

In the Name of God amen I Edwin Seward of Southampton County
 being of Sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my
 last will and Testament in manner & form following—
 First and foremost I recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it, and my body
 to be decently buried by my Executors hereafter to be mentioned in hope of a joyful
 Resurrection of the same— And as to what worldly Goods it hath been pleased
 Almighty God to bestow on me I dispose of as follows. (To wit)
 Item, I give and bequeath to my Nephew Coufield Seward one Gold Watch which
 he has now in possession to him & his heirs forever—
 Item, I lend to my Mother Sarah Thorpe during her Natural Life one Negro
 Girl named Charity which she has now in possession and all her future
 Increase and after her my said Mother's Death to be divided as hereinafter
 Item, I lend the Use of all the Real & Personal Estate in what
 ever manner it lieth or may be found either in Law or Equity to my Mother Sarah
 Thorpe for & during her Natural Life— My desire is that my Executors hereafter
 to be mentioned shall buy with Cash in Hand and money due me Three Negro
 Boys (Men Boys) at about Forty, Fifty, or Sixty Pound prices as you may think best
 at that time— Which I lend the Use of the said Negro Boys to my Mother Sarah
 Thorpe as above mentioned— and the balance of Cash for her to lay out for necessities as
 she may think proper during her natural Life— and after her my s^d Mother's
 Death to be divided as follows (to wit) —
 Item, I lend the Use of Two thirds of my Estate lent to my s^d Mother Sarah Thorpe
 after the Death of my said Mother, to my Sister Mary Harris provided she my
 said Sister be left a Widow for and during her Widowhood, and then and then
 to be Equally divided among all my said Sister's surviving Children to him &
 their heirs forever provided my sister be not a Widow at the death of my Mother
 Item, I give and bequeath the above mentioned Two thirds of my Estate to her
 Children as above mentioned and their heirs and assigns forever—
 Item, I give & bequeath to my Nephew Coufield Seward the other one third
 part of my Estate at the Death of my Mother to him & his heirs forever provided
 he should have Lawful Issue, but should my s^d Nephew Coufield Seward die
 leaving no such Issue, then after his decease give the said one third to be
 divided between all the Children of my a fore mentioned Sister Mary Harris to
 him and their heirs & assigns forever—
 Item, My desire is, that my Mother Sarah Thorpe shall Reserve such of my Real Estate
 as she may think proper, and the rest to be by my Executors
 for the best price that can be got—
 Lastly, I do constitute and Appoint my Nephew Coufield Seward and my
 kinsmen Byrd Sunday my whole and Sole Executors of this my last will and
 Testament Revoking all Wills heretofore by me made— In Witness
 whereof I have here to set my hand and seal—