

or all sales of my estate after paying my just debts to be divided between my beloved wife, my son John Edmunds, Charles my daughter Sally and Polly Giggard daughter of Phike Giggard all of which to have equal shares except Polly Giggard and she to have only one half as much as one of the rest and their respective shares to be to them and their heirs forever

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My desire is that my brother Richard Tate, my son John and raise, and as for my son Edmund my desire is that he be as soon as capable bound to H. Compney Drawing if he will take him if not to some other person and as for my other three children my desire is that they be brought up at the discretion of my wife and my executors hereafter mentioned I nominate and appoint my brother Richard my sole and sole executor of this my last will and testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 10th day of May in the year of our Lord 1791

Signes sealed published & altered to be my last will and testament in presence

Wm. Drewry Esq. Mark

Henry Smith
Aaron Smith
Nathan Turner

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At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 21st day of August 1797 - This will was proved by the Oath of Henry Smith & Aaron Smith two of the Witnesses thereto

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John Ray
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In the name of God amen August the twenty second in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and Ninety six, I John Ray of Southampton County being sick in body but in perfect mind and memory thanks be to god for it and knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to die do make this my last will and Testament principally and first of all I Recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it and my body to the Buriall to be buried in a Christian like manner at the direction of my Executors and as touching such worldly Estate which it hath been pleased God to bless me with in this life I give in the following manner I give & bequeath to my son William Ray all my Land and plantation whereon I now dwell also one horse named Randall and one colt to him and his heirs forever

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I leave all the rest of my estate to my wife Elah during her life or widowhood and after her decease all of the whole estate to be sold and equally divided between my children John Ray Mary Ray Elizabeth Ray William Ray and Howell Ray I do hereby appoint my loving wife Elah Ray and Jacob Parrott