Witnesses thereto, & on Motion Obedient to be Recorded. Test. W^m Wooten C^lck

In the Name of God Amen Luke Richard Halley