

WILL OF: WILLIAM SHEPHARD

COUNTY: Accomack

COLONY: Virginia

Date Made: 19 May 1718

Probated: 7 Oct. 1718

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I William Shephard of the County of Accomack and Colony of Virginia, Planter, being weak and out of order--reason of old age--calling to mind the uncertainty of my life in this world and the certainty of leaving this world when it shall please God to Call me, and being desirous to settle ye Estate, which it hath pleased allmighty God to bless me with in this world; and for preventing differences that may Chance to arrise concerning the land, Committin (sic) my body to the Earth, decently to be buried at said discretion of my Admins. or Exourtr. hereafter mentioned, and my Immortall soule to allmighty God in hopes of a glorious and Blessed Resurrection unto Eternal Life through Jesus Christ, my only Lord and Saviour, hereby Revoking all other wills & Testaments heretofore, and I doe make & Constitute and ordaine this to be my Last will and Testament: In manner & for the following:

Item: I give and bequeath my Immortal Soul to God who gave it and my boddly to said Earthe to be interred as above said.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my Grandson William Shephard Foster, son of John and Elizabeth Foster, all my Land and plantation Lying and being in said County of Accomack in the Colony aforesaid, to him and said heirs of his boddly Lawfully begotten.

Item: My will is the said John and Elizabeth Foster have their Lives, Each of them, on the above said Land given to their son during their naturall lives upon the conditions as shall be hereafter mentioned, to witt: If said John and Elizabeth Foster shall well & decently and dutifully maintaine my wife, Mary Shephard, with meat, drink, washing and lodging during her life and all other necessaries suitable and fitting for her degree and Condition with house, Roome and in all other matters, then they to have the Land & etc. during their naturall lives; but, if the said John and Elizabeth Foster shall prove Cross to my wife after my decease to be made out according to said Judgment of my well beloved friend, James Kempe, or if the said James Kempe shall be fitt to turne them out of the house and off my said Land bequeathed as above said, I doe give him the power and authority soe to doe.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my aforesaid Grandson, William Shephard Foster, two Cows and Calves to be delivered to him at the age of twenty-one years.

Item: I leave my Trusty & well beloved friend James Kempe and Naomy, his wife, full power and authority to see that my wife well taken Care of during her naturall life, that she may want nothing that is necessary for her, that their one only Judgement and to take as they see fitt out of my Estate what they see fitt for that purpose.

Item: I give unto my said Grandson William Shephard Foster six Ewes & six breeding Sows and my Bed that I myselve Ly on and all furniture and said house, two Iron potts and one frying pan and all my plantation & Carpenter Toolles, one pair spoone molds, and one pair of _____ mill stones, the Last artickles not to be Removed of said plantation.

Item: I give to said kept Child if shall be borne of the boddly of my Daughter Elizabeth Foster, three Ewes & my young horse, now Running in Pigg Point Marsh.

Item: I ordain and apoint Elizabeth Foster, the wife of John Foster, & said John Foster, Executor & Executrix of this my Last Will & Testament -- not without Naomy Kempe to act and doe in all things as above mentioned, and their wills to be as Law in all such Cases without being Called in question for what they see fitt to doe in Relation to said maintenance of my wife out of my Estate.

In witness whereof I hereunto sett my hand and seal this nineteenth of May 1718.

Signed, sealed in the presence of us:

_____ Smith
James Wishart
Naomy Kempe
Jas. Kempe

Mark
William M Shephard (Seal)
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The within Last will & Testament of William Shephard was proved in open Court of Accomack County by the oaths of said James Kempe, Naomy Kempe, & Linon Smith, three of the witnesses...October 7, 1718.

Recorded October 9, 1718; Cher. Sneed, Clerk/Court.

Typescript of original will of William Shephard of Accomack Co., VA, dated 19 May 1718; obtained from Virginia State Archives, Richmond. (See pp. 348-349 for facsimilie of original.

Note that Grandson William Shephard Foster is under age twenty-one. Also, note in the next chapter that the spelling changed to "Sheppard."

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 world; and for preventing future differences that may chance to arise between
 the same. Comitting my body to the Earth decently to be buried at w^{ch} discretion
 of my friends or Executors hereafter mentioned and my Immortall soule to
 allmighty God in hopes of a Glorious and Blessed Resurrection unto Eternal
 life through Jesus Christ my only Lord and Saviour hereby Revoking all other
 wills & Testaments here to fore and doe make & constitute and ordaine this to be
 my last will and Testament in manner & forme following

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I give unto my 7th Grand son William Shephard for his Six Cows & Six
breeding hogs and my Bed that I my self lay on and all furniture
to w. home two Iron pots and one frying pan and all my planters,
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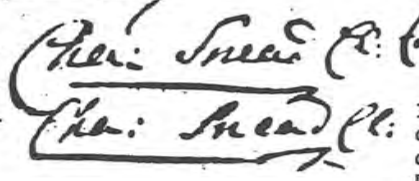
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wills to be a Law in all such Cases without being called in question for
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out my Estate In witness whereof I hereunto sett my hand and seal
this nineteenth of May 1718

William M Shephard 

signed sealed in the
presence of us
Simon Smith
James Wishest
Wasson Kempe
James Kempe

The within last will
& Testament of William Shephard was
proved in open Court of Accomack County
by the oaths of w. James Kempe w. Wasson
Kempe & Simon Smith three of the witnesses
to w. home October 27th 1718 w. d. d. d.
admitted to Record

Recorded October 29th 1718 ff.  for Record

I Certify that this is a photocopy of the original record made from a photographic copy on file in the Archives and Records Division, Virginia State Library.

February 17, 1983 
Date State Archivist