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In the name of God Amen, I, John Manning, of Norfolk Co. in Va. being sick and weak, but of sound & perfect mind & memory, praised be Almighty God for it. Do make this my last will & Testament first & principally I commend my Soul to God that gave it hoping through the merits of Jesus Christ my Savior to have full and perfect Remission of my Sins & to inherit everlasting life for my Body. I commend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my after named Executors.

Item - I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Ann Manning the third part of the land I now live on with the dwelling houses. Also three negroes - Viz Tom, Charles and Sue, also my household furniture with my horses, cattle & hogs during her natural life & widowhood.

Item - I give & bequeth to my son Marcom Manning the plantation I now live on but not to hinder or interrupt his Mother of her part as above given during her natural life & also forty acres of land I bought of William Willis joyning to my plantation I live on, and after the Decease of my wife I give him one negro man called Tom & one negro woman called Sue. Also one negro called Jack, which was formerly given me by my Father John Manning, all which I give to him & his heirs forever also, one Desk & one feather bed & furniture to him & his heirs forever.

Item - I give and bequeth to my son John Manning the remainder part of the land I bought of Wm. Willis being about eighty eight acres. Likewise the land I bought of Wm. Manning joining to Rich Tuckers also one negro called London, also one called Will, one feather bed, furniture & one deak to him & his heirs forever.

Item - I give & bequeth to my son Reuben Manning my lot of land in Portsmouth, Va. piece of land I bought of Aaron Ethridge joining to Wm. Odean, two negroes called Hampshire & one called Peter one feather bed to him and his heirs forever.

Item - I give & bequeth to my daughter Mary Harper, one negro woman called Abby Jones, feather bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever.

Item - I give & bequeth to my daughter Elizabeth Hanning one negro girl called Lettice Jones, feather bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever.

Item - I give & bequeth to my daughter Margaret Manning one negro girl called Hannah Jones, one feather bed & furniture to her & her heirs forever.

Item - I give and bequeth all the money that now doth or shall belong to me at my Decease to be equally divided between my wife & six children.

