

In obedience to an order of the worshipful court of Southampton county bearing date Nov^r the 9th 1763 Wth the subscribers being first sworn have appraised in current money all the estate of Joshua Pope dec^d which was exhibited to our views
 Feb^y. 22^d 1770 —

Robert Bittle
 Hardy Atkinson
 Ben Blunt

At a Court held for the county of Southampton the 8. day of March 1770. This Inventory & appraisement of the estate of Joshua Pope dec^d was returned & ordered to be recorded

R. Bittle

Wm Jelks
 dec^d

In the name of God amen I William Jelks of the parish of St Luke and county of Southampton county being sick & weak but of perfect mind & memory thanks be to God I do make & ordain this my last will & testament in manner following

First I will that all due debts & funeral expences be paid —
 Item I leave the use of my land and plantation to my wife during her life or widowhood & then to be equally divided between my two sons Samuel Jelks & Wm Jelks I also give my son Samuel Jelks one feather bed & furniture likewise my son one feather bed & furniture all to them & their heirs
 Item I leave the use of all the remaining part of my estate to my wife during her life or widowhood & then to be equally divided between all my children to wit Samuel William Mary Tabby & Betty Jelks all to them & their heirs
 Item My will is that my son Samuel Jelks be forthwith freed from the debt of his apprenticeship
 Lastly I do appoint my beloved wife Anne & my son Samuel Jelks executors of this my last will & testament ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this ninth day of October 1766
 Signed sealed published & declared by the said testator to be his last will & testament in presence of
 Gregory Rawlings — Peter Barker

Wm Jelks
 made

At a Court held for the county of Southampton the 12. day of April 1770 — This will was presented in court by Anne Jelks & Samuel Jelks the executors therein named & proved by the oath of Peter Barker who deposed that he saw Gregory Rawlings subscribe his name to the said will & ordered to be recorded & on the motion of the said executors who made oath according to law certificate is granted them for obtaining