

Northampton  
In the Name of God Amen

I John Vail of the Province and County of Essex  
Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament  
In Manner and form following

Item I give and bequeath to my son Wesley Vail  
My Manner Plantation and the Tract of Land  
Thereunto belong, to him and the Heirs of his  
Body lawfully begotten forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Wesley Vail two  
Negroes Jace and Tom and one bed and furniture

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Vail  
all that part of my Tract of Land called Thomas-  
es which lies on the North side of the Main  
Road, to her and Her Heirs lawfully begotten  
forever

Item I give and bequeath to my  
Daughter Mary one Negro Girl called Rachel  
and one bed and furniture

Item I give and bequeath to Daughter Rebecca Vail  
all that remaining Part of my Tract of Land  
called Thomas which lies on the South Side of  
the Main Road to her and her Heirs lawfully  
begotten forever - Also one Negro Girl called  
and one bed and furniture

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth the  
Negroes following Nam: Mustapha Jack & Nell  
also one bed and furniture

And I Give to my Daughter Martha Keel one Negro  
boy called Sam also one bed and furniture  
And It is my Will and Desire that if either of my  
Daughters who I have given hands, should die  
before they come to Age or Marriage, the  
Land of the Success should go to my Daughter  
Elizabeth

I Item I give and bequeath to my Wife Mary one  
Negro Wench called Jane In Trust for her Children  
And It is my Will and Desire that all the Debt  
and Residue of my Estate in Chosen County should  
be sold to pay my Debts, and the Remainder to  
be Equally Divided between my Children  
Lastly I Appoint my Trusty and Well beloved  
Sons Edward James Blount and Frederick  
Blount Executors of this my last Will and  
Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and seal this 17th day of  
August 1766 and witnessed by

in presence of us  
Sam Dunscomb  
Charles Bonfield  
Joseph Winbury  
North Carolina  
Edenton  
May Sup Court 1766  
This Will was proved by the Oath of  
Samuel Dunscomb one of the subscribing Witnesses and  
Edward Bond one of the Quorum named in the Will appeared  
and qualified a Justice of Law, Ordered that the same be recorded  
and that the Clerk hereof do give Notice of  
Test Saml Shostetter

Registered in Book A. fol. 19 & 20

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Sam Houston