

Will, VA, Isle of Wight, Edward Drew 1745

In the name of God Amen.

I **EDWARD DREW** of Nottoway Parish, the county of Isle of Wight being sick and weak of body but thanks to almighty God of perfect sense and memory to make this writing to be my last will and testament in form and manner following, viz.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath to my son **NEWITT DREW** my Negroes as followeth, viz; **TONEY, PAUL, BENN & MINGO**. I say I give the said Negroes to him & his heirs.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **NEWITT DREW** the plantation where on he now live & the land I now live on. I say I get the said Plantation to him and his heirs, likewise the following Negroes, viz; **HARRY, DICK & JAMEY**. I say I give the said Negroes to my said son & his heirs.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grandson **NEWITT HARRIS** son of my daughter **MARY HARRIS** a girl called **HONSAR** to him & his heirs.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grandson **THOMAS HARRIS** a negro girl called **JUDY**. I say I give the said girl to him & his heirs.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grandson **DREW HARRIS** a negro boy called **HALL** and one called **HERCULES**. I say I give said Negroes to him & his heirs.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grandson **NATHAN HARRIS** a negro boy called **NED**. I say I give the said negro to him & his heirs.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grand-daughter **ANN HARRIS** a negro girl called **ROSE**. I say I give this negro girl to her & her heirs.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my granddaughter **MARTHA HARRIS** a negro boy called **FRANK**. I say I give the said boy to her & her heirs.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my daughter **MARY HARRIS** wife of **HENRY HARRIS** a negro boy called **ROBIN**. I say I give the said Negro to her & her heirs.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my grandson **JOSEPH LANE** a negro fellow called **TOM**. I say I give the said negro to him & his heirs.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my granddaughter **FAITH LANE** daughter of **BENJAMIN LANE** twenty five pounds of current money Virginia to be raised out of my estate before any decision be made.

ITEM I will and desire is that the rest eldest children born of my daughter **ANN LANE** / not knowing their name names / may have the negro children born of my negro wench called **AVEY** now at **BENJAMIN LANE's**, the eldest of my grandchildren to have the eldest negro child after the two first children of **BENJAMIN LANE** above mentioned and the next eldest to have the next oldest negro child & so on if there be more of my grandchildren then negro children

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the youngest child to have the next child that the wench brings that shall live after these children have each of them a negro not including my grandson **JOSEPH & FAITH LANE** my desire is that the said wench and her increase may be equally divided among the children that there names are not known born of my daughter **ANN LANE** according to quantity & quality. I say I give the said Negroes to the aforesaid children & to their heirs.

ITEM my desire is that my personal estate, after my debt & funeral charges are defrayed, may be equally divided between my son **THOMAS DREW** my son **NEWITT DREW** and my daughter **MARY HARRIS** wife of **JOHN HARRIS** and I do constitute & appoint my son **NEWITT DREW** my whole & sole executor of this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 24th Day of November 1745.

EDWARD DREW {seal, his E mark}

THOMAS PURSELL
JOHN BAVION
JAMES RIDLEY

At court held for the for the county of Southampton on Thursday the 8th day of March 1749.

This Will was presented in court by the within named **NEWITT DREW** the executor proved by the oaths of **THOMAS PURSELL** & **JAMES RIDLEY** two of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of the said executor who made oath according to law certificate was granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Test **R. J. KELLO**, clerk