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In presence of

James Nix   
J<sup>r</sup> Henderson   
Jos. Cabell   
David Crawford   
Nic. Cabell   
Thomas Lepling   
Hugh Rose   
Jacob Smith   
John Cannon 

Exam<sup>d</sup>. It about held for Amherst County the second day of October 1775  
This Bond was acknowledged by the within mentioned John  
Henderson, Jos. Cabell, David Crawford, Nicholas Cabell,  
James Nix, Thomas Lepling, Hugh Rose, John Cannon & Jacob  
Smith to be their act and deed & ordered to be Recorded  
Test.

Emmett Wilcox Clk

Childers's  
Will

In the Name of God Amen, I Benjamin Childers of the  
County of Amherst being weak in Body though of sound disposing  
Memory for preventing disputes in my Family about my Estate  
do make this my Last Will and Testament for disposing thereof  
Inprimis, I give <sup>my</sup> to my Executors hereafter named my Tract of Land  
whereon I now dwell, I trust to the Intent to preserve, support  
Educate and Maintain all my Children untill they severally  
shall attain to the age of twenty one y<sup>th</sup> then the Land to be valued  
by people not interested, Inprimis, I will that my Youngest son  
Royal shall have one hundred and fifty acres on the plantation  
whereon I now live I will that in case he die that the next young-  
est son shall have it and the other hundred and fifty acres  
I will that my Executors give unto which of my other sons  
they please I will that my other sons have no Land

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Receive half the Valuation money that the Land is valued  
at & to be paid by those that have the Land, Item I give unto  
my said Executors my whole Estate of all kinds whatsoever  
in trust to the Intent and purpose here after mentioned viz  
to Educate maintain and bring up all my Children until  
they shall severally attain to the age of Twenty one and the  
rest of my Estate to Equally divide amongst my beloved wife  
and daughters each to have an Equal share I desire that  
my wife and Children be kept together upon my Land  
to be maintained at the discretion of my Executors  
lastly I constitute and desire my Esteemed Friends Thomas  
Lopling Junr, Joseph Lopling, Thomas Lopling Junr Ralph  
Lopling Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and  
thus having set my house in Order by settling my  
Temporal affairs, I cheerfully submit my Eternal  
Concerns to the wise and Merciful Disposer of all things  
and patiently wait his mandate for my Great Change  
and to this my Last Will have set my hand and seal  
this Eighteenth day of January in the Year of our Lord  
one thousand seven hundred and Seventy five

Witness my hand in the presence of

James Viguest

Thomas Lopling Junr

Jonah Lopling

David Shelton

Benjamin <sup>his</sup> Children  
mark



At a Court held for Amherst County the second day of October 1775  
This Last will and Testament of Benjamin Childers deceased  
was presented in Court by Thomas Lopling, Jonah Lopling &  
Ralph Lopling three of the Executors therein named and  
proved by the oaths of Thomas Lopling Junr. and David  
Shelton his subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded  
and on the motion of the said Executors also made oath

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According to Law, Certificate is granted them for obtaining  
probate thereof giving security whereupon the said Executors  
with James Nevil, James Ware & Edmund Wilcox their securities  
acknowledges Bond in the penalty of £500. 0. 0 Current money  
Examined with the Consideration Required by Law *Ten*

Edm Wilcox Clk.

Childers  
Exrs Bond

KNOW all men by these presents that we Thomas Sopleing  
Jnr. Josiah Sopleing, Ralph Sopleing, James Nevil, James Ware &  
Edmund Wilcox are held and firmly Bound to James Gillard  
Daniel Guines Ambrose Dickie & Alexander Reid Esrs Gentlemen  
Justices of the Court of Amherst County now sitting in the  
sum of five hundred pounds & money to the payment whereof  
ours and truly to be made to the said Justices and their  
successors we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our  
heirs, Executors, and administrators Jointly and severally  
Jointly by these presents sealed with our seals this second day  
of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred  
and seventy five and in the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the Reign of our ever  
reign Lord George the third

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the a  
fore bound Thomas Sopleing Jnr. Josiah Sopleing & Ralph Sopleing  
Executors of the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Childers  
doceases so make or Cause to be made true and perfect  
Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels and Credits  
of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the hands  
possession or Knowledge of the said Thomas Sopleing, Josiah  
Sopleing, & Ralph Sopleing, or into the hands and possession  
of any other person or persons for them, and the same so  
made so Exhibit into the County Court of Amherst at such  
time as they shall be thereunto Required by the said Court



and the same Goods Chattels and Credits, in and all other  
the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said (Decedent which  
at any time after shall come to the hands possession or  
Knowledge of the said Tho<sup>s</sup> Sopleing, Josiah Sopleing, Ralph  
Sopleing or into the hands and possession of any other person,  
or persons for them so well and truly administer according  
to Law; and further so make a Just and true Account  
of these Actings and doings therein, when thereto Required  
by the said Court, and also shall well and truly pay and  
Deliver all the Legacies contained and specified in the said  
Testament, as far as the said Goods Chattels and Credits will  
there into Extend; and the Law shall Charge them this  
obligation to be Void and of None Effect, or Else to remain  
in full force and Virtue

Witness our selves }  
In the presence of }

Thomas Sopleing (LS)  
Josiah Sopleing (LS)  
Ralph Sopleing (LS)  
James Neill (LS)  
James Ware (LS)  
Edmund Wilcox (LS)

Examined

At a Court held for Amherst by the second day of October 1775  
This Bond was acknowledged by Thomas Sopleing Senr, Josiah  
Sopleing, Ralph Sopleing, James Neill, James Ware & Edmund  
Wilcox to be their act and Deed and ordered to be Recorded  
Test  
Edmund Wilcox Clk

Pursuant to an order of the worshipfull Court of  
Amherst County we the Subscribers (after being duly  
Sworn) have appraised the personal Estate of Benjamin  
Childers dec'd of which the following is a true Inventory

1 Negro man Tom £70.	1 Mare £8~	78~	
2 Horses £10	1 Colt £4. 9 head of sheep £37	6 17 7 6	
9 head of hogs £8.	27 ditto ditto £7	6 157 6	
9 Cattle £15~6	50 Barrels Corn £12~10	27 16~	
1 Grindstone 8/	3 Flax & 1 Cotton Wheel 22/	1 10~	
1 pair Stillicards 10/8	2 Hachles 8/6	18 6	
parcel of old Hemp £6.	ditto of new £4	10~	
5 Chairs 5/	1 Table 3/.	3 Beds of furniture £13	13 8~
1 Rifle Gun £3.	1 Smooth bore Gun 30/	4 10~	
parcel of Pewter 26/6	1 Box Iron & Heater 8/	2 4 6	
Bottles 2/4	Crockley ware 5/	7 4	
1 Pot with 4/8 Hooks 15/	Hemp Seed 12/6	1 7 6	
parcel of old Tubs 10/	3 Saddles £5~7~6	5 7 6	
Plow £25/	Carpenters Tools 63/	2 8~	
1 Loom 20/	2 Bells & some horse collars 9/	1 9~	
3 New Cows Hides 10/	Suggs £10/	1	

£185 11 4

John Dugges  
Wm Harris Jr  
Alex. Pugh Jr

At a Court held for Amherst County the first day July 1777  
This Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of  
Benjamin Childers dec'd was returned and ordered  
to be recorded Test Edmund Melan Clerk

Edw.

In the name of god amen I Battaille Harrison of the County of  
 Amherst the weak in body yet in perfect senses do make and  
 Constitute this my last will and testament first I committing my  
 soul to god who gave it me, and my body to be decently buried by  
 my Executors hereafter named Item I desire my well beloved  
 wife Frances Harrison should have sole possession of the  
 place where I now live and likewise all my other Estate  
 during her life or widow hood except one negro girl  
 named anna of thirty five pounds value which I give  
 to my Daughter Franky Harrison to her and her heirs  
 forever, memorandum I gave my daughter Betty Tinsley  
 on marriage to the Value of forty pounds likewise my  
 son Ruben Harrison upon his marriage I gave to value  
 of twenty pounds likewise my son John Harrison I gave  
 to Value of fifteen pounds likewise my son Richard  
 Harrison I gave to Value of fifteen pounds, which I desire  
 the above gifts viz to Betty Tinsley Ruben Harrison  
 John Harrison and Richard Harrison be reckoned in  
 their part of my Estate, which I desire may be equally  
 Divided between my seven Children Land and Negroes  
 Stock and house hold stuff at the death or marriage or  
 pleasure of my wife Frances Harrison Item I desire my  
 three Youngest Children viz James, William and Franky  
 Harrison may be helped as the first was when going to  
 house keeping at the discretion of my executors  
 Memorandum I do appoint my <sup>three</sup> sons, viz Ruben John and  
 Richard Harrison executors of this my last will and  
 testament. Given under my hand and seal this third day  
 of December one thousand seven hundred and twenty five

Battaille Harrison Esq.



Signed in presence of us

Ambrose Tomlinson

William Whitten

James Harrison

Rich<sup>d</sup> Shelton

At a court held for Amherst County the seventh day of October 1776

This last will and Testament of Battaille Harrison deceased was presented in ~~in~~ Court by Ruben Harrison the son & heir at law of the said deceased John and Richard Harrison the two other executors renouncing the execution thereof, where upon the same was proved by the oaths of Ambrose Tomlinson, William Whitten and Richard Shelton three subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of the said Ruben Harrison Probate is granted to him giving security where upon he with Richard Ballenger George M<sup>c</sup> Daniel his securities entered into & acknowledges bond in the penalty of one thousand pounds, with the condition required by law, and took the oath of an Executor as prescribed by Law

Exec<sup>d</sup>,

by Law

Teste I ~~Edm<sup>d</sup> Wilson~~ Clerk

KNOW all men by these presents that we Ruben Harrison Richard Ballenger and George M<sup>c</sup> Daniel are held and firmly bound to James Nevel Ambrose Rucker Daniel Gaines and Alexander Reid Esq<sup>r</sup>. gentlemen Justices of the Court of Amherst County now sitting in the sum of one thousand pounds current money of Virginia <sup>to the</sup> payment