

Will of Hugh Matthews
Southampton County, Virginia
will written 7 November 1747
recorded 12 September 1751

In the Name of God Amen I **Hugh Matthews** of the County of Southampton in Nottoway Parrish do make this Writing my last will & Testament in form & manner as followeth

Item I give & Bequeath to my Granson **Jonas Matthews** Son of **John Matthews** Deceased Two Hundred Acrers of Land lying on the East side the Angelica Swamp being Part of a Tract of Land formerly taken up by Capn Wm West & now possessed by Edward Drew I say I give the said Tract of Land to him & the Heirs of his Body Lawfully Begotten

Item I give & Bequeath to my Granson **Ralph Matthews** son of **Ralph Matthews** a Certain Tract or parcel of Land lying on the East side the Angelica Swamp a survey Lately made by Maj Jas Baker the contents not known at present I say I give the said Land to him & his Heirs

Item I give & Bequeath to my Granson **Soloman Stephenson** a Certain Tract or parcel of Land lying on the James Branch bounded by Edward Drews Line & my own Line the Contents unknown at presant I give the said Land to him & his Heirs

Item I give & Bequeath to my two sons **Edward Matthews** & **Wm Matthews** a New survey of Land lately made by me lying on James Branch & Bounded by the Indians Line & the branch commonly called the Indian branch I say I give the said Land to my said Sons to be Equally Divided Between then according to Quantity & Quality to them & their Heirs

Item I give and Bequeath to my Loving wife **Ann Matthews** the Plantation I now live on During her widowhood and afterwards I Bequeath the same to my son **Joseph Matthews** Likewise my Desire is that my son Joseph Matthews may Build him a house the which he hath on part of the Said Land & my Desire that he may live where he is on that part of the Land that was Laid of to him & she on the manner plantation without Molestation the time of her widhood I say I give the said Plantation to him & his son **Jacob Matthews** & there Heirs

Item I give and Bequeath to my son Joseph Matthews my still with all convenences thereunto belonging Likewise I Bequeath the third part of the Liquor both syder & Brandy made on the plantation to my wife Ann Matthews Dureing her widowhood & my Will & Desire is that my three sons Edwd & Wm may have the Liberty of Stilling their syder in the said Still as Long as she last on free cost?

Item I Bequeath to my Loving wife Ann Matthews my Negro fellow calld Jack Dureing her widowhood & after to have his freedom and my Desire that my wife Ann Matthews may not take andBody to Crop it with her Except her own son.

Item my will & Desire is that all my Household Stuff & Goods of all Kinds may be Equally Divided between my Loving wife Ann Matthews & my three Sons Edward Wm & Joseph Except my wife Ann Matthews should have a mind to have the plantation then my

will & Desire is that she may have two Cows & calves or year old shiny? black Riding horse saddel & bridel or otherwise if she Continues after her Dec to be Equally Divided among them Likewise my desire is that my wife Ann Matthews may have one Feather Bed & furniture

Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter **Mary Thorp** one Shilling

Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter **Sarah MacKenny** one Shill & my fine Dusset? (or Duffet) coat

Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter **Martha N-----** (smeared) 1 Shilling

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son **Benj Matthews** one shilling

Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter **Hester Johnson** 1 shilling

Item I give and Bequeath to my Grandson **Aaron Matt** one Bed & Furneture one Beaver Hat Broad Cloath Coat & one two year Hifer

Item I give & Bequeath to my Daughter **Patience Johnson** one shilling

Item my Will & Desire is that if the stock of Cattle Increased on the Plantation & either of my sons stands in need of cattle either of them may have a Cow & Calf to give them milk

Item my Desire is that my Loving wife Ann Matthews & my son Joseph Mathews may be Extrs of this my Last Will & Testament Revoking all other wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seals the 7th day of Nov 1747

Hugh Matthew

Danl Sebree

Thomas Puwell

George (X his mark) Stephens

(his mark)

At a court held for the Cound of Southampton on Thursday the 12 Day of September 1751

This writing was sworn by Ann Matthews the Extrix therein named & on her motion it was ordered to be Recorded and a certificate was granted her for obtaining a probate on the Goods & Chattels of the within named Hugh Matthews giving Security according to Law

Test R. Kello

Transcription from a copy of the original made by Elizabeth "Lesa" Muir Pringle. I have tried to render the capitalization and spelling as it was in the original.