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John Claus
Will

In the name of God Amen I William Claus of the County of Southampton
and late of Virginia do make and declare this my last will and Testament
In manner and form as followeth I have I do bequeath to my wife Mary Claus
all my lands during her natural life or widowhood and at the death of my wife
my debt and desire it that all my lands be sold and the money arising therefrom
be equally divided between all my living children. I have I do. After the
payment of all my just debt and funeral expenses I have to my wife Mary
Claus the following slaves to wit: David Harry Shaw Mary H. Bell
during her natural life or widowhood also the balance of my slaves I have
to my said wife Mary I Claus until either of my daughters Mary
or Anne at the age of twenty one year. My will and desire is that
either of my daughters get married or arrive at the age of twenty one year
that she shall have an equal share or proportion of all my slaves which
I have not loaned to my wife Mary I Claus during life or widowhood
also my will and desire that should there be any increase from either of
those negro women which I have loaned to my wife during life after my
death that they should be considered as loan to my wife but to come in the division
between my daughters when they Mary or Anne at the age of twenty one year
I have I have to my wife Mary I Claus the use of all my household and
Kitchen furniture and stock of all kind of plantation utensils for during
her natural life or widowhood. Except when either of my daughters should
get married or arrive at the age of twenty one year my will and desire
that then the said daughter or daughter should have one French
Bed and furniture one horse of the value of twenty five dollars two combs
valued two some of pigs each of equal value. I have I have to my wife Mary
I Claus should die before my daughter Nancy arrived at the age of twenty one
year or many my will and desire is that the plantation be kept up together
with all its appurtenances until my daughter Nancy I Claus
arrive at the age of twenty one year or married then my wife Mary I Claus and desire is that
all my household and Kitchen furniture stock of all kind of plantation utensils
that I have not given in the aforesaid be sold and the money arising
therefrom to be equally divided between all my living children. And I testify
I do hereby appoint my wife Mary I Claus my whole and sole executrix
to this my last will and Testament. Given under my hand and
that this 21 day of August one thousand eight hundred and twenty five
Signed sealed in presence of

Wm Claus
John Claus
William I Claus Jr.

At a Court ^{made} held for the County of Southampton the 11th day of Sept 1829
This last will and Testament of William Claus was proved by the oath
of Joseph Claus and John Claus two of its witnesses and the Court
has so ordered.

Sydney Vaughan

St James Mufco Ad^r To the Estate of Sydney Vaughan Esq^r

ad ^r amount 1828. To paid Clerk Nichols	8 01	Sept 13 th amt of bills due this day	6 18 77
cost of suit	7 32	1829	1829
cash paid Auctioneers	2 00	1829	1829
Lawyer fee as per receipt	14 00		
paid appraisers	3 00		
Auditing account	2 00		
Commission receipts	37 12		
Balance due & contra	55 12		