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In the Name of God amen & in the Year of Our Lord God 1715

I John Houlson of Queen Annes Co:ty & province aforesd: being Sick & weak of Body but in perfect sence & memory thanks be to God I do make & ordain this for my last will & Testam:t Revoking & Annulling all other wills by me formerly made or had don — Imp:s I give & bequeath my Soul unto God who gave it & my Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be buried at the discre=tion of my loving wife Eglis Houlson — Item I give & bequeath unto my Son Henry Houlson one hundred Acres of Land being part of a Tract of Land known by the Name of Hawkins Pharsalia in the Co:ty aforesd is now my Dwelling Plantation that is after my loving wife decease for my will & desire is that She shall not be disturbed by any Body of the Plantacon nor the hundred Acres of Land that belongs to it during her naturall Life & then it shall be for him & the heirs of his Body lawfully begotten & for want of Such heirs to the next heir. — It: I give & bequeath unto my two Sons — Andrew Houlson & Thos: Houlson one hundred Acres of Land on the S:d Side of my Son Abraham's Plantacon being part of the S:d Tract w:ch I give my Son Henry to be equally devided the Eldest to have his first choyce to them & their heirs of their Bodys lawfully begotten & if please God one of them dies it shall fall to the Survivor & so to the next heir. It: I give & bequeath to my Loving wife all my personall Estate to her & her heirs for Ever & doe make & ordain her my whole & Sole Ex:x of this my last will & Testam:t — It: I acknowledge before God & the whole world upon this my Deaths bed that my Eldest Son Thos: Houlson was born no free denizen & died no free denizen, all this I make ordain, institute & Confess as my Last will & Testam:t As witness my hand & Seale this 7:th day of Septemb:r Anno Domini 1715

his
John I H Houlson Seal
mark

Test.
Mary her + mark Scott
Ann her A mark Young
Mick:l Hussey

And On the back was thus Endorsed (viz:t)

Octob:r 2: 1715

Then Came Mary Scott, Ann Young, Mick:l Hussey — witnesses to the w:ch in writing & made Oath upon the holy Evangelists that they saw the Testat:r Jn:o Houlson Signe Seale & heard him pronounce & declare the same to be his last will & Testam:t & at that time he was of Sound & perfect mind & memory before me

Ro: Jones Dep:ty Com:ry Q: A: Co:ty

In the Name of God: amen I Jn:o Alward being Sick & weak of Body but in my perfect Sensis & memory doe make this my last will & Testam: First I give & bequeath my Soul unto my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ my Body to the Earth to be buried according to the will & discretion of my Ex:r &c: Item I give unto my Son Jn:o Alward one Cow. — It: I give unto my Daughter Margaret Malow two Cows & one feather Bed & Boulster two Blankitts & one Rugg — It: I give unto Dorothy Brown one fily fold. — It: I give unto my Grand Daughter Sarah Gopp one feather bed & bolster two blankitts & one Rugg a Cow & Calf & to be delivered to her at the day of her marriage — It: I give unto my Grand Daughter Jane Gopp one Cow & Calf & one feather bed & Boulster two blankitts & one Rugg & all my Land called & known by the names of Moores hope; Goodluck; and partnership and to be delivered to her at the day of her marriage but if the S:d Jane Gopp should die w:th out Issue then my Will is that my Land shall returne to my Grand Son Charles Gopp to him & his heirs for Ever — It: I give unto my Grand Son Charles Gopp all the rest of my Estate & doe leave & appoint him to be my Ex:r of all my Goods & Chattels as Witness my hand this 5:th day of Jan:y Anno Dmi: 1715

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John I A Alward Seal
mark

Test:
Tho:s Thompson
Roger his mark Gopp
Wm his mark Peacock

And at the foot of the S:d will was thus Endorsed (viz:t)

Jan:y 19: 1715

Then Came Tho:s Thompson, Rog:r Gopp & Wm Peacock & made Oath on the holy Evangelists that the above will was Signed, Sealed & delivered by Jn:o Alward the Testat:r in his lifetime & was by the S:d Alward published pronounced & declared to be his last will & Testam:t

Sworne before me Joseph Manning Dep: Com: Cl:k

Inventory

In the Name of God amen 1715 I Hugh Reed of Queen Annes Co:ty Planter am Sick & weak of Body but of perfect Memory Imp:s I leave unto George Matherskaw of the Co: aforesd my Son Benj:n Reed to his Care to bring him up in the fear of God to give him Schooling in true English Reading, Writing & Cypthering Secondly to pay all my worldly debts that I do owe Thirdly I doe will when my debts & funerall Charges are pay'd I give & bequeath unto my Son Benj:n all the Remainder of my Estate — I nominate & appoint George Matherskaw my whole & Real Ex:r to this last will & Testam:t

Hugh H Reed Seal

Signed, Sealed & delivered in the presence of us
Jn:o Wood
James his mark Berry
Jn:o Gibb

And on the back of the aforegoing will was thus Endorsed (viz:t)