

At a Court held for the county of Southampton the 10th Aug^r 1775
 This will was presented in court by Anne Ray one of the Executors therein named (the other Executor Lewis Bryant refusing to act) and proved by the oath of James Bryant one of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, and one the execution of the said Will made oath according to law certificate is granted her for obtaining a probat thereof in due form given security &c & Whereupon
 Sam^l Wells

In the name of God amen I John Drake of South-
 ampton county being weak of body but of sound and perfect
 mind and memory and calling to remembrance the uncer-
 tainty of this transitory life do thing proper to make this
 my last will and testament and dispose of the effects
 wherewith God has been pleased to bless in manner and
 form following viz

Imprimis I desire my just debts be first paid & dis-
 charged
 Secondly I give devise and bequeath unto Ridley Drake &
 Cordale Drake the two eldest sons of Barnaby Drake jun^r
 and my lands being the plantation wherison Timothy Drake
 and my self have been containing by estimation one hundred
 and forty five acres to them and to their heirs and
 assigns for ever

Thirdly I give devise and bequeath unto Ridley Drake
 on his attaining the age of one twenty one years one fea-
 ther bed and furniture one cow and calf one walnut tree
 table to him and to his heirs and assigns for ever

Fourthly I give and bequeath unto Cordial Drake on his
 arriving to the age of twenty one years one feather bed
 and furniture one cow and calf one chest one Black
 hunk and one small Gilt ditto to him and his heirs for
 ever

Fifthly I give and bequeath unto Burgeffe Joyner one cow
 yearling to him and to his heirs and assigns for ever

Sixthly I give and bequeath unto Baker Joyner one Cow
 yearling to him and to his heirs for ever

Seventhly I give and bequeath unto Calon Joyner one Cow
 yearling to him and to his heirs for ever

Eighthly I give and bequeath unto Baldy Drake one Black
 cow yearling to his heirs & assigns for ever

Ninthly I give and bequeath unto Mary Drake wife of
 Barnaby Drake jun^r and to Talitna Joyner wife of Britain
 Joyner my riding saddle and Bridle

Tenthly I give and bequeath unto Barn

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Mercer
 John
 Will
 In the name of God amen I John Mercer of the
 county of Southampton Virginia being sick and weak but
 of sound mind and perfect memory do make addres this
 my last will and testament in manner and form as follow
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 Firstly I give to my son John Mercer the plantation that
 he now has in his possession with all profits thereon