

Will, VA, Accomack, William Bradford 1735

In the name of God Amen.

July 4th Day in the year of Our Lord 1735 I, **WILLIAM BRADFORD** of Accomack County in Virginia, being sick and weak of body but a perfect mind and memory to make & ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth.

FIRST I bequeath my soul into the hands of almighty God my maker hoping through the meritorious death and passion of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to receive free pardon of all my sins and for my body to be buried at the discretion of my executors, hereafter nominated.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to my three sons namely **NATHANIEL BRADFORD** and **THOMAS BRADFORD** one shilling, in cash, a piece, and also I give and bequeath to my son **BAYLY BRADFORD** one shilling in cash.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to my son **JOHN BRADFORD** two cows and calves and four ewes and lambs.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to my son-in-law **JOEDIAH [JODIAH] BELL** and **SARAH [BRADFORD BELL]** his wife a piece of land and marsh lying and bounded as followeth:

Bounded southerly on the land of **WEST KELLUM [KELLOM]** and bounded westerly on a line of marked trees northerly on the head of the Creek Road and bounded on the land he now possesses, being by computation 10 acres more or less.

to them and their heirs forever and also a privilege for them at my usual Landing to make use on in necessary manner during their natural lives.

I GIVE AND BEQUEATH to my son **FISHER BRADFORD** the plantation whereon I now live, with 600 acres of land belonging to it, to him and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body. And for want of such heirs to my son **JOHN BRADFORD** and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body. And for want of such heirs to my grandson **WILLIAM BRADFORD GASCOYNE** and his heirs lawfully begotten of his body. Only my loving wife **BRIDGET BRADFORD** to have the proper use of it during her natural life.

I ALSO GIVE to my son **FISHER BRADFORD** all my lands that are not already given, of all sorts and kinds whatsoever, to him and his heirs, and also four Negroes, namely, **JACK, APPY, HANNAH** and **LEVIN**, only my wife to have use of the aforesaid Negroes during her natural life.

I ALSO OBLIGED my son **FISHER BRADFORD** to pay, in the lieu of the before given Negroes, as followeth:

He shall pay in the lieu of the Negro called **JACK** £10 current to **Bridget Addison** or else deliver to her the Negro the money to be paid within three years after the death of my wife and

He shall also pay in the lieu of a negro called **APPY** £10 current money to the daughter of **HENRY ARMITRADER** called **COMFORT [ARMITRADER]** at the time of her arriving of the at of 16 years old or deliver her the Negro.

And also he shall pay in the lieu of the Negro **HANNAH** £18 current money to my daughter **ANNE BONDWELL** within 2 years after the death of my wife or deliver her the Negro.

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And he also shall pay in the lieu of the Negro LEVIN to my son **JOHN BRADFORD** £20 current money within one year after the death of my wife or else deliver him the Negro.

I ALSO GIVE my son **FISHER BRADFORD** one young mare, two iron chains, one iron crow, one pair of millstones, and three earthen jars.

I GIVE to my grandson **WILLIAM BRADFORD GASCOYNE** two cows and calves and one two year old horse.

I GIVE to my loving wife one Negro woman called DOLL and all the remainder of my estate ungiven.

I DO MAKE, CONSTITUTE, and appoint my loving wife **BRIDGET BRADFORD** sole executrix of this my last will and testament revoking all other wills and Testaments whatsoever.

As witness my hand the day and your first above written.

WILLIAM BRADFORD {seal}

Signed Sealed published in presence of us

SAMUEL BENSTON {his mark}

JOHN KELLUM

THOMAS BRYAN {his T mark}

ROBERT COLEBURN

At a Court held for Accomack County in the first day of June 1736 this last will and testament of **WILLIAM BRADFORD**, deceased, was proved in open court by the oaths of **SAMUEL BENSON**, **JOHN KELLUM** and **ROBERT COLEBURN**, three of the witnesses to the same, and admitted to record.

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JONATHAN JACKSON, Clerk

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