

will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & seal the day & year first above written

Signed sealed published
pronounced & declared by the
said Christopher Foster as his
last will & testament in presence of
Arthur Foster
John Fort
John Westbrook

Christopher Foster

At a Court held for the county of Southampton
the 12th day of March 1767 — This will was presented in court
by W^m Foster one of the executors therein named proved by the
oaths of Arthur Foster & John Fort two of the witnesses thereto
ordered to be recorded And on the motion of the said executor
who made oath according to law certificate is granted him
for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security
Whereupon &c

W^m Foster

John Person
Will.

In the name of God amen I John Person of Southampton county
being in sound & perfect health of body do make this my last will and
testament in manner & form following First & principally I recommend
my soul to the mercy of the almighty God that gave it I do also what
ever lady good it hath pleased God to bestow on me I dispose in manner
following In primis I leave to my loving wife Dorcas the use of my ma-
nor plantation where my ^{to} ~~own~~ ^{live} ~~live~~ ^{shall} my land on the north side of the
Quarter branch together with what land I have on the west side
of the Flat swamp for securing her natural life in lieu of her right
in all my lands. Item I Give to my son Presley all the remainder
of my lands in Southampton county together with that left to my
wife after her decease to him & his heirs for ever Item I Give to my
son Phillip Colin & Turner all the lands belonging to me in North
& South Carolina to be equally divided among them when my son Turner
comes to the age of twenty one years or in case he should die before to be
equally divided ^{between between} Phillip & Colin each of their respective parts
to them & their heirs for ever Item I leave all my slaves & personal
estate after my just debts are paid to remain upon my manor
plantation in the possession of my executors for the use of my wife