

in the Motion of William Dinguise Gent who made Oath according  
to Law Certificate as Granted him for Obtaining Letters of Admon  
with the said Will Annexed Upon his giving Security whereupon  
he with John Harrow John Henderson Just. of Court and Thomas  
his Secretary Entered into & Acknowledged their Bond for the same

Test John Nicholas Clerk

Witness  
Will

In the Name of God Amen I Peter Brooks of the County  
of Allemanle being Sick & weak in Body but of perfect mind &  
Memory thank be to God do make & Ordain this my Last Will &  
Testament first of all I Give & bequeath my Soul unto the hands of  
God who Gave it & for my Body to be buried in a Decent Manner  
at the discretion of My Executors hereafter Named Namely My Will  
pleasure is that my Beloved Wife Catharine shall Enjoy & have  
the Use of my Land & Plantation whereon I now Live with all the  
Stock & household Furniture thereunto belonging as also the Use  
& Use of all my Negroes during her Natural Life & at her death  
My Negro Woman Moll & her Increase to be Given to my  
Daughter Jane Hales to her & her heirs & I assigne & give  
of the Land & plantation with the Stock & household Furni-  
ture & a Negro Man Named Warwick to be Given to my Daughter  
Susannah Brooks to her her heirs & assigne forever Nam  
I Give to my Eldest Son Michael Brooks one Shilling Sterling  
Item I Give to my daughter Lucy Hotwell one Shilling Sterling  
Item I Give to my daughter Mary Toole one Shilling Sterling  
Item I Give to my daughter Catharine Stoner one Shilling Sterling  
Item I Give to my daughter Eliz<sup>th</sup> Brooks one Shilling Sterling  
Item I Give unto my Grandson Peter Stoner my Large Bible  
My desire is that my Executors pay all my Just debts according  
to Law & Innominate & Appoint my Beloved Wife Catharine to be  
my Executrix & John Hunter Executor of this my Last Will &  
Testament I do hereby utterly by disallow Brooks & disallow  
all Every other Wills & Testaments by me in any way made  
Disaffirming & Confirming this & no Other to be my Last Will  
& Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
& Seal this thirty first day of January one thousand seven  
hundred & fifty nine

Signed Sealed & delivered  
In the presence of

Edison Anderson, William Anderson  
Patrick P Connor  
mark

Peter Brooks (S)

at a Court held for Albemarle County the fourteenth day of June  
1759  
This Last Will & Testament of Peter Brooke dec<sup>d</sup> was presented  
in Court & proved by the Oaths of William Anderson &  
Patrick Conner two of the Witnesses thereto & ordered to  
be recorded

Test  
John Nicholas Clk

*James Cant's Will*  
In the Name of God Amen the second day of January  
one thousand seven hundred & fifty nine I James Cant of the parish  
of St Anne in the County of Albemarle being very sick & weak but  
in perfect Mind & Memory thank be to God therefore calling to  
Mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing that it is appointed  
for all Men once to die do make constitute Ordain & declare this  
My Last Will & Testament in Manner & form following  
I promise I Give & bequeath my Soul into the hands of God  
that Gave it & as for my Body I leave it to be buried at the  
Discretion of my Executors in a decent & Christian like Manner  
Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive  
the same with Joy, and as touching my worldly Estate wherewith  
I leave God to Dispose I Give & approve of the same in Manner &  
form following Item I Give & bequeath to my Grand Daughter  
Mary Mares one Cow Yearling Red & white Spotted as yet  
Unbranded desiring that her Father John Mares may raise the  
same & Every Cow Calf that the same Yearling may bring may be  
given unto Each Other of his Children & at the day of the said  
Mary's Arriving at the years of eighteen then this said Cow & a  
Yearling shall be Given to her. Item I send to Mary Cant my  
Will beloved Wife all & singular all Other the Goods & Chattels as  
I am possessed with during her Natural Life or Widowhood  
& then to be Equally Divided between my two Daughters Margaret  
Mares & Isabel McDonnell Item I Give & bequeath to Howard Cash  
& John Mares five Shillings to be paid out of my Estate whom I  
appoint & constitute Executors of this my Last Will & Testament  
revoking & annulling by these presents all & Every Testament &  
Testamentary Will & Wills heretofore by me made declared either by  
Word or Writing & this I Give Other to take as my Last Will & Testament  
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal  
Signed sealed & Declared the day  
& year above Written to be my last  
Will & Testament in presence of

James Cant

(Ls)

William Richnall  
Thomas Dickson  
Stephen V Cash  
march