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**RS#04: Last Will and Testament of Robert Edmunds, 27 December 1633**

A court holden at Acchawmacke this 16th of November 1635.

Present

Mr. Obedyence Robins

Mr. John Howe

Mr. William Andrewes

Mr. John Wilkins

At this court there proved that Robert Edmunds made his last will being in perfect memory as by the depositions of two witnesses upon each under there hands appeareth to be a perfect will as appeareth made 27th of December 1633 as followeth.

In the name of God Amen, I Robert Edmunds here laying on my death bed, do bequeath my soul to Almighty God, my body to the Earth which is my last will and testament. My goods and chattles I bequeath as followeth

Imprimus - I bequeath to my wife and child four hundred and ten pounds of tobacco which layeth in Thomas Coles, John Dennis and Robert Swansons hands for my plantation and four hundred and fifty pounds of tobacco to be paid to John Sands for the plantation.

Item - To my wife and child I give 8 lbs. of beaver that Thomas doth owe me, one milk cow and two cow calves to be eight weeks old apiece.

Item - I give to my boy George Smith 3 barrells of corn and he to pay outof it 2 bushells of corn to Capt. Clayborne

Item - To my boy George I give one iron pot and one iron kettle, 2 axes and 2 hoes, the 2 hoes at Robert Swansons or at Mr. Burdetts.

Item - I give to my boy George one suit of apperrel and one coat that Peter Nowell hath to make for him.

Item - I give to my wife and child one thousand pounds of tobacco that Daniell Cugley doth owe unto me.

Item - I give to John Tompkins 2 thousand of six penny nails which Thomas Wyatt doth owe unto me of his own making.

Item - I give my dog and shot bag to John Tompson.

And for this my will and testament I leave my trusty good friends John Tomkins and John Ashcome for to see these things purposed and done as executors.

Robert Edmunds

Witnesses

John Farr

Evan Joanes

John Symons