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I, John Morton of the Parish of Sittenbourne in the County of Richmond being sick and weak of body, but of sound mind and memory, praised by the name of Almighty God for the same, do make, and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth revoking and making void and null any will or wills before by me made or sealed or published. First and principally I bequeath my soul to God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in decent order at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named. Hoping for a joyful meeting at the resurrection of the Just through the merits of my blessed redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Item: I give unto my son, Richard Morton all that parcel of land which I bought and purchased of Lawrence Parker. Item: I give unto my two sons James and Thomas Morton and to all of the heirs of their bodies, the plantation and land thereto belonging whereon I now live after the decease of my loving wife, Deborah Morton and for want of such heirs to Mary and Winifred Morton and their heirs forever. Item: I give unto my son William Morton, four shillings cash. Item: I give unto my son John Morton, four shillings cash, Item: I give unto my dear loving wife, Deborah Morton, all my estate real and person not before given, and I do make and ordain my said loving wife, Morton Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this 27th day of July 1721.

John Morton (seal), signed, sealed and delivered by the testator in presence of us, John Davis, Mathew Davis.

At a Court billed for Richmond Co. the 2nd day of May 1722. This will was proved in open court by the oaths of John Davis and Mathew Davis, witnesses thereto and admitted to record, signed Marmaduke Beckwith, CC

Inventory signed by John Wells, Henry Willson and Thomas Patey 6 June 1722.
(The above transcription was found on-line, it is not my own except for a few minor changes)

Richmond County Deed Book No.2, 1693-1697 (from the Library of Virginia)