Avery Fortune Will

In the Name of God Amen, I Fortune Avery of the County of Southampton being of sound and disposing mind Memory thanks be to Almighty God do make this my last Will & Testament, in Manner & form following to wit)

Item, I give & bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Gazard all my Estate Consisting of Land Whole Furniture Stock of Cattle and Hogs & the Money arising from the Estate of my dec.d husband if Any, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Eighteen th Day of Feb.y One Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Eight

Signed Sealed published & delivered in presence of

Mary her mark Coggin
Ann her mark Coggin
David Edmunds

Fortune (his mark) Avery (Seal)

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 11th day of May 1780 This Will was proved by the Oaths of Mary Coggin & Ann Coggin & David Edmunds the witnesses thereto & ordered to be Recorded.

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Butts Peter Will

In the Name of God Amen, the 24th day of March One Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty I Peter Butts of the County of Southampton and Parish of Nottoway being in Perfect mind & memory Thanks be to Almighty God for the same Therefore Calling to mind the mortality of my Body and Knowing that it is Appointed that all men whose to die do ofter my just Debts are paid Give & dispose of my Estate which it has Pleased Almighty God to Bless me with in manner & form Following

Imprimis what I have before given by Deed to Nottoway unto my Sons Thos. Butts, Benj.n Butts, John Butts, William Butts & James Butts Lands Slaves & other things which they now have in possession I do by this my Last Will & Testament Ratify & confirm the s.d Gifts & Deeds to them & their Heirs for ever.

Item, I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Lucy Butts the Slaves Following Hector, Isbell, Hannah & Hagar & their heirs for ever I likewise Give to my s.d Daughter Lucy after the death of my Wife one Negro Boy Named Ed to her & her heirs for ever.

Item, I give & bequeath to my Daughter Molly Butts the slaves following Moll, Lizzy, Amom, & Jacob also one Feather Bed & Furniture to her & her heirs forever.

Item, I give & Bequeath to my Daughter Betty Butts the Slaves following Jack & Venus the Woman also one Feather Bed & Furniture to her & her Heirs forever.

Item, I give & Bequeath to my Son Daniel Butts after the Death of my Wife the Plantation whereon I now live Containing four hundred Acres to him & his heirs forever, I also give to my said Son Daniel after the Death of my wife the Slaves & other things hereunder Mentioned, Anthony, Beck, Nan, & Clemons also one Silver Tankard, Six head of Cattle one horse & Saddle & all my Household & Kitchen Furniture which is not before given away to him & his Heirs forever.

Item, I give & Bequeath to my Son William Butts one Little Negro Named Nelson which negro I believe I omitted in the Deed of Gift I made to him to him & his Heirs forever.

Item, I leave to my loving Wife Elizabeth Butts the Use of the Plantation whereon I now live together with the use of all the slaves & Personal Estate not before Immediately given away of what Kind soever During her Life, and after her Death my Will & Desire is that the Slaves not before given away if any be alive may be Equally Divided between all my Children as near as they Them Slaves can without Siling any of the Old Slaves — Likewise I do Constitute make and Ordain Benjamin Clements my Son Thos. Butts & Benjamin Butts Executors of this my Last Will & Testament all & singular my Before mentioned Promises by them or either of them to be Performed & Injoyed I do utterly disallow Revoke & disanul all & every other Testament, Will Legacy & Bequeath & Executor by me in any wise before named Willed & Bequeathed Ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will & Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal the day & year first above written

Signed Sealed published & declared in presence of us

Edwin Gray
Ben Rieley
Silas Rieley

Peter Butts (Seal)

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 8th day of June 1780 This Will was presented in Court by Thos. Butts & Benj.n Butts the Executors therein Named & proved by the Oaths of Ben Rieley & Silas Rieley the Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the s.d Executors who made Oath according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining Leave a Probat in due form Giving Security whereupon they

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