

amined In the name of God Amen I Hugh Wier of Fredericksburg in
the County of Spotsylvania in Virginia Esquire. Do make this my last will
and testament in manner and form following, that is to say I direct
that after my decease my dear wife Isabella (if she survive me) and
my children do reside on my plantation in King George County adjoin-
ing to Mr James Hunter's land which plantation I purchased from
General George Washington and that my Executors hereafter named out
of my personal estate purchase or hire negroes as they shall think best
to work the said plantation during my said dear wife's lifetime
for the benefit of her and all my children equally (but if she should
object to the same then two thirds thereof for the benefit of all my
children equally till my son William is the child entitled thereto
come of age) and after her decease if she die before my said son
William or child entitled come of age to work the whole until my said
son or the child entitled come of age. And I do hereby order and direct
my Executors after named to repair the old house now standing on
the said plantation or erect a new one for the residence of my said
wife and children as aforesaid as they my said Executors shall
think proper and pay the charges out of my personal estate, and
after the decease of my said dear wife, I give and devise one moiety
of the said plantation to my son William for his life and after his
decease to the issue of his body lawfully to be begotten and the heirs
and assigns of such issue. Remained to my son John for life
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Remainder to such other child or children as I may leave at my decease
or with which my dear wife may be existent their heirs, assigns. And as to
the other moiety of the said plantation I give the same to my son George
for life and after his decease to the issue of his body lawfully to be

amongst my children in the same manner as the former two thirds. I
give and devise all my Real estate not herein before disposed of equally
amongst all my children born or to be born and their heirs equally
provided always nevertheless and it is my Express mind and will that if
by any unforeseen accident the grants and titles of my land herein before
mentioned on the Ohio, Kentucky, and Schoegany Rivers should be vacated,
annulled and rendered of no effect, then reserving to my said dear wife her
thirds of my real estate for her life and the interest of one third of my per-
sonal estate for her life. I direct my real estate to be all sold by my Execu-
tors or the survivors or survivor of them, his, her or their heirs or assigns to whom
I give the same for that purpose. And the money arising therefrom, together
with my personal estate to be equally divided amongst all my children ^{living at}
my decease or to be born afterwards. And I do hereby make, constitute and appoint
my said dear Wife Isabella Mercer, Colonel George Weedon, W^t John Tenant
of Port Royal and the said James Huncanson Executors of this my last
will hereby revoking all former wills by me made I do declare this only to
be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have to the first
sheet set my hand and to this last sheet my hand and seal this twentieth
day of March one thousand seven hundred and seventy six

Signed, Sealed, published, declared by the
said Testator as and for his last will & testament
in the presence of us, who in his presence at his
request, in presence of each other have subscribed
our names as witnesses thereto

John Francis Mercer, John Pelt, Elias Hardy

Wmth Mercer 

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County March 20th 1777. The last Will and Testament of Hugh Mercer Esquire deceased was proved by the oath of two witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded And on the motion of Wth John Benant one of the Executors therein named who made oath thereto and together with Thomas Lomax and George Baylor Esqr his security entered into and acknowledged bond in the penalty of Ten thousand pounds conditioned as the law directs, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form. Liberty is reserved for the other Executors in the said Will named to join in the probat when they shall think fit. And afterwards at a Court held for the said County of Spotsylvania the 18th day of April 1777. Isabella Mercer the Executrix and George Weedon Gent another of the Executors in the said Will named made oath thereto and together with George Baylor and William Hamant Esqr their securities entered into and acknowledged their bonds in the penalty of Ten thousand pounds conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted them to join in the probat of the said Will

Teste Geo Waller Jr Clerk
A Copy Teste

Geo W Weedon Wth for
Robert S Chew Clerk

I Robert S Chew Clerk of the County Court of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that the last will and Testament of Hugh Mercer deceased is recorded in my office and that the annexed copy thereof is truly taken from the original will filed in said Office. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand

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Geo M Weedon D.C. for
Robert S Chew Secle

I Robert S Chew Clerk of the County Court of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that the last will and Testament of Hugh Mercer deceased is recorded in my office and that the annexed copy thereof is truly taken from the original will filed in said Office. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office the 14th day of May 1812 in the 36th year of the Commonwealth

Robert S Chew

I Edward Herndon Presiding Magistrate of the County Court of Spotsylvania in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that the above certificate of Robert S Chew Clerk of the said County Court is in due form and that full credit is due to all attestations of the said Robert S Chew as Clerk of the said Court in all cases whatsoever. Certified under my hand and seal the 19th day of May 1872.

Edward Herndon 

Virginia F. Wit.

Edward Herndon Presiding Justice of the County Court of Spotsylvania in the State aforesaid. To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting. Whereas Hugh Mercer Esquire late of the said County of Spotsylvania deceased by his last will and testament did make, constitute and appoint Isabella Mercer, George Weedon, John Tennent and James Huncanson Executrix and Executors of his said ~~will~~ ^{testament}. And whereas at a Court held for the said County of Spotsylvania on the twentieth day of March 1777 the said last will was proved and the Executrix therein named and the said John Tennent and George Weedon two of the said Executors having performed what the law in that case requires. Therefore, to the intent that the said will may be well and truly performed (a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) I do give, grant and commit unto the said Isabella Mercer, George Weedon and John Tennent the Administration of all the goods chattels, rights and credits whatsoever belonging to or concerning the said deceased and his testament with full power unto them to dispose of all and singular the said goods,

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chattels, rights and credits according to the true intent and meaning
of the testament aforesaid, hereby requiring them to render a true and
full account thereof and the same to exhibit unto the County Court
aforesaid when thereunto lawfully called.

Seal Given under my hand and the seal of the said County this
25th day of July 1812

Edward Merndon

State of Kentucky.

At a County Court held for Jefferson County
in the State aforesaid at the Court house in the Town of Louis-
ville on the ninth day of August 1819

The foregoing instrument of writ-
ting purporting to be an authenticated copy of the last will and
testament of Hugh Mercer deceased was produced in Court and ordered
to be recorded and is recorded

Test
Warden Pope clk

Virginia, Spotsylvania County to wit: I Robert Smith Clerk of the Superior Court of the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the records of the said Court. In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix my private Seal (there being no Seal of Office) on this 29th day of November 1817 and in the 42nd year of the Commonwealth.

R. S. Smith Clerk Seal

Virginia to wit:

I William Brackenbrough Judge of the Superior Court of Law for Spotsylvania County in the State aforesaid do hereby certify that the above attestations of Robert S. Smith the Clerk of the said Court is in due form. Given under my hand at Richmond this Seventh day of December 1817

Wm Brackenbrough

State of Kentucky, At a County Court held for Jefferson County in the State of Kentucky at the Court house in Louisville on the ninth day of August, Eighteen hundred and nineteen. The foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be an authenticated copy of the last will and testament of John Mercer deceased was produced in Court and ordered to be recorded and is recorded.

Test. Warden John Ak

amined. In the name of God Amen I Hugh Mercer of Fredericksburg in the County of Stafford in the State of Virginia do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the last will and testament of John Mercer deceased as the same appears from the records of the County Court of Jefferson County in the State of Kentucky on the ninth day of August 1819.