

In the name of God amen I Joshua Pope of the county of Southampton being sick & weak but of sound & perfect memory thank be to God for it do make and ordain this my last will & testament as follows to wit

I Give and devise to my sons Josiah & Mirajah Pope and their heirs for ever all my land on the West side of the Ready branch to be equally divided between them Josiah to have his first choise after division made by Nathan Pope Isaac Johnson & Howell Edmunds or any two of them

I Give & bequeath to my son Reuben Pope & his heirs for ever all my land & the plantation whereon I now live on the east side of the branch aforesaid after his mother's decease

I Give the use of all the remaining part of my estate to my loving wife during her life & after her decease to be equally divided between my sons Josiah (Mirajah & Reuben) & my daughters Annis Sabra & Fanny I also appoint my loving wife Nathan Pope Shadrach Newton and my son Josiah Pope to be executors of this my last will & testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Tenth day of Sept^r 1769

Grace F Johnson
John F Newton
Samuel Kindred
Signed sealed published & declared
In presence of the above Witnesses
Joshua Pope (seal)
Mark

At a Court held for the county of Southampton the 9 day of November 1769 This Will was presented in Court by Sarah Pope one of the executors therein named proved by the Oaths of Johnson & John Newton two of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded & on the motion of the said executrix who made oath according to law certificate is granted her for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security & Chancery &c

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