

Edmund
Daggs
Will

In the Name of God - I, Edmund Daggs of the Parish of St. Lukes and County of Southampton being sick and weak of body, but of sound and disposing mind and memory, thanks be given to the almighty God for the same, do make and constitute this my last will and testament in plain and manner following. To wit:

I Give the use of my dwelling House and all the land thereto belonging on the house side of the Pond branch with the use of two Negroes named Jemboy and Will to my wife during her life or day of marriage, but at her death or day of marriage, my desire is that the Negroes be sold at public sale, and the moneys thence arising to be equally divided between my two sons Abner and John, and the house and land to return to my son John & his heirs.

I give and bequeath to my son Abner and his heirs lawfully begotten one certain parcel of land, commonly known by the name of the old place with all the appurtenances thereto belonging and the following Negroes viz, Thaury, Lucy and Will, and at his grandfather's decease the land whereon he now lives together with Negroe Gloe and Tony, and my will and desire is that when my son Abner comes of age, that should he grant, deed, sell, bestow or otherwise alienate any of the above mentioned premises or negroes, then his right of heirship shall cease as tho' he were dead, and be vested in the heir at law or those lawfully begotten by him.

I give and bequeath to my son John and his heirs all that tract or parcel of land on which I bought from Sauvols with the Ordinary to be by him possessed allowing his mother's life time or widowhood as before mentioned, when he comes of age, likewise the following Negroes Lantier, Samory, Judy, Isabell, Tomos, Nam, Winney, Jem and Peter, to him and his heirs for ever but in case of my son John's decease, that his whole right devolve on my son Abner and his heirs, so that if either of my sons die before they come to age the survivor to become heir to his deceased brother's land.

I give and bequeath to my sister Susanna the yearly sum of six pounds, to be yearly and every year paid to her out of the Estate of my son John during her natural life. And it is my will and pleasure that when all my Debts are paid, that the remainder of my Estate not disposed of be sold at the discretion of my Executors and the money thence arising be equally divided between my sons Abner and John.

Lastly I do appoint my trusty friends Thomas Esmond & Wm Whitehead to be the whole and sole Executors of this my last will and testament. To whose further care I recommend the tuition of my son Abner, who is to be bound to a house carpenter & joiner till he comes of age, & my son John who is to be kept at an Academy till the age of 21 Years. Hereby revoking all former wills & testaments by me before made, and constituting and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 12th day of December 1782.

Signed, sealed, published & declared
by the D. Edmund Daggs as his last
will & testament in the presence of us
William Bristol
Christ: Bromidge
his mark
Wm F. Street

Edmund Daggs,

