

James  
Turner  
Will  
Inspirations

In the Name of God Amen I James Turner of the County of Southampton & State of Virginia being now weak in body but of a sound and disposing mind & memory thank'd be to God for the same and holding to mind the uncertainty of this transitory life do make this my last will and Testament in manner following It is my Will and desire that my body be decently buried at the discretion of my Executors and my just debts first paid

Item

I Give and bequeath to my son Edmund Turner one half of my Lanes & one half of my mill to him and his heirs forever but if he should die before he arrives to the age of twenty one years, or without Lawfull Issue then I Give the said Land and the half of the Mill to my son Benjamin Turner to him and to his heirs forever

Item

I Give and Bequeath to my son Benjamin Turner the other half of my Land & Mill to him and his heirs forever but if he should die before he arrives to the age of twenty one years, or without Lawfull Issue then I Give the said Land & half the Mill to my son Edmund Turner, to him & his heirs forever

Item

I Give and Bequeath to my daughter Nancy Turner one Negro Girl named China to her & her heirs forever

Item

I Give & Bequeath the remainder of my Negroes & all their futures increase to my three children namely Edmund Turner or Benjamin Turner & Nancy Turner to be equally divided between them when my son Edmund Turner arrives to the age of twenty one years to them and their heirs forever

My will and desire is that the remainder of my estate not here<sup>in</sup> mentioned of what kind or nature soever or whosoever found to be sold the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between my three children above mentioned

And lastly I do constitute and appoint Henry Blunt Williams Blunt Edmund Turner and Richard Blunt the whole and sole Executors of this my last will Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 1797

Signed sealed published & proclaimed in presence of  
William Blunt  
Nehit Harris  
Edmund Turner  
Henry Blunt  
Richard Blunt

James Turner Seal

In a Court held for the County of Southampton the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1797 this will was presented in Court by William Blunt & Richard Blunt two of the executors therein named (the others refusing to take oaths themselves the husband of the one executor of) proved by the oaths of Nehit Harris Edmund Turner Richard Blunt three of the witnesses thereto and seemed to be received as such at a Court held for the County the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1797 on the motion of the Executors Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving Seal whereupon  
Jum Wells Esq