

Will, VA, Accomack, William Broadwater, 1725

In the name of God, Amen.

I, **WILLIAM BRADWATTER [BROADWATER]** of Accomack County in Virginia, being of sound mind & memory, considering ye estate of mankind and knowing that it is ordained for all persons once to die do make this my last will & testament hereby revoking & making void all wills heretofore by me made.

IMPRIMIS I give and bequeath unto my eldest son **WILLIAM BRODWATTER [BROADWATER]** & to ye heirs of his body lawfully begotten one hundred and twenty five acres of land beginning at my head line of my whole dividend of five hundred acres at ye head of Ewamus Branch & for depth and breadth to complete the said quantity of land. And if my said son **WILLIAM BRODWATTER** should die without leaving any issue lawfully begotten of his body then in such case I give the said land to the next heir at common law & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **JACOB BRODWATTER [BROADWATER]** & to ye heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever, one hundred and twenty five acres of land (where **TIMOTHY MORRIS** lately dwelt) to begin at Sabasten's [**SEBASTIAN'S**] Bridge on ye branch called Ewamus Branch to contain the said quantity of one hundred and twenty five acres and the the extent where the line of the abovesaid land leaveth of _____

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **ELIAS BRADWATTER [BROADWATER]** one hundred and twenty five acres of land lying and being on Crooked Creek Branch and next adjoining to the land of **HENRY TOOLS [TOOLE]** deceased & so to the extent upwards along ye said branch to contain ye said quantity of one hundred and twenty five acres to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **JOSHUA BRODWATTER [BROADWATER]** one hundred and twenty five acres of land lying and being and beginning at the head line of my aforesaid five hundred acres in Jolly's Neck upon Crooked Branch and to extend downwards to join the land given to my son **ELIAS BRODWATTER** as abovesaid and to go so far as to make up ye land of one hundred & twenty five as above and to be to him ye said **JOSHUA BRADWATTER** & his heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath to my son **CALEB BRADWATTER [BROADWATER]** two hundred acres of land lying and being near ye forest of Nanticoke River in the province of Maryland near the head of ye said river which land I bought of **THOMAS GORDAN** and is called **GORDON'S** Lot in Deep Creek to him, my said son & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever.

WHEREAS the above said donations and bequests doth comprehend all the land I am possessed of or do enjoy and WHEREAS my youngest son **JAMES BRODWATTER [BROADWATER]** is thereby left without and land given to him per this my last will and testament, my will therefore is that if any of his aforesaid brethren shall happen to die without issue that then and such case the land of his brother dying without issue, as aforesaid, shall descend to him, my said youngest son, **JAMES BRODWATTER** & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever. And in case any other of my sons shall afterwards die without issue in such case my will is that his next brother succeeding him shall enjoy his part, anything herein contained to the contrary not withstanding.

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I will and bequeath unto my son **JAMES BRODWATTER** one feather bed and furniture, that is one rug one pair of blankets, two iron pots, one which holds seven gallons, the other four gallons, two pewter dishes, two plates, on tankard and one silver cup, one pair of leather breeches trimmed with plate buttons, one gun called MacKee, also my hand mill & one young mare with her increase.

I also give to my said son **JAMES** my brandy still that is without an head and worm holding about forty gallons which I give him, his heirs and assigns forever. I also give to my son **JAMES** twelve large silver buttons that I bought of **HENRY CUSTIS**.

ITEM I give unto my son **WILLIAM** a pair of spoon molds and my little brandy still with worm and tub thereunto belonging and that all & every one of my sons (as they have occasion for their use to cast spoons shall at any time have the lent of them and also ye use of the brandy still to still their own cider Peach drink & c. being from the fruit of their own trees, but my said son **WILLIAM** not to be hindered first to still ye drink of his own fruit.

I give & bequeath unto my son **WILLIAM** my buccaneer gun.

I give & bequeath unto my son **CALEB** my great gun which I call church.

I give & bequeath unto my son **ELIAS** my little black gun.

I give & bequeath unto my son **JOSHUA** my musket.

I give & bequeath unto my son **JACOB** my least gun.

I give & bequeath unto my daughter **LISHIA [BROADWATER]** one ewe & what things I lent to her husband **TURLO HOBRYANT [FURLOUGH O'BRYAN]** I give unto the children which are or shall be lawfully begotten upon or proceeding from my said daughter **LISHIA**.

I give & bequeath unto my daughter **ELIZABETH [BROADWATER]** as much common stuff as will make her a gown and petticoat to be given her at my decease.

I give & bequeath unto my daughter **MARY [BROADWATER]** one ewe.

My will is and I order ye same that all my wife's wearing cloths of what nature or quality soever be equally divided by lot among my three daughters (viz) **ELIZABETH [BROADWATER] ELLIS, LISHIA [BROADWATER] O'BRYAN & MARY [BROADWATER] ELLIS**, which I give unto them equally as aforesaid.

My will and desire is that my son-in-law **THOMAS ELLIS** comes, if he thinks fit, and live on ye land that I have in my will given to my son **JACOB BRODWATTER** during the time my said son come to ye age of eighteen years and to plant one hundred apple trees and them well at all times to secure from being hurt or damnified by creatures & c. and to leave so many good trees when ye aforesaid time is expired with one good frame house twenty foot long and width according to proportion & ye said plantation to keep always in good repair and deliver it so my said son, to whom it shall belong at ye aforesaid time that my said son comes to he age of eighteen years at which time I put my said son at age & all ye rest of my young sons to be at age at eighteen years old but not to sell or dispose of anything whatever that in my will I have given them before the come to ye age of twenty one years.

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Always ye said **THOMAS ELLIS** pays ye King's rents for the same and that he lives thereon without paying any other rent but what is above mentioned and to take under his care and tuition my said son and his estate to keep whilst my said son comes to ye age of eighteen, aforesaid, and then ye same to deliver unto him or hem it shall belong and that the said **THOMAS** gives good bond and security to my son **WILLIAM** for the true performance of the same which if he refuses to do that then he may have not any right or privileges to come on ye land be be debarred of ye same.

ITEM my will is that all ye rest of my estate of what nature or quality soever not already disposed of before in this, my will, be equally divided among all my children and that I desire and empower my two friends **WILLIAM BEAVENS** and **HANCOCK CUSTIS** to see ye same be equally done and to hear and determine all difference, that may or shall arise between them in said division to award all law suits therein which I hope my said two friends will do so much for me when I am gone.

LASTLY I nominate, constitute, appoint and ordain my six sons: **WILLIAM, CALEB, ELIAS, JOSHUA, JACOB** and **JAMES** joint executors of this my last will and testament, revoking, disannulling and making void all other wills by me formerly made or pretended to be made, owning this whose date is of the 9th day of March 1725 and no other to be my said will, and do sign, seal and acknowledge this to be my last will in presents of.

WILLIAM BRODWATTER {seal}

Signed, sealed and published in presents of:

JOSEPH FEDDOMAN
JOHN ALEWORTH
CHARLES C. TAYLOR
JOHN JENKINSON {his X mark}

Note: before signed or sealed ye words "**WILLIAM BRODWATTER: CALEB, ELIAS, JOSHUA, JACOB** and **JAMES BRODWATTER** was interlined between ye first and second lines at top and that they are ye six sons of ye said **WILLIAM BRODWATTER** mention in this, his last will and testament."

Before I sign or seal this my last will and testament I do give unto my five sons, **CALEB, ELIAS, JOSHUA, JACOB** and **JAMES BRODWATTER** out of my linen and woolens sufficient to well cloth them immediately after my death, or any division made of my estate amongst my children, aforesaid.

WILLIAM BRODWATTER {seal}

Signed, sealed and done before us

JOSEPH FEDEMAN
JOHN ALEWORTH

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