

Now I give and bequeath unto my youngest son Nathaniel Francis at the death of my wife my home plantation to him and his heirs forever—

Now, the balance of my property that I have not lost or given away I wish to be sold and equally divided amongst my living children, to them and their heirs forever— Further I desire that my sister Polly Pope should enjoy the privilege of two acres of land out of my quarter plantation during her life lastly I constitute and appoint my friend William Francis and my son William Francis executors to this my last Will and testament making this all former Wills made by me heretofore in witness my hand and seal this tenth day of February eighteen hundred and fifteen—

Samuel Francis—*(Seal)*

Witness

John Spencer

Thomas James

At a court held for the county of Southampton on the 17th day of April 1815. This will was presented in court by the executors therein named proved by the oaths of John Spencer and Thomas James the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded—

And at a court held for the said county of Southampton the 15th day of May 1815. William Francis one of the executors therein named refusing to in open court to take upon himself the burden of the execution thereof, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that William Francis the other executor named in said will is under the age of twenty one years therefore on the motion of Samuel Francis of the administration with the will annexed of Samuel Francis deceased during the minority of the said William Francis the same is granted him on his giving bond and security and taking the oath prescribed by law whereupon I do

Teste

James W. B. (Seal)

At a Court of J. Thomas District of the county of Southampton in the state of Virginia being of sound mind but low in health and debilitated by sickness do declare the following to be my last will and testament—