

124 In the Name of God Amen, Joshua Bate of the County of Southampton being in perfect health and of sound disposing mind and Memory Praised be to Almighty God for it, but knowing the Uncertainty of our being here to make this my Last will & Testament. He followeth Declaring and revoking all other wills or wills thereto made by me.

Item, I give & bequeath my soul to God that gave it me Relying on the merits of my beloved Saviour to have full Permission of all my sins and my body to the Earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

Item, I give and bequeath to Thomas Bate son of Arthur Bate five pounds Cash to him and his heirs

Item, I give and bequeath to Benjamin Bate son of Hardy Bate all the residue of my Estate to him & his heirs.

Has Nominate & appoint my friend Lewis Thap sole Executor of this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have set my hand & affixed my seal this 30th Day of January 1779.

Joshua Bate

Signed Sealed & Published by Arthur Bate in presence of Henry Bate & Sarah Bate
At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 4th Day of Sept. 1779. This Will read over by the Justice of the Peace & Henry Bate two of the witnesses in presence of & ordered to be Recorded. Jam. Kells & Co

In the Name of God Amen, I Benjamin Barnes of the County of Southampton Virginia being weak of body but of sound perfect and disposing mind and memory, thanks be to be to God for the same, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this mortal and transitory life and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, do think proper to make appoint constitute and ordain this to be my Last Will & Testament in manner and form following to wit.

Imprimis, I give devise and bequeath unto my loving Wife Mary Barnes the use and Profits of the plantation and lands wherein I live a lion the use and Labour of my three negroes viz, Pompey Cato and Pats for and during the term of her natural life likewise the use profits and labour of my negro woman called Venus for and during the term of her natural life or widowhood and no longer.

Also, I give and bequeath unto my son John Barnes, one negro Boy called Luke one Negro Girl called Frank one Featherbed & Furniture two Cows & Calves some Poultry one ewe and Lamb two iron pots and six sets of chairs with some other trifles all of which I have already possessed him with to him and his heirs & assigns forever.

Also I give devise and bequeath to my son William Barnes The plantation & lands which I purchased of Joshua Johnson containing by estimation two hundred and Ten acres, bounded and described as by the said Johnson and to me is expressed Lib. 1st under the Plantations and lands which I lately bought of the executors of Rich^d. Rich^d dec^d. supposed to contain six hundred Seventy three acres more or less more or less bounded and described as by indenture from William Thomas John Thomas & John Robert Rich^d. Rich^d. and Joseph Rich^d. executors of the aforesaid Rich^d. Rich^d dec^d. to me is expressed & declared also one negro boy called Moses two Cows & Calves one ewe & Lamb two sets of chairs one Featherbed & Furniture Ten pounds value in Poultry six Hagg bottom & some other trifles to him & his heirs & assigns forever.