

In the Name of God Amen, I Sarah Mason of Dumfries in the County of Pines Illinois and State of Virginia being in perfect health Reasonable Mind sound of Memory make this my last Will and Testament as follows to wit, I Give and bequeath unto my three Nephews George Graham John Graham Richard Graham and my niece Catharine Graham the four Children of my Sister Jean Graham all my property and Estate of whatsoever kind either Negroes or other Estate to be equally divided amongst them after my death excepting as follows. I will that my Nephew George Graham shall have my plate, and that he and my Nephew John Graham prefer them George is to have my Melatto Wine Guttaery and John Graham is to have my Melatto Iron George having always allotted them his servants for their reputation as for waiting men. I appoint my said three Nephews George John and Richard Graham my Executors of this my last Will and Testament. Given under my hand & Seal this 29th day of October A.D. 1774.

I B. I have my watch to my Sister Jean Graham and my Mourning ring to Mrs Cooke that had for her Father and if my said servant George should not live in Slave her self and to be taken particular care of while she lives by my Executors aforesaid I have for Mourning rings to be purchased by my Executors as follows one to Mrs Douglas one to Pegg Douglas one to Catharine Douglas and one to Mrs Brial of Aquia and one to Mrs Pigg.

Given under my hand & Seal the day and Year aforesaid
 Signed Sealed & Acknowledged
 in presence of
 Rich^d Graham

Sarah Mason

Codicil. I do hereby revoke that part of my Will that respects that portion of my Negroes given to Catharine Graham. And I do give that portion of them to Daniel Borel Brial in trust and for the use of my Niece Catharine Graham now Catharine Hunsery during her life, and at her death to be equally divided between her Children, and if she should die without Children then it is my will that they should be equally divided between George John & Richard Graham and their heirs. It is my intention that Mr Brial should have full and ample power to sell a sufficient number of the Negroes as to him may appear fit and proper accounting to the Executors for the profits reserving the principal for his Children. I also give to my Dear Nephew John Graham having the Care of the said Estate the power to sell upon this

Given under my hand & Seal in the Month of February 1782
 Witness
 Sabella Hestlop

Sarah Mason

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Received of John Will account on Receipt book. Mary Baker the Money which she has a Administration

January 25 To Cash paid John Smith for James Account 1 137.77
 in Cash paid for the same 9 1.76
 as 2 1/2 to Cash for James Account 3 5.48
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June 18th 1806

John Williams Clerk of the Court of the County of Alexandria Do hereby Certify that the foregoing Will and Testament of Sarah Mason deceased, and the Certificate of the Probate of the same are true Copies from the Records of the said County Court, and that due faith and Credit is and ought to be given thereto as such, as well in Courts of Justice as otherwise.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name and office & the Seal of the said County this 14th day of February one thousand eight hundred and six and in the 30th year of our Independence

John Williams

As a Sefior of the Orphan Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia the 7th day of February 1806 This certified Copy of the last will and Testament of Sarah Mason deceased, was produced to the Court by George Graham the acting Executor therein named, and decreed to be lawful, and letters Testamentary were granted to said George Graham, he having given Bond and Security as the law directs

Geo. Moore Reg.

Know all Men by these Presents that Mr. George Graham and Edmund T. Peck are held and firmly bound unto George Gwyn Esquire Judge of the Orphan Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia and his successors in office the sum of one thousand Dollars, for the payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Judge and his successors, we bind ourselves our Heirs, Executors and Administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our Seals and dated this 7th day of February 1806

The Conditions of the above obligation is such, that if the above bound George Graham Executor of the last will and Testament of Sarah Mason deceased, do make a cause to be made, return and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased, which shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said Executor or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him, and the same to make do exhibit unto the Orphan Court for the County of Alexandria at such time as he shall be lawfully required by the said Court, and to cause the said Goods Chattels and Credits, and all other the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said deceased, which at any time after shall come to the hands possession or knowledge of the said Executor or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for him, well and truly to administer according to law, and further to make a just and true account of his receipts and disbursements when lawfully required by the said Court, and also shall well and truly pay and deliver, with the legacies contained and specified in the said last will and Testament as far as the said Goods Chattels and Credits will thereto extend, and the law shall charge, then his obligation to be void else he remain as before said.

Sealed and Delivered in presence of Geo. Graham Clerk of Court John Williams John Williams

As a Sefior of the Orphan Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia the 7th day of February 1806 In presence of the said Geo. Moore Register

Orphan Court Alexandria County January 14th 1806

To George Wm. Carter Thomas Darnley Joseph Birch Wm. Gannell Charles Alexander Junr George Wise and John Luke Greeting This is to authorize you for any three of you jointly to appraise the Goods Chattels and personal Estate of Elizabeth Washington late wife of the County of Alexandria deceased, as far as they shall come to your knowledge, age and right, each of you having taken the oath or affirmation prescribed by law, a certificate whereof you are to return annexed to an Inventory of the said Goods Chattels and personal Estate, and in the said Inventory you are to set down in a Column or Columns opposite to each article the value thereof in Dollars and Cents

Witness my hand and the Seal of the said Court this 14th day of January 1806 Geo. Moore Reg.

Alexandria County

W. We me the Subscribers a Justice of the peace for the County of Alexandria came Joseph Birch George Wise and John Luke, and took the oath of appraisement prescribed by law, Given under my hand this 14th day of February 1806

In Obedience to the above warrant of Appraisement, we the Subscribers do this day value and appraise the Goods Chattels and personal Estate of Elizabeth Washington deceased, insofar as they come to our sight and knowledge, of which the following is a true Inventory Given under our hands and seals this nineteenth day of January 1806 Joseph Birch Jr Geo. Wise John Luke

William Amey	250.00
Times	220.00
Shirts	70.00
Hoggon and Geary	45.00
1 Barrel of Flour about 13 years old	60.00
1 Bag of 2 years do	50.
1 Bag of 4 years do	30.
600 Gray Hair 20 years do	1.
1 Barrel of 7 years do	40.
1 Do	20.
1 Cow and Calf	18.
1 do do	15.
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1 old Carriage and Gear	17.50
1 Barbed Iron and 2 Hand saws	3.00
2 old Cylinders	5.00
1 Saw of young pigs	15.
the muley in 13 small Hops	20.
the muley in a barn	30.
the muley in an old Horseboot	10.
the muley in a stack of Hay	5.
1 Stack of Hay	11.
1 Barrel of Corn	50.