

William Elder Will
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dated 24 Apr 1754, proved 3 Feb 1755

Elder's Will (left margin)

In the Name of God amen I **William Elder** of North Farnham Parish in the County of Richmond being in a weak and low state of Body but of a perfect disposing mind and memory and well knowing that Death is that Tribute we must all pay, therefore in order to a more perfect Resignation to the will of my lord and blessed Saviour, I dispose of that Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life in the following manner viz. —

I bequeath to each of my following Children **Elizabeth Glasscock, Peter Elder, William Elder, Sarah Elder** and **Ann Elder** five Shillings to them respectively within Eighteen months after my decease. —

I give & bequeath to my son **John Elder** one bed and furniture. —

I devise to my son **Thomas Elder** and his heirs forever two hundred acres of Land being part of a patent of four hundred acres lying in Dinwiddie County whereon he now liveth. —

I devise to my son **Edmund Elder** and **Joseph Elder** and to their heirs forever Equally to be Divided between them the remainder of the sd. Tract of Four hundred acres lying in the said County of Dinwiddie two hundred acres of which was before devised to my son **Thomas Elder**. —

I bequeath to my son **Ephraim Elder** my negro boy named **Robin**. —

I Give my negro boy to my son **Joseph Elder** called **Tommy**. —

I bequeath my Negro boy named **Rollo** to my Daughter **Maryann**. —

I devise to my son **Charles Elder** & the heirs of his body lawfully to begotten the land and appurtenances whereon I now live And upon failure of such Issue, I devise the said Land with the appurtenances to my son **Ephraim Elder** & his heirs forever. —

I devise the use of my negro woman **Kate** to my loving wife **Ann Elder** during her natural life, And the Child with whom the sd. Negro Woman at present goes with I devise when born to my Daughter **Winnifred**, And my desire is that the said Child be kept with its mother till it shall be two years of age, unless my said Daughter shall incline to take it sooner. And the said Negro woman **Kate** I devise after my said wifes decease to my son **Charles Elder** to remain on the Plantation & Land to him devised. —

I bequeath the use of my personal Estate after my debts paid to my said Wife During her natural life And after her decease I bequeath what shall be then remaining thereof to my Children, **Charles Elder, Ephraim Elder, Maryann Elder & Winnifred Elder** to be Equally Divided between them. —

Lastly I nominate & Constitute my said wife & my said son **Charles Elder** Execx. and Execr. of this my last will & Testament, hereby revoking & annulling all wills heretofore by me made. —

Sign'd Sealed publish'd & declar'd this 24th day of April 1754. —

In presence of **John Woodbridge, Joshua Stone** **William** his mark **WE Elder** seale
James Forrester J his mark

At a Court Held for Richmond County the third day of February 1755. —

This will was presented in Court by **Charles Elder** and **Ann Elder** the Executors therein Named who made Oath thereto according to law, and being proved by the Oaths of **John Woodbridge** Gent. **Joshua Stone** and **James Forrester** Witnesses thereto was admitted

to record, And on the motion of the said Executors Giving Security a Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form —

Test T. Tarpley

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