

Item I give and bequeath to my son Michael Stanis that plantation that I purchased of Jesse Boykin to him and his heirs for ever and if the said Michael Stanis should die without an issue lawfully begotten of his Body or before he arrives to the age of twenty one years old then my desire is that the said plantation should return to my son Hardy Stanis to him and his heirs for ever

Item I lend unto my loving Wife Sathay Stanis the use of my plantation whereon Snow lies during her life I also lend my loving Wife four Negroes Ned Moses Beniah & Lucy and one third part of all my stock of what kind soever likewise one third part of all my household furniture I also give my loving Wife One half the crop of Corn now growing to her use and after her death to be equally divided among all my Children to them & their heirs for ever

Item I give all my Negroes not heretofore mentioned and all my Estate of what nature or kind soever real or personal to be equally divided by my friends Joseph Smith William Blunt & John Blunt among all my Children except my sons Benjamin for I have given him two Negroes Daniel and Bett and that their Value should go in part of his proportion of my estate and my desire is that my Daughter Mary Stanis part should be of twenty pounds less Value than the Rest of my Children for reason I have given her daughter Nancy a Negro Boy Abram to them and their heirs for ever and further if my sons Absalom Hardy or Michael should die before they arrive the Age of twenty one or have an issue lawfully begotten of their body then my desire is that their part of this Clause should be equally divided among all my Children then surviving to them & their heirs for ever

And I do appoint my loving Wife and my son Absalom Stanis my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament This annulling all other Wills by me Made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this seventh day of July in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Seventy

One P  
Signed sealed and Delivered  
In the presence of  
Wm Blunt  
Jm Smith  
Will <sup>my</sup> Stanis  
Mark  
Benj. Stanis  
Mark

At a Court held for the County of Southampton 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 1774  
This Will was presented in Court by Absalom Stanis one of the Executors therein named and proved by the Oaths of William Blunt and William Stanis two of the Witnesses thereto and order to be recorded and on the Motion of the said Executors who made Oath according to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the same giving Security Whereupon &c.  
R. K. Hill