Named Daniel One Negro Girl named Bett One called Sall & One called Lydia —

Item I give and bequeath to my Son John Courts the following Negroes — Elem. Abraham. Tom. Monica. Peg and a Boy called Moses to him and his Heirs forever — And Also I give my said Son John my Gun —

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Robert Hendly Courts the following Negroes. Sam. Lalford. Suck. Charity. Hennay. Rose to him and his heirs forever — And Also I give my said Son Robert Hendly Courts my Silver Tablespoons

Item I give to my Son George Courts the following Negroes. Roger Phill. Celia. Charles. Hannah and Dennis and Also one half part of the Six Negroes devised my Wife during her Life & after her Decease to him and his Heirs forever. —

Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Ann Courts the following Negroes. a Negro Woman called Bess. Jenny. Cassy. Lucy & Anthony — and Also one half part of the Negroes Devised my Wife during her life & after her Decease to her and her heirs forever —

Item I will and Desire that my Executor hereafter named shall immediately after my Decease make a Deed of Conveyance & hereby giving him full power and authority to do the same of a Tract of Land called Crouch's Gift which I sold a Certain James Briscoe upon the said Briscoes paying the purchase Money with the Interest due thereon —

My Will further is that all my Estate above Devised shall be kept together and managed and employed Jointly under the direction of my loving Wife and my Executor towards Supporting and Educating my Children who I could wish might live and remain with their Mother provided she shall not Marry — and if she should then I Will and Desire that my Executor should take them with their Estates under his care. and after they finish their Education and as they respectively arrive at Age. that then he shall pay to each the proportion of my Estate as above Devised. unless it should happen thro' Accident or Otherways that the profits arising from their Estates should be insufficient to defray the Expences of the Boys

Education

Education then my Desire is and I hereby give full power to my Executor to sell such part of each of their proportions in my Estate as he may Judge most Expedient in Order to Defray the same —

I further give to my loving Wife all my Stock of Horses. Cattle. Sheep. and Hogs towards enabling her the better to support herself and my Children —

Lastly I do Constitute Ordain and Appoint my beloved friend Kenholm Truman Stoddart to be my whole and Sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making Void all former and Other Wills by me heretofore made In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this first Day of February Anno Dom. 1774. —

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the last Will and Testament in presence of — } Robert Hendly Courts (Seal)

W. Smallwood
Hugh Hamill
Bennet Brawner } On the back of the aforegoing Will was thus Written Viz.

Charles County, Sct. 23d January. 1775 } Then came Mrs Elizabeth Courts and made Oath on the holy Evangells of Almighty God that the within Instrument of Writting is true and whole Will of her Decd husband Robt Hendly Courts late of this County, Deceased that hath come to her hands or possession and that she doth not know of any Other — Certified by — Dan. Jenifer Dy. Clk. County

And on the 23d January, 1775. —

Came Hugh Hamill and Wm Smallwood two of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within last Will and Testament of Robert Hendly Courts late of Charles County Deceased and made Oath on the Holy Evangells of Almighty God that they did see the Testator therein named sign and Seal this Will and that they heard him Publish pronounce and Declare the to be his last Will and Testament that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and Disposing mind Memory and Understanding and that they respectively with Bennet Brawner the Other Witness to this Will in the Presence of the Testator and at his request and in the presence of each Other — Certified by — Dan. Jenifer Dy. Clk. County

Kenholm Truman Stoddart the appointed Executor in the last Will and Testament of Robert Hendly Courts late of Charles County Deceased. do hereby refuse to act as Exr. to the said Will. by Virtue of such appointment. & do hereby renounce all my right Title & claim to said Executorship decleaningly given under my hand and Seal this 1st day of January 1775. —

(13 Sides) Witness Dan. Jenifer Kenholm T. Stoddart (Seal)