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Charles
Briggs
Will

In the name of God Amen. I Charles Briggs of the County of Essex
and parish of Nottoway, being of sound mind and memory and calling
to mind the uncertainty of Life, do make and declare this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit, first
I recommend my Soul to almighty God who gave it, and my body
I give unto my loving wife Jane Briggs the use and Labour of all
my negroes, and also the full use and Occupancy of all my Lands and
Stock, Crop of every kind together with all my household and kitchen
furnitures, during her natural life or widowhood but upon this
special proviso, that she from the profits arising therefrom after
my just debts are paid, support and educate all my Children,
my boys to read ~~write~~ and useful arithmetic, and in case of
her intermarriage to enjoy only one third part of my Land and other
estate that she may then have in possession - and at her death
my negroes without a sale - my Lands and all my personal estate
remaining to be sold and equally divided between all my Children,
namely - Patsy B. Pierce, Polly, George, Richard, Sally, & Henry Briggs
and whereas my wife is now pregnant, and should she be delivered
of a living child my desire is that it share equally with my
other Children. —

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Patsy B. Pierce
one negro Girl Celia. Feather bed and furniture, one Cow and
Calf, one yoke of Steers & four Sheep which she has in her
possession and shall be valued at three hundred and fifty dollars
and be counted as part of her share of my estate at the death
of my wife to her and her heirs forever —

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Polly Briggs, one
negro Girl Charity when she arrives at lawful age or marries
which negro Girl be valued when she receives her, which Valuation
shall be accounted as a part of my estate to her and her heirs forever
Item. I give unto my Son George Briggs one negro boy named
Sam when he arrives at lawful age, which negro shall be
valued when he receives him and shall be counted as a part of
my estate to him & his heirs forever —

Item. I give unto my Son Richard. P. Briggs one negro Girl
named Lydia when he arrives at lawful age which negro shall
be valued and counted as part of my estate to him & his heirs forever

Item. I give unto my Daughter Sally P. Briggs one negro
Girl Judith when she arrives at lawful age or marries which

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