

justice and security whereupon the said Samuel Simon Edward Rose
made Charles Simon his executor named and acknowledges these words
in the presence of four thousand dollars count down, as the law directs
Teste James Rachelle c

Benjamin Gray
Clerk

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Gray of the county of Southampton
and state of Virginia being in perfect mind and memory thanks be to God there
for and calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is
appointed for all the decedents and estate that my last will and
testament, Precisely first of all I recommend my soul unto the hands of
Almighty God and my body to the ground to be buried in a Christian
like manner and as respectfully such friendly Estate which I have pleased
God to bless me with in this life I give in the following manner and
form: 1st I bequeath to my wife William Gray during her natural
life the land and House wherein my dear Benjamin Gray formerly
lived and one Negro man by the name of Euf and his executors
at her decease the said Euf to be equally divided between my two sons
Harrison Gray and Richard Gray and the said Negro man to be
increased to be equally divided between my two daughters Betty & Eliza
Gray and the said Harrison and Richard Gray I also give my wife William
into feather bed and furniture one pair of tables two settling chairs two
carthen plates and one Red China Basin and three pairs of candle
one spinning wheel and one pair cotton cards to her and her heirs forever
Secondly I give to my two sons Harrison and Richard Gray their Land &
plantation wherein I now live to be divided between them in the
following manner Beginning at a red oak a line tree near where
Rachelle have there running a straight corner as near as may be
between my dwelling House and Station to the mile Post formerly
Simmons the parts which my dwelling House sets on I leave to
Richard Gray and to his heirs forever Thirdly I give to my two sons
James and Joseph Gray my Blackson the two the thirteen three acres
formerly Fairbairn I give to my son William Gray horse, harness & in
paid him by my executor hereafter to be named Fourthly I give to my daughter
Betty Wagant twelve shillings to be paid in like manner Fifthly I give &
bequeath to my two sons Harrison and Richard Gray and my two daughters Betty
& Eliza Gray three Negro slaves by the name of Steel like whether
to be equally divided between them I also bequeath unto the said Harrison
William Betty and Eliza Gray the residue of my Estate after paying all
my last debts to them and their heirs forever and lastly I do nominate and
appoint Ben William and William Phillips my whole and sole executor
to this my last will and testament In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal this day of January in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty

Ben the former of
James Taylor
Law Clerk
Richd. Belmont

Benjamin Gray Dead