

A Court held for the County of Southampton on the 10th November 1524. This Will was presented as Court by Robert Williams and Frederick Collett the Executors therein named where Robert Williams refusing to take upon himself any part of the burden of the execution thereof sworn by the oath of such and so many James & Richard and Jesse Carden the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded And on the motion of the said Frederick Collett who made oath according to Law and justice is granted here for obtaining a prelat thereon due form or his giving bond and Security to be sworn for the said Frederick Collett with Jesse Carden and Jesse Carden his Executors entered into and took their bond in the penalty of one thousand dollars conditioned as the Law directs

Teste. James Rochelle Clk

In Witness
Note

I George Holmes of the County of Southampton in the Commonwealth of Virginia being Sordell of the frailties of human nature the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time it may happen have determined to make my last will and testament in manner following

Item

I give and bequeath unto my brother Samuel Holmes at the land bequeathed me by my father during my life or so long as he may appear to him and his heirs forever

Item

I give and bequeath unto my brother William Holmes my estate and appendages or so long as my death The residue of my property of every kind whatsoever after my debt are paid my funeral expenses and necessary expenses of administration I will and order to be appraised to the payment of the debt my most dear may pay at my death. The balance of any there should be after my death part with and paid To such devices as follows Viz. one fifth part to my sister Mary one other fifth part to my brother James one other fifth part to my brother Samuel one sixth to my sister Martha one fourth to my sister Virginia and one third the balance to my brother William Holmes to him and his heirs forever My dear brother and sister. I hope will not think they are neglected. I really think the some part of the family will be more in want if not of funds at least that sort of protection which property seems to give or afford and I do appoint my friend Mr. James Waghurst the executor of this my last will and testament of whom this my desire the Court will not require security for the due performance of this Trust I wish myself of I have received a strong hand and seal this to my third day of August in the year of our Lord 1521 in presence of

Robert Murray Sen. R. Sommersell Esq. Clerk

George Holmes Teste

A Court held for the County of Southampton on the 10th November 1524. This Will was presented as Court by James Waghurst the executor therein named forced by the oath of Robert Murray and Samuel R. Sommersell one of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded And on the motion of the said Executor Collett made oath according to Law and justice is granted him or his giving bond (the will describing no security to be required to be sworn for the said James Waghurst act: a bond in the penalty of three thousand dollars conditioned as the Law directs

Teste. James Rochelle Clk

In Witness
Note

In the name of God Amen I Shewell Barker of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia being in good health and of sound mind and memory do make and ordain that my last will and testament recording all others in manner and form following last after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses

Item

I leave to my affectionate wife Michael Barker during his life or widowhood the following slaves Jacob Peter Jany Thale Tilla Considerilla and their increase and my half of land where I now live

After her death or widowhood I give to my son Edward Gray Barker all the above mentioned slaves namely Jacob Peter Jany Thale Tilla Considerilla together with my land containing 50 acres situate near a life to him and his heirs but should my son Edward Barker die under age without having legal heirs thereof it my wife and devise the said land and negroes as aforesaid second to my Grandsons Shewell Barker Richard to him and his heirs forever

Item

I give to my daughter Elizabeth Barker her dower to be paid to her from my personal estate

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I give to my daughter Mary Barker her dower to be paid to her from my personal estate

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I give to my daughter Anne Barker her dower to be paid to her from my personal estate all the rest of my house hold and kitchen furniture and stock of all kind and every thing I am possessed of whether real or personal I leave to my wife Michael Barker during her life or widowhood and after her death or marriage I give and bequeath the property above mentioned and every thing I am possessed of to my son Edward Barker to him and his heirs forever