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In The Name of God Amen I Christopher
 Threlkeld of the Parish of Bdrunswick in the County of King,
 George being at this time sick & Weak of Bodie but of Perfect
 Sence & Memory do make & Ordain this my Last Will and
 Testament in Manner Following / that is to say / First &
 Principally I Recommend my Soul to God who gave it
 hoping the Merits & Mediation of my Blessed Saviour Jesus
 Christ to Receive full Pardon of all my Sins by Bodie I
 Recommend to the Earth to be Decently Buried at the
 Discretion of my Ex: hereafter Named and as for what
 Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow on me I give
 the same as follows It is my Desire that my Dear & Loving
 Wife Susanah Threlkeld have & Enjoy my Dwelling
 Plantation & all my other Estate for & During the Term of her
 Natural Life & after her Decease I give the same as follows
 I give to my Loving Son Henry Threlkeld One Negro Boy
 Named Charles now in his Possession to him & the Heirs of his
 Bodie Lawtally Begotten & for want of such Heirs then to my
 Right Heirs forever It is my Desire that the said Negro be not
 taken out of my son Henry Threlkelds Possession I also give to
 my said Henry Threlkeld my Bible Gun to him & his Heirs
 forever Item I give & Bequeath to my son John Threlkeld
 One Negro Woman Named Hannah & all the Increase that she
 hath after the Division of my Estate / which I Desire may be
 Immediately after my Wifes Decease to him & the Heirs of
 his Bodie Lawtally Begotten forever & for want of such Heirs
 to my Right Heirs forever I also give to my said son John
 Threlkeld my old Gun Item I give & Bequeath to my

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Loving Husbande Shretheld One Negro Man named
 Ned to him & the Heirs of his Boddy Lawtully Begotten
 forever & for want of such Heirs then to my right Heirs
 forever I also give to my said Son Moses Shretheld
 the Plantation whereon I now live During the continuance
 of the said Lease he Paying ther Bient Reserved in the
 said Lease to him his Heirs & Assigns And if his
 Brother John Chuses to live on the said Plantation then
 it is my Desire that my said Son Moses Shretheld allow
 him half the Land he Paying half the Bient Item I
 give & Bequeath to my loving Son Thomas Shretheld one
 Negro Man named Broger to him & the Heirs of his Boddy
 Lawtully Begotten forever & for want of such Heirs to
 my right Heirs forever Item I give & Bequeath to my
 loving Son Elijah Shretheld One Negro Wench named
 Nan & all the Increase that she hath after the Division
 of my Estate to him & the Heirs of his Boddy Lawtully
 Begotten forever & for want of such Heirs to my right
 Heirs forever Item I give & Bequeath to loving son
 Daniel Shretheld One Negro Boy Named Hillis & one
 Negro girl named Jude to him & the Heirs of his Boddy
 Lawtully Begotten forever & for want of such Heirs to
 my right Heirs forever Item I give & Bequeath to my
 loving Daughter Susanah Payton the Wife of James
 Payton one Negro man named Blotin to her & the Heirs
 of her Boddy Lawtully Begotten & for want of such Heirs to
 my right Heirs forever Item I give & Bequeath to my
 loving Daughter Mary Vaughan the Wife of Cornhill

Onl Negro Boy named Frank to her & the Heirs of her
 Boddy Lawtully Begotten forever & for want of such Heirs
 to my Right Heirs forever Item I give & Bequeath to my
 Loving Daughter Elizabeth Thrall to One Negro Girl
 Named Dinah & all the Increase that she hath after the
 Division of my Estate to her & the Heirs of her Boddy Lawtully
 Begotten & for Want of such Heirs to my Right Heirs forever
 Item I give & Bequeath to my Loving Son Thomas Thrall
 my Little Gun to him & his Heirs forever Item it is my Will
 & Desire that if any of the Negro Wenchies Increase before the
 Division of my Estate that then such of my Children as have
 not a Negro left them by this Will shall have one of the Increase
 if such there be/ the Eldest taking first Choice & if there is
 no Increase at the Day of Division sufficient that each of my
 Children may have One then it is my Desire that the Children
 that have a Negro left them by this Will shall make up so day
 the sum of Twenty five Pounds to each Child of the Children
 who shall have no Negro at the Day of Division Item it is my Will
 that if any of the Negroes left by this Will shall happen to
 Die before the Division my Estate & there be sufficient Increase
 / after each Child to whom no Negro is now left has one/ that
 then it is my Desire that they may have one of the Increase
 in the stead of that which shall so happen to die and if there
 be more Increase it is my Desire that the same may be
 Appraised by Two of the Neighbours & that One of my Sons I
 Desire may take the same Paying to each of the Children a
 Proportional Part according to the said Appraismen Item
 I give & Devise all the Rest of my Estate not herein before

Bequeathed to be Equally Divided between all
 my Children Share & Share alike. Item it is my Desire
 that if any of my Children die without Issue of their
 Bodies Lawfully Begotten that then the Legacys left
 them by this Will shall be Divided amongst the rest
 & their Heirs if it please God that my Wife die before
 my Son Daniel is of age then it is my Desire that
 my Son Moses take him & his Estate into his care
 & Lastly I appoint my loving Wife Susanah
 Threlkeld & my loving Sons Henry John &
 Moses Threlkeld Executors of this my Last Will &
 Testament hereby Revoking all former Wills by me
 heretofore made In Witness whereof I have
 hereunto set my Hand & Seal this Nineteenth
 Day of October One Thousand Seven hundred &
 Fifty six

Signed Sealed Published
 & Declared by the above as
 Christopher Threlkeld as his
 Last Will & Testament
 in the presence of us.

Christopher Threlkeld

William Threlkeld
 John McLoud
 John Goddington
 Charles Carter