

Whereas I my daughters Sarah & Elizabeth & Lydia & Dorcas
 ... in former years, I have been with all the money in the
 house or in hand to be expended in the service of my beloved
 wife & my son David & my daughter Mary & my son John & my daughter Mary
 ... hereby make & appoint William Byrnes full executor
 of the my & the said David & Mary & John & Mary & Dorcas

Published & signed by the said William Byrnes
 in the date before mentioned.
 Witness I am, Samuel Simpson } John Byrnes
Procurator }

In the presence of God, William Byrnes of the County
 of Essex being of the age of 40 years, do hereby certify, that not being
 in a sound state of health with respect to my body yet of
 perfect composition, I do hereby give my thanks be to God, calling
 to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is ap-
 pointed for all men to die, I do make & declare this
 my last will & Testament, that is to say principally &
 first of all I give & bequeath my soul to God that gave it
 & my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in decent
 Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors & am
 nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection I shall
 rise in the same again by the mighty power of God & as
 touching such worldly Estate wherewith God has been pleased
 to bless me in this life, I give & dispose of in the following
 way & manner as hereafter I shall that all my lawful debts be
 paid, that my wife shall have her maintenance on the land
 & the use of the House as long as she remains a widow, together
 with the cattle hogs & sheep & she shall have her part of the
 household furniture till death & likewise in and among her children
 as may suit best, Moreover I will that my land wherupon I live
 be divided between my two sons James & John & my daughter
 the two girls viz Sarah & Mary & my son David & my daughter
 to my oldest daughter Sarah my Negro woman & Jane to be in
 her property & also one horse & saddle & two cows & calves