

In the name of God Amen I Laurence Bishop of the County of Southampton gentleman being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such estate, I have, blessed God to his honor with this my present being made my last will and testament in manner and form following, that is to say, first I desire my Executors to sell all my property and after paying my just debts and funeral expenses I give to my wife Martha I Bishop one third of the money arising from the sale during her natural life 2^d after her death I give to my son John Henry of the third he died without issue then to my brother Henry Bishop 3^d I give to my son John I Bishop the remaining two thirds of the money arising from the sale of my property and if he die I give John Henry my two thirds as before he arrives to the age of twenty one years I give to my wife Martha I Bishop the legacy which I have given him the said John Henry for her use during her widowhood and on the event of my wife's death I give to my brother Henry I Bishop all the money or estate which I have left there and lastly I do constitute and appoint my friend ^{because of this my last will and Testament being executed at the request of the said} or John I Bishop to be my executor in all such things as I have bequeathed to my heirs and assigns my seal this 2^d day of April 1723 in the Year of Our Lord 1723 signed sealed and declared as and for the last will and testament of the above named Laurence Bishop in presence of

James I Bishop (Seal)

Specialty Signed Henry Bishop James I Bishop

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 20th October 1723 This will was presented in Court, proved by the oaths of Specialty Signed and Henry Bishop the oaths of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be read and in the presence of 10 other Writables for letters of administration with the will annexed (then being an Executor named as said will) and standing a special case left) the same is granted them on his giving bond of security whereupon the said John I Bishop together with Jacob Murdough and Henry I Bishop has deputed certain wife and coherors to lodge their bond on the surety of the hundred dollars. Enditions as the Law directs

Test. James Rochelle Esq

In Witness
Where

When named Lord Amen this 24th day of June 1723 hundred and eighty four I James I Plant of Southampton County being in my perfect senses thanks be to God for the same and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following, first I give to my wife Martha I give to me and my heirs to be decedately buried by my executors and touching what worldly goods good I possess I give and bequeath them in manner and form following

I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne I Plant to have and her heirs forever my five wheel carriages which she now has in possession also one bed and furniture

I give unto my son Richard I Plant my father's bed and furniture which he now has in possession also my five bags of my horse plantations to him and his heirs forever

I give unto my son Benjamin I Plant to have and his heirs forever all the remaining part of my horse plantations and sheep also all the remaining part of my horse land and kitchen furniture together with my five fives also my crop of one fiddle and peas and all of my property of every description not before recited and

belonging to the plantations whereon I am now employing my crop of bread and cotton

I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin I Plant to have and his heirs forever all of the money and goods which I have in hand and left at my death by my deceased husband

My Will and do that all my property belonging to my first group plantations may be sold together with my crop of bread and cotton at my home plantations and the money arising therefrom together the sale thereof with what money I may have in hand at my death after paying my just debts may be equally divided between my daughter Anne I Plant my son Richard I Plant and Benjamin I Plant and my Grand Daughter Anne I Plant and their heirs forever I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Richard I Plant of Southampton County my Executor to sell my last will and Testament the day and year first there written signed sealed published and declared in presence of James I Bishop Elizabeth I Bishop Martha I Holliday

James I Bishop (Seal)

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 20th Octo 1723 This will was presented and proved by Richard I Plant and Benjamin I Plant the executors therein named (where Benjamin I Plant refusing to take upon himself any part of the burden of the execution thereof proved by the oath of Martha I Holliday one of the witnesses thereto) ordered to be read and in the presence