

Sterling Clack's Will-

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Sterling Clack of the Parish of Saint Andrew and County of Brunswick Gent being very Sick and weak in Body but of sound mind and Disposing memory thanks be to God for the same do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament.

First and principally I recommend my Soul to God who gave it and my Body to the Earth to be Buried at the Discretion of my Executor hereinafter named. Item I give and bequeath all my Lands, Slaves, Stocks of Cattle Hogs sheep and Horses to my Loving Friend John Lightfoot Esq. and his Heirs forever for the (illegible) of my Just Debts and it is my true intent and meaning that the said John Lightfoot may sell and Dispose of any such part of my Estate for the payment of my Debts as he shall think most convenient and if the said John Lightfoot should advance any money for the use of my Estate and should not sell so much of the same that will be Sufficient him the said money so advanced, then and in such case it is my Will that the said Lightfoot should keep possession of all that part of my Estate that shall then be remaining unsold until such time the money so advanced by the said John Lightfoot shall be raised out of the profits and rents of my said Estate and as soon as the said John Lightfoot shall have Satisfied out of the Rents and profits or sales of any part of my said Estate that he shall think fit to sell all my Debts then what part of my Estate that shall be remaining I give and Bequeath to be Equally Divided between my Wife and Children to them and their Heirs forever. But in case my said Friend John Lightfoot should Depart this Life before he hath completed the Administration of my said Estate and satisfied all my Debts and Delivered up my said Estate to be Divided as within is mentioned and set forth, That then and in such case I appoint and empower John Clack and Lewis Parham to take possession of all that part of my said Estate that shall be then unadministred by the said John Lightfoot and to act and do in all things and in every Particular as he the said John Lightfoot might have done was he Living and it is my Will intent and meaning that the said John Clack and Lewis Parham shall have the same power and authority to sell Dispose of and convey to any person or persons such part of my Estate that they think most convenient to the payment of my Debts that the said John Lightfoot might have done by virtue of the Devise above to him by me made of all my Estate and after having Satisfied my Debts to Deliver up my said Estate then remaining to be Equally Divided as aforesaid. Lastly I do nominate Constitute and appoint the said John Lightfoot Esq. to my be my hole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other Will or Wills by me Heretofore made. In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day of January 1750.

Signed Sealed published and Declared S. Clack (S.S.)  
as and for the last Will and Testament of the  
said Sterling Clack. In the presence of  
W. B. Galet Young Henry Morris C. Courtney

I Sterling Clack of the Parish of Saint Andrew and County of Brunswick do this day being the ninth of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty make and publish this my Codicil to my last will and Testament in manner following. that is to say that my true intent and meaning is that the manner plantation with one thousand acres of Land adjoining the same together with all the Lands and Houses where the Court

house now stands (if my Debts can be paid without selling the same) be and remain to my Son Elbridge Clack and to his Heirs and assigns forever. And whereas in and by my last will I have ordered that all my Lands and tenements should be sold to Satisfy my just Debts but I do hereby order and it is the true intent and meaning of my design that my Son Elbridge Clack aforementioned Should have use possess and Enjoy the aforementioned Lands Houses and Plantation to him his Heirs and assigns forever if their be money Sufficient raised out of my other Lands and Tenements and Lastly it is my desire that this present Codicil be annexed and made part of my last Will and Testament to all intents and purposes IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal this day and year above written.

Signed Sealed and Published by the said Sterling Clack as a Codicil to be annexed to his Will in presence of                     ½ S. Clack (L.S.)  
M. Caset Young   Henry Morris   C. Courtney.

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 26 Day of March 1751.

This Will and Codicil were presented in Court and made oath to by John Lightfoot Esq the Executor therein named and were proved by the oaths of Michael Caset Young Henry Morris and Clack Courtney the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and Certificate granted the said Executor for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form he having with Augustine Claiborne and Leonsrd Claiborne Junr his Securitys entered into and acknowledged Bond in the Penalty of five thousand pounds current money of Virginia with condition according to Law.