

In the Name of God Amen: I Thomas Helm of Frederick County and Colony of Virginia being in perfect health and memory thanks be to God for it calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing ^{that} it is appointed v. for all men once for to die do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is for to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Decent and a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned Nothing I doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this world I give and devise and dispose of the same in the following manner. Inprimis it is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just

debts and several charges be paid and satisfied - Item I give and bequeath
 unto my well beloved and loving Wife Margaret Helm fifteen pounds current money
 a year as long as she lives and Margaret Helm liveth her bed and furniture also
 her saddle and bridle and one negre Woman named Hannah. Item I give and
 bequeath unto my youngest Son Thomas Helm the plantation whereon I now
 live on the west side of Breckon containing two hundred and sixty nine acres
 of land and likewise the tract joining it on the East side of Breckon
 containing three hundred and twenty acres of land and another
 certain tract of land lately surveyed by Mr Richard Byog joining the
 plantation whereon I now live on the west side of Breckon and one negre
 named Peter and one young mare of seal breeders unto him my said
 Son Thomas Helm and heirs for ever. Nowe I give and bequeath to my three
 Sons and Daughters all the remainder part of my Estate after my
 Debts and Legacies are paid to be equally divided among my Children
 John Meredith Joseph and William Helm Ann Hunter now Wife Henry
 Hunter Jane Margaret Elizabeth Helm that is to say three hun-
 dred acres of land nowen by the name of the Quarter two hundred and
 ninety five acres land lying in Frederick County as bought of Richard
 Chapman the said two tracts of land to sold and the money arising there
 be equally divided between my Sons and daughters John Meredith
 Joseph and William Helm Ann Hunter now wife Henry Hunter Jane
 Margaret and Elizabeth Helm and that my Sons Meredith and
 Joseph Helm hold and possess all the Estate I have bequeathed to my
 Son Thomas Helm untill he my said Son Thomas Helm comes to the
 age of twenty one years old and that my said sons Meredith and Joseph
 Helm have all the profit the said Meredith and Joseph Helm can
 make of off the said plantation mill and still untill my Son Thomas
 comes of age and likewise my said Sons Meredith and Joseph Helm
 give their Mother a sufficient mantenance or fifteen pounds a year as
 before mentioned which she shall choose and likewise to maintain
 Daughter Jane Margaret and Elizabeth untill each of them
 shall arrive to the age of seventeen years old and further that the
 said Meredith and Joseph Helm give their Brother Thomas H.

a sufficient Education and maintenance untill he shall come to
 the age of twenty one years at which time the said Meredith and Joseph
 Helm shall deliver unto him their said brother Thomas Helms the
 plantations mill and still as unto him bequeathed and before mentioned
 in good and sufficient order and Repair and it is my will that
 if any of my Children should die before they come of age that his or her
 Legacies be equally divided between the remainder of my Children
 John Meredith Joseph and William and Thomas Helm Jane Margaret
 and Elizabeth Helm Lastly I leave an appointment my sons Meredith
 and Joseph Helm whole and sole Executor of this my last Will
 and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this 16 day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand
 seven hundred seventy six sealed signed and delivered in presence of

Thomas McQuor
 W Perchival
 Henry Hunter

Thomas Helm