

James
Washington
Arthur
with
Sarah
Washington
Articles
of agreement

Articles of a agreement made concluded & agreed upon this
fourth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty
four Between James Washington Arthur Washington and also for and on behalf of Amos
for themselves respectively and also for and on behalf of Amos
Washington children of Arthur Washington late of the county of
Southampton deceased by his first marriage of the one part &
Sarah Washington widow and relict of the said Arthur Washington
for and on behalf of Nancy John Peggy and Arthur Washington
children of the said Arthur Washington deceased by his second
marriage with the said Sarah of the other part Whereas the
said Arthur Washington at the time of his death was seized & possessed
of a very considerable estate in lands slaves & personal chattels and before
his intermarriage with the said Sarah had made a certain writing pur-
porting his last will and testament bearing date the sixth day of
September 1770 wherein he devised of his whole estate to the said
James Arthur Oliver and Amos children then living by his first
marriage and soon after intermarried with the said Sarah party
hereto and by her had issue the aforesaid Nancy John Peggy and
Arthur and departed this life sometime in the month of January
in the year 1784 leaving the aforesaid paper not formally and
legally revoked and whereas from the great length of time since
the execution of the said Writing from the alteration of circumstances
in the said testator family and estate his frequent declarations of
doubts & actions and of his intentions of cancelling & altering the said will
to provide for the last mentioned children and from several other
circumstances attending the same the said will is liable to contention
for putting an end to all controversy relative to the same the parties
aforesaid have mutually come to the following agreements
First it is mutually agreed and warranted between all the aforesaid
parties to these presents that no action suit or contention for
or concerning the legality or validity of the said will or writing
of the sixth day of September 1770 shall be started commenced
or prosecuted by all or any or for and behalf of all or any of the
aforesaid parties but that the said James Arthur and Amos
shall have hold & enjoy the several tracts or parcels of land to
them respectively devised by the said will agreeably to the
devises and bequests therein mentioned without the least
detrance or molestation of the aforesaid children by the said
marriage with the said Sarah party hereto and they respectively
relinquish all title claim or demand thereto - also it is
further agreed & warranted that all the rest residue &
remainder of the said Arthur Washington estate for what