

Richard Drake of Southampton County This Twentye eighth
 Day of February 1759 Who being Weak of Body. but in perfect
 Mind & memory. Thanks be to God. & now considering that it is
 Appointed for all men once to Die & Not knowing how soon. I therefore
 make & Ordain this my Last Will & Testament. . . .

First I give & Bequeath my Soul into the hands of God that gave it me. &
 next my Body to be Buried in a decent & Christian manner at the Discretion
 of my Exors hereafter mentioned. & for what worldly Goods it hath
 pleased God to Bless me with all. after my Just Debts. & Funeral
 Expences are paid. I give & Desire the Rest of my Estate in manner
 and form as following. . . .

Item I give & Bequeath to my Son Francis Drake one Shilling Sterling.
 to him & his heirs &c. . . .

Item I give & Bequeath to my son Matthew Drake One Shilling Sterling.
 to him & his heirs &c. . . .

Item I give & Bequeath to my son Nathaniel Drake One Shilling Sterling.
 to him & his heirs &c. . . .

Item I give & Bequeath to my son Jrestrem Drake one Shilling Sterling
 to him & his heirs &c. . . .

Item I give & Bequeath to my Son William Drake one Shilling Sterling
 to him & his heirs &c. . . .

Item I give & Bequeath to my Son Britton Drake. one Shilling Sterling.
 to him & his heirs &c. . . .

Item I give & Bequeath to my Son Richard Drake the plantation & Lands
 whereon I now live. together with all the Lands I have in
 possession. to him & his heirs & assigns forever. . . .

Item I give & Bequeath to my Son Edmond Drake so much of my Estate
 as will purchase him a good tract of Land & one Feather Bed & Bolster
 one Rug. one Blanket. one Sheet. one Iron pot. one Frying Pan.
 to him & his heirs forever. . . .

Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Martha Wilk^{son} the wife of Jacob
 Williams. one Shilling Sterling to her ^{her} & heirs &c. . . .

Item I give to my Loving Wife Margret. During her Life or Widowhood
 all the Rest & Remainder of my Estate; & After the Death of my
 Wife Margret. or if she should marry. then. after her marriage.
 all my Estate aforesaid to be Equally Divided Between my Four
 Children. viz Richard. Edmond. Elizabeth. & Margret. . . .