

Parish Planter, being Sick & weak in Body but of Perfect Mind &  
Memory; Thanks be Given unto God. calling unto mind the Mortality  
of my Body, & knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to Die  
do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament, that is to say,  
principally & first of all, I give & recommend my Soul into the  
Hand of Almighty God that gave it, & my Body I recommend to the  
Earth, to be Buried in Decent Christian Burial at the Discretion  
of my Executors; nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection  
I shall receive the same again, by the Right Power of God. And  
as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it has Pleased God to  
 <sup>Bless</sup> me in this life, I give, demise, & dispose of the same in  
the following Manner & Form:

First I give to my Sons James & Thomas Commander, the sum of Five  
Shillings Sterling to Each of them. and the Sum of Five Shillings  
Sterling Money to each of my Deceased Children (which I had by my  
first life) or their Heirs likewise to all the Children which are  
Married, that I had by my Last wife I have given them their part  
already which is a Small Stock of Cattle, to each of them, And  
my upper Tract of Land which I Bought of John Egan I Desire <sup>my</sup> to be  
equally Divided in the midst, the half for my Son Samuel & the  
other half for my Son Joseph, also the Plantation I now reside  
on I desire that Mary my Dear Wife may reside on during widow-  
hood, afterwards to be for my youngest Son Jesse, And I do desire  
that all the rest of my Estate my continue together as it is for  
the Term of five years, for the Support of my wife & young Child-  
ren, then I desire that my wife may have a Horse or Mare or  
Maidle, her Choice to be hers, and likewise my Negro wench Naed

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Sterling Money to each of my Deceased Children (which I had by  
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I have married, that I had by my Last wife I have given them their  
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the Term of five years, for the Support of my wife & young Children,  
then I desire that my wife may have a Horse or Mare with  
saddle, her Choice to be hers, and Likewise my Negro wench  
Martha Venas I Desire my wife may have her, with her, to labour for me  
during the Natural Life of my wife, also my wife to have a good  
feather bed & furniture, And all the rest of my estate I Desire  
may be Divided into four equal parts a part to each of my four  
Youngest Children I had by my Last wife, which is, Samuel, Joseph,  
Jesse, and Martha my Daughter, And the above said Negro wench  
Martha Venas, at the Death of my wife, both she and her Increase if a

after the Term of five years shall be Equally Divided Between  
 my four Youngest Children above Named.--- And I do Likewise Con-  
~~stitute~~ <sup>stitute</sup> & appoint my Three Youngest Sons Namely Samuel, Joseph, &  
 Jafae Commander to be the Executors of this my last Will and Test-  
 ment, And I do hereby utterly Disallow, revoke and Disannul all  
 & every other former Testaments, Wills Legacies, Bequests & Ex-  
 ecutors by me in any ways before Named, willed & bequeathed;  
 ratifying and confirming this, and no other to be my last Will  
 and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twel-  
 th Day of June in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred  
 & Eighty three.

Signed, Sealed, Published, Pronounced and  
 declared by the said Samuel Commander Sen<sup>r</sup>.

as his last Will and Testament, in the Presence of us  
 who in his Presence and in the Presence of Each other  
 have hereto Subscribed our Names.

Peter Dubose Sen<sup>r</sup>

Samuel Commander Sen<sup>r</sup> (SEAL)

Samuel Newman  
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 Deborah X Rowe  
 Mark

the word, have, interlined before Signed  
 & Sealed

(Not recorded in Will Book)

Sworn the 13th Day of May 1784

H Hampton C.C.D.

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