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I Arthur Melmons of the County of Southampton do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say 1st I give to my sister Polly Melmons the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid out of my estate by my Executor hereafter appointed to be paid due and payable in twelve months after the qualification of my Executor

2^d I give to my sister Rebecca Melmons the thousand dollars payable in twelve months after Polly's Legacy becomes due

3^d I give to my sister Betty Melmons the thousand dollars payable in twelve months after Rebecca's Legacy becomes due

4th I give to my Brother Benjamin Melmons and his heirs forever all the balance of my Estate both real and personal I do request my Brother Benjamin Melmons to permit my above named named sister to live with him or his heirs as long as they shall be single without paying any taxes with and partly his heirs to permit my Brother Benjamin Melmons my Executor to the my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 7th day of August 1825 Legue State published and declared as the last will and testament of the above named Arthur Melmons

Arthur Melmons Esq

James Maynard

Joseph Shamp

Do. Jery: All a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 19th of April 1825. Then Melmons presented in Court by Benjamin Melmons the Executor thereof named above by the oaths of James Maynard Joseph Shamp and George Sengle as judges of facts and sworn to be the will. And on the motion of the said Executor who made oath according to law and solemnly swears that he obtained a probate thereof in due form on his own bond and security between parties the Benjamin Melmons with Charles Clement Joseph Shamp and James Maynard that secureds entered into and acknowledged their Oaths as the freely of body of the said thousand dollars contained as the last will and testament

John James Melmons

Joseph Vick
Wife

Item

In the name of God Amen I Joseph Vick of the County of Southampton parish of St John and State of Virginia being sick in body but of sound mind and memory do think proper to make and cause this paper writing to be my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit

I bind unto my beloved wife Anne Vick all my lands lying on the west side of the road leading from James town to Smithfield together with all my personal estate of every kind in whatsoever of all my just debts are paid until my son Joseph A Vick arrives to the age of twenty one years unless he should marry or make be made as the same before that time then or rather then I bind him to his part to his thirds and she and she live my widow until my son Joseph A arrives to the age of twenty one year then my wish is that he shall receive one fifth part of my personal estate which may then remain unto his possession as and for his legacy in my personal estate my will and desire also is that my last will be 2^d persons out of the property left to my wife and remain for her use for and during her single life and at the death of my wife she and Anne Vick to have the said property for the use of the family which may remain on the plantation for the said Anne and then all the remainder toward dividing my just estate (Item) I give and bequeath unto my son Joseph A Vick all my lands lying on the east side of the road leading from James town to Smithfield and to be divided out for the purpose of paying the taxes and said land and the balance of my to go the use of my said wife and her children until my son Joseph A Vick arrives to the age of twenty one year or has a lawful heir I also give and bequeath unto my son Joseph A Vick after the death of his mother all my lands lying on the west side of the road leading from James town to Smithfield except that part called and known by the name of Adams and Adams I bind lands together with the one fifth part of my personal estate as before mentioned the personal estate to be received at his arrival to twenty one year and the lands at the death of his mother to him and his heirs forever But I bind him so to live so he will so that there remain my estate so that all the property given to him and to his heirs and children of his and I bind to keep of them as may be necessary to them I have hereunto signed my name and seal to this my last will and testament this 10th day of August 1825