

Franklin In the name of God Amen this 17th day of August in the year
will 1751 I Benjamin Franklin of said County
in Albemarle County in the Colony of Virginia

being very sick & weak in Body but of perfect mind & memory
thanks be given to God therefore calling unto mind the
mortality of my Body & knowing it is appointed for all men
once to die do make & ordain this my last will & Testament
that is to say principally & first of all I give & recommend my
Soul into the hands of God that gave it & for my Body I recommend
it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner
at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at
the General resurrection I shall receive the same again by the
mighty power of God & as touching such worldly goods
where with it hath pleased God to bless me with in this
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Imprimis it is my Will & desire that my

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I am persuaded it is my Will & I do order that in the first place
all my Just Debts & funeral Charges be paid & satisfied & then
I give & bequeath unto Catherine my beloved wife the third
part of my whole Estate &c. I give & bequeath unto
my four Daughters (viz) Elizabeth Anne Mary & Jane
the Remainder of my Estate to be equally divided amongst

I have & receive this part of the land of which I am in
possession they come to age which which shall first happen to
be paid them by any part hereafter to be named I do will
will & ordain my last to sell one hundred acres of land
belonging to me lying in orange County for money the same
to be divided between my wife & children as aforesaid. & I do further
will & ordain that all the increase of my Negro woman Charity
shall be equally divided as aforesaid lastly I will & ordain that
my whole estate shall be left in the hands of my wife until
the children come to age so that she should waste or suffer any
part thereof to be wasted I will & ordain that my last shall then
take my childrens parts out of her hands & the same keep for
the use of my children as aforesaid I likewise constitute
make & name my last to be if this my last will & testament
shall come in force, Ebenezer Porter, Rubin Franklin &c.
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not thereof to be wasted I will & ordain that my eld^r shall then
take my Childrens parts out of her hands & have the same kept for
the use of my Children as aforesaid I likewise constitute &
ordain my only sole ex^r of this my last will & Testament
my beloved wife, Ambros Porter, Rubin Franklin &c
And I do hereby utterly disallow revoke & disannull all former

other former Testaments wills by me in any wise before by
me made ratifying & confirming this to be my last will &
Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& seal the Day & Year above Written

Sign Sealed & published pronounced &
Declared by the said Benjⁿ Franklin

as his last will & Testament In the presence

of the Subscribers his
Phillip Davis George Amourer Tho^s I Lillie

Benjamin Franklin

That the Day Year above written

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Phillip Davis George + Monroe Tho. T. Lillie
mark

Benjamin Franklin

At a Court held for Albemarle County the 12th Day of Nov^r 1751

This last Will & Testament of Benjamin Franklin was presented
into Court by Nathaniel Franklin Executor of the said Benjamin Franklin
Therein named. sworn by the Oaths of Phillip Davis George Monroe two

of the Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded & on Motion of the said Nathaniel
& Benjamin who made oath according to law Certificate is granted them for
obtaining a probat thereof in due Form giving Security on which
they with James Jones & Phillip Davis their securities entered bonds
& acknowledged their Oath for their due & Faithfull performance of the said
Will

Test: John Nicholas

Order of Albemarle County Court bearing Date 20th Day of November 1751 Ordered that John They, Thomas Jones Martin They John Elliot being first sworn before a Justice of this County to appraise in Current Money the personal Estate of Benjamin Franklyn Deed His proceeds as follows

1 Set of Carpenters & Coopers Tools 15/-	1 Parcel of Lumber 9/-	1
2 Iron Wedges 5/-	1 Looking Glass 5/-	3 Chests & Locks 17/6
1 Pair of money Scales 2/-	1 Parcel of Paper 2/-	10
2 Iron Potts & Hooks 1/-	1 Parcel of Lumber 10/-	3
1 Kettle 10/-	2 Suits of Cloaths 10/-	1
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1 Saddle 2.0.0	1 Gold Ring 18/-	1
1 Parcel of Lumber 18/-	2 Sets of Furniture 9.10	3
1 Negro woman 3.	2 horse kind 3.	10
1 Horse 3.0.0	1 Parcel of Lumber 1.2.0	AA
1 Pair of Buckles 15/-		80
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Martin They, John They Thomas Jones being sworn before a Justice of this County this 20 Day of March 1752 all the Sides of Benjamin Franklyn Deed that was Shown us & this our Report to the next Court.
Thomas Jones Martin They John They Junr

1 Iron Horse & harness 1 pair 1.00	2 Whimsey Wheels 15/-	4
1 Kettle Goon 10/-	2 Suits of Cloaths 10. 11. 6.	15
1 Saddle 2.0.0	1 Gold Ring 18/-	3
1 Parcel of Lumber 18/-	2 Beds & Furniture 9. 10. 00	10
1 Negro Woman 35/-	2 Horse kind 8/-	AA
1 Horse 3.00.0	1 Parcel of Lumber 1.2.0	90
1 Pair of Breeches 15/-		5
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Martin Hey, John Hey Thomas Jones being sworn before
a Justice of this County this 20 Day of March 1752 all the
Estate of Benjamin Franklyn Deed that was shown
us & this is our Report to the next Court.

Thomas Jones Martin Hey John Hey Junr.
This Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of Benjamin
Franklyn Deed was returned into Albemarle County Court
the 9th Day of July 1752 & ordered to be recorded.

Test.

Inventory
of
Estate

John Nicholas 17th
April 30th 1752 an Inventory of the Estate of Mrs. Charles Buick
Deed appraised by the Subscribers

10 head of Cattle 20/-	21 Shotes & two Doves 2/-	1 Large mare 10/-	20
1 small mare 5/-	1 Horse saddle & Bridle 7/-	3 Beds 1/6	12
1 Feather Bed Sheet Blanket Sheet 2.0.0			