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At a court^{here} for the county of Southampton the 10th day of September 1790
This will was presented to the court by Joseph Bente & Jesse Cotton the s^{rs} therein
named & proved by the oaths of Jacob Turner & Etheldred Turner two of the
Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded. And on motion of the said s^{rs}
who made oath according to law a certificate is granted them for obtaining
a probol thereof in due form giving security Whereupon &c

Sam Hills C^o.

John Thorpe's
Will
In the name of God amen, I John Thorpe of Southampton County State of Virginia
being weak of body but of sound mind & memory do make & ordain this my
Last will & testament as followeth To Wits.

Inprimis I lend to my Loving wife Polly Thorpe (during her natural life or widowhood)
the use of all my land & plantation whereon I now live, also the use of my
part of the till left me by my Father, also the use of my two negroes to wit
Clark & Joan, two iron pots, half dozen pewter plates, six earthen plates
two pewter dishes, three pewter basins, one frying pan each to her choice -
one iron skillet two water pails, three wash tubs to her choice, one spinning
wheel to her choice, three pr of Cotton cards to her choice, three feather
beds & furniture, One sorrel mare call'd the old mare one sorrel colt
call'd Fagan, two cows & calves, Four ewes & lambs, all the hogs belonging
to the gang living on the beaver pond by Charles Bofers, 50 barrels of corn
east & wheat, one loom, And after the death or marriage of said wife
my will & desire is that what I have lent to my wife, except the land,
to be sold to the highest bidder & the money arising from sd sale be equally
divided between all my children hereafter named to wit: Aaron, Elizabeth
Reese Susannah, Moses John, Polly & the child my wife is now pregnant
with & after the death or marriage of my wife my desire is that the land
I have lent my wife be rented out (for the Benefit of all my sons above
named also the child unborn if it be a son) till my youngest son arrives
to the age of twenty one years And then the sd land to be sold & the
money to be equally divided between all my above named & mentioned
sons including the child unborn if a son. Item, My will & desire is
that all the remainder of my estate of what nature or kind soever found
including the land I bought of Charles Bofers And wheresoever found, Except
my Legacy due me by John Reese's will be sold to the best Bidder. And the
money arising from sd sale be applyed to discharge my just debts & the
balance if any be divided between my ~~sd~~ before mentioned children
equally. Item, My will & desire is that the money which my be due me by
the will of John Reese Dec^d as my wife's Legacy be applyed by my executor
hereafter named & he is hereby authorized, to purchase a negro man slave
to be considered as part of my estate & that my sd wife have the sole use of sd negro
so bought during her life or widowhood & after her death or marriage to be
sold & the money to be equally divided between all my above mentioned children
Lastly I constitute & appoint my friends John Harris s^r Randolph Reese, Rivers Reese
& Roger Reese my whole & sole exors of this my last will & testament reworking
all other wills or wills by me heretofore made In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand & affixed my seal this seventh day of July 1795

signed sealed & deliver to be the
last will & testament of the testator
in presence of

John Williamson
Nathaniel Smith
Rowel Reese

her
John F Thorpe
mark

Seal