

Memorandum of what passed between me and Mr. William Whitfield in his last illness

On Monday morning the 1st September 1775 I received a message that Mr. W^m Whitfield was very desirous of seeing me, on which I immediately repaired to his house, where I found him very low, and not fit for business. I understood he wanted me something about his will, I then returned home, and went back again to him at noon, and about dusk I went into his room, and as he desired if he knew me, he answered, very well, my name was Mr. George Moore, I then told him I was informed he wanted something done about his will, he said he was afraid it was too late. I then shew him his last will which was sealed with three seals, he seemed well pleased at seeing it, but said that it was made four years ago, and before he married his last wife. I then asked him if he wished anything altered by way of a short codicil, he said he had no spirits to go through with it. I then asked whether, he would choose to have any thing done relating to what little he had got by his last wife Mrs. Green, as perhaps he might choose to give up that part of his estate to be divided among his children, or those of them he thought deserved best. At this time I found him excepting low, and waited awhile but had no answer, I then quitted the room for about half an hour. When I went in again I found him in little better spirits, I then urged to him at least the necessity of appointing a person or two to take charge of all his affairs here, on which he looked at me but did not reply, Mrs. Green being at this time present, she asked him if he would choose to put that trust in me, but I immediately answered it would not do, that I was the only person then present proper to testify what he said, which he seemed to pay attention to. He was asked if he would choose Mr. Hostler to manage his affairs, his answer was ay. I then also asked him if he would choose Mrs. Green to act with Hostler, and he replied ay, this happened about seven of the clock, and I being with a fence, coming down, took my hand and went home.

Sworn to before me }
the 23rd Sept, 1775 }
W^m Proctor, J.P. }

George Moore

Deposition of Geo. Moore esquire, related to Administration being granted on the estate of the late W^m Whitfield, to James Gooch and Alex^r Hostler, delivered into H^r Hanover, County Court at January Term 1777 -

Thos. MacLaine. Clk