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Jo. Delk  
Will

In the name of God amen this sixth day of February in the  
year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty eight  
I Joseph Delk of Southampton County being in perfect health  
mind & memory thanke be to God for it & knowing it is appointed  
for all men to Die do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament  
principally & first of all I recommend my Soul into the hands  
of the Almighty God that gave it me & my body to the ground  
to be buried in a Christianlike manner at the discretion of my  
Exor. & as touching such worldly Estate which it hath pleased  
God to bless me with in this Life I give in the  
following manner and form -

Item I leave the use of my plantation whereon I now live & all my  
land from the North side side of my plantation to my  
Loving wife Hannah Delk during her natural Life the said  
Land to be divided from my other Land by a Line of markt Trees  
beginning at a pine stand in the great location where Wm Briant  
Line joins my Land thence running an Easterly course to  
the East side of my Land which takes in all my Land from  
the aforesaid Line to the County Line & after my wifes  
decease I give the aforesaid Land to my son John Delk  
to him & his heirs forever & I also give my son John  
Delk all my Iron Tools & Grind Stone -

Item I give all the Remain of my Land to my son Jacob Delk  
to him and his heirs forever -

Item I give to my sons Jacob & John Delk half the Remainder  
of my Estate divided between them to them and  
their heirs forever -

Item I give all the remainder of my Estate after my Debts  
paid be it in any kind or Quality whatsoever to my Loving  
wife Hannah Delk to her own disposing & I do hereby  
Appoint my Loving wife Hannah Delk my hole & sole  
Exor to this my Last will & Testament In Witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand & Affixed my seal this  
day & year above Written

Signed Sealed published &  
pronounced in presence of

Nith. Maget  
Sam Maget  
Michael Rogers

Joseph Delk

