

In the name of the only omnipotent and all-wise being who formed the world by the word of his power and governs the same by the ever-wise dictate of his wisdom, I Robert Bernard of the County of Bucks my hands, being through the Divine mercy of God and his feeding church, and ministry, to make constitute and affirm this writing to be my last will and Testament in manner and form following, stated today, my body cheerfully recognizes the hand of my merciful Creator hoping thro' the merits and mediation of my ever blessed Redeemer, the same remission of my transgressions past, present and future, to those who have at any time handfasted against me, and my body, I desire may be committed to the kindred earth at such convenient time, and place and in such modest decent and holy place like manner as to my Executor and Executrix herein after named may seem meet without any unnecessary pomp or oblation, and as to the worldly Estate of which it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in manner following, that is to say, all my just debts due and due I should be punctually paid after I and to my loving wife Thimifane Bernard my whole Estate during her natural life, for the purpose of supporting her and all such children who may remain with her unmarried during that period and should either of my children marry during the life of my wife or have her then and in that order it is my will

and Desire, and accordingly direct that should my wife may at any time give up to any of my children to marry or having he or any part or proportion of my Estate not exceeding his or her share as will be directed and disposed of in the residuary clause of this my last will and Testament, at the death of my said wife, and what so ever part of my said Estate may be given up to any of my children, by my wife he or she or they or any of them are to be accountable for, as the general provision that will take place at the probable supposed value at the time I shew them any and utter of them, so if further my will and Desire should any of my negroes be disposed to my loving wife or any one of my children to be rendered the date of any of them necessary, that she may with the advice and consent of my Executors here after named, sell one or more, at any to their said Executors, and the money arising therefrom, to be applied to the most beneficial purposes in their judgment out to the interest of my Estate, meaning in his Judgment of my Executors and Executrix here after named after the death of my wife it is my will and Desire that my sons William Robert Bernard, and George Bernard, be the whole and sole proprietors of all the Land which I possess and accordingly give it to them to them and their heirs forever (including my wife and my will that to be equally divided between them, share and share alike, agreeable to quantity and quality,

as I have in summer and not about twenty four
to my husband as aforesaid I must give my daughter
Elizabeth Bernard a negro girl Betty and about two
years old and daughter of a negro woman by the
name of Betty which said negro Betty and her
increase I give in trust to my said daughter for
the sole use of my said daughter and her heirs forever
but it of my meaning and intention that no
person who may hereafter marry my said daughter
has the said daughter and her increase to be passed to
her the said negro Betty or any of her increase
or the said negro or any of her increase shall
ever be liable for the debt of any person my
said daughter may marry and I intend to say
that the said Betty or any of her increase
shall not be affected for debt contrary to what is before
expressed in this my last will and Testament,
it is my will and desire that my said daughter
there being executrix or administratrix may have
the said trust repaid in them and present such
sale etc if further my will and desire that
my whole Estate not heretofore given away
at the death of my wife be equally divided among
my seven children, that is to say William
Bernard, George Bernard, Mrs Bernard
Elizabeth with Henry Lane Harrington
Bernard Mary Bernard and Lucretia Bernard
which Estate I do intend to give to my said
children to them and their heirs forever to
be equally divided at the time above mentioned

and it is my will and desire that in case any of my said
children should die before they arrive to the age of twenty
and years and an marriage that her third part of the
be equally divided among the survivors of my said
children it is my will and desire meaning and intention
that the negro girl Betty here before disposed of
if such to come into the general Division and that
the it to be property of my said daughter and the
exclusive of and equal share with my other children
it is my will and desire and accordingly direct
that the negro girl Mary here before delivered to
my daughter Elizabeth with and married her property
be considered as coming under the general division
and residuary Clause of this my last will and
Testament and that the said said Division be
accounted for at the proper time and place
at the time delivered to my said daughter Elizabeth
with. Lastly I nominate and appoint my loving wife
Henry Lane Bernard and her daughter Mrs Bernard &
George Bernard, and my loving son
Henry Lane Bernard and Testament hereby revoking
all other heretofore by me made or made in writing
hereunto by my hand and affixed my seal this eighth
day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and ninety nine — Charles Bernard
in presence of
Samuel Anderson
Barth Davis
Alexander Forbes
William White

John Bernard, do hereby name and appoint
and ordain my friend Cadolph Carrington and John
Hans Executary to this my last will and testa-
ment together with my Executary and Executary
heretofore named, not herein, as hereby vesting
an meaning by this my codicil to revoke any
part of my said last will and Testament. In
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal this fourteenth day of April one thousand
seven hundred and ninety nine. John Bernard

Benjamin madly
Mary madly
Samuel Anderson

At a Court held in Buckingham County the 15th
day of May 1799 this will was proved by the oath
of Samuel Anderson and Bartholomew Anderson and
the codicil hereto annexed was proved by Samuel
Anderson and Benjamin madly three of witnesses
to the said will and codicil and sworn to by
Joseph Carrington, William A. Bernard and
George Bernard the Executary herein named and
ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said
Executary who entered in to and acknowledged said
will with cheerfulness according to Law certificate
is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof
in due form. Attest

John Clarys
County Clerk of the County of
Buckingham Virginia

Attest
Benjamin madly
Mary madly
Samuel Anderson

do hereby certify that the attestation hereunto annexed
made by Nathaniel Clarys, county clerk of the said county
is in due form, and by the proper officer appointed
by the Law of the said State for that purpose and that
full faith and credit is due thereto in every court and
office in the United States and under my hand this
28th day of October 1799. John Clarys

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In the name of God amen I George Melick
Farmer of the State Kentucky Leg and family
being Weak and Sick of Body but of perfect
mind and memory do make and ordain this to
be my last will and Testament and do give
and bequeath of such worldly property as I have and possess
of in the following manner I have and bequeath
First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife
Agnes Melick During her life time and widowed
her my Plantations with all the Tools and
Furniture Also two negroes namely John and
Penny I give and bequeath unto my son
George Head of Hogs and three more named
Ben and Harri named them the said Ben and Harri