

The County
will

I the County of Southampton County, Virginia, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, (First) I desire that all my just debts should be paid and in order thereto do leave it in the power of my Executors hereafter named (or such of them as may choose to qualify to sell on such credits as the circumstances of the estate shall seem to require, except the land & slaves, and what is herein particularly devised, all my estate of every other kind, and should that with the money due to me not be sufficient. I desire that my executors should sell of my slaves on a like credit untill a sufficiency be raised for that purpose taking care to sell in the following order, to wit, first Nanney and Philis sale: - Girl Cherry and boy Jim. woman Phillis, Girl Kate if necessary, but not otherwise and if all these should be sold and then there should be a deficiency they may proceed to sell such other slave, or slaves as can be best spared.

Item. I leave to my beloved wife Parthenia Cressy, for and during the term of her natural life one bay mare & colts & calves (her choice) 2 Cows (her choice) 2 Sows & piggs (her choice) one feather bed and furniture (her choice) and the small trunk bed & furniture - one Chest (her choice) one pine Table all the crockery ware glass ware & knives and forks now belonging to the house - one wool wheel and Cows (her choice) one flap wheel, one loom Gear & winson Chains & Stocks of Bees - one Iron Pott - one Tea Kettle one Spicer one Skillet one frying pan & all the tubs spales and other wood kitchen furniture - also a sufficiency of porks corn fodder, and other articles for the present years crop to serve her, her family, and stock for one year to be laid off by 2 or 3 men to be mutually chosen for that purpose by her and my executors who may qualify - I also leave her in like manner such slaves as may be left after my debts are paid with all my lands and appurtenances, with full liberty to use and vend it in any way she pleases to clear or not, as long as she may live as widow but should she marry - in that case she shall have no liberty to clear land or cut timber except for the immediate use of the plantations, nor shall she vend that which may be then cleared two years together in Indian Corn.

Item - The foregoing devise of use of property for life to my wife Parthenia Cressy is made upon the condition that she raise and school my two children in the best manner that her situation will possibly admit of without making account against them.