

475) A Court held for Amherst County the 3. Day of May 1779
This Bond was Acknowledged and ordered to be Recorded,

Test. Edmd. Wilson Clk

In the Name of God Amen I William Parks of
the County of Amherst Virginia being in perfect health of
Body and in perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto
God, Calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die do
make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is
to say Principally I give and Recommend my Soul into the
hand of God who gave it me and my Body to the Earth to
be Buried in Decent Christian Burial at the Discretion
of my Executors nothing Doubting but at the Resurrection
I shall Receive the same again by the mighty power of
God and as touching such worldly Estate wherein it hath
Pleased God to bless me with in this Life I give Demise
and Dispose of the same in the following manner & form
Inprimis I give and bequeath unto John Parks my
well beloved son, if my Demise should be before he is of
Age and if I should survive at my own time & pleasure
he being the Lawfull Son of me by my first wife Tabitha
Parks a Negro Girl named Nell, which came to me by the
said Tabitha Parks, I having Given Bond for the true
performance of these, and in case the said John Parks should
be Deceased before he is of Age I then will and Bequeath
the said Negro Wench unto my well beloved Son by my
Second Wife, named Martin Parks, her name being Mary
In case he should live and Possess the said Negro Girl named
Nell, and Demise without Lawfull heirs begotten of his own
Body I then Will and bequeath that the said Negro Wench
Nell shall be the Right and property of the Child of mine

that is Next heir of Law, I ~~will~~ I likewise give & Bequeath
unto my well Beloved Wife Mary Parks the full free and
Perfect use without Molestation of all my Lands Mes-
sages & Tenements During her Widowhood, if she should Marry
I then will and bequeath unto Martin Parks my well beloved
Son a Negro Girl named Chloe and in case of his Decease
I then will that the same Negro Girl Chloe be Valued and,
Equally Divided among my Children, I ~~will~~ unto Sarah
Parks my well beloved Daughter I give and Bequeath
a Negro Boy Ralph and in case of his Demise to be valued
and Equally Divided among my Children as before I likewise
give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved Wife Mary Parks
a Negro Wench named Hannah and her Increase During
her Natural Life and at her Decease I then will that the said
Hannah and her Increase be Equally Divided between my
two Children Martin Parks and Sarah Parks and that
the Estate and every part Appertaining remain unsold
untill the Youngest Child is of age I likewise appoint
Benjamin Parks and William Dawson Joint Executors,
to the true performance of these presents & I do hereby
and Disannull every other former Testaments Legacies and
Executors by me before in any wise before named willed and
Bequeathed ratifying and Confirming this and no other to
be my Last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and Seal this Twenty seventh Day of
September In the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and Sixty Nine

Signed Sealed & published pronounced and
Declared by the said William Parks as his Last
Will & Testament in the presence of us who in
his presence & for the presence of each other
have hereunto joined our Names

William Parks L.S.

Martin Parks, Benjamin Dawson, Elizabeth Dawson, Benj^a Brownhead

477 At a Court held for Amherst County the 7. Day of
 December 1778. This Last Will and Testament of,
 William Parks Deceased was presented in Court and proved
 by the Oath of Martin Dawson a Witness thereto, and ordered
 to lie for further proof, and on the Motion of Mary Parks
 Widow of the said Deceased, Administration of the said Will
 is granted her, who with Martin Dawson and Joseph
 Tucker her Sureties acknowledged Bond in the Penalty
 of Seven Thousand pounds with the Condition Required
 by Law, And at a Court held for the aforesaid County the
 third Day of May 1779, this Will was further proved by
 the Oath of Elizabeth Dawson, a Witness thereto and ordered
 to be Recorded

Test, Edmd. Wilson Clerk

Pursuant to an Order of Court held for Amherst County
 December 1778, We the Subscribers being first duly sworn
 do Appraise the Estate of William Parks Deceased as follows

To one Negro Girl named China . . .	£ 20, - -
To 1 Negro Girl named Charlotte . . .	30, - -
To 1 Negro Boy named Loan £50 . . .	50, - -
To 1 Negro Girl named Dilch . . .	50, - -
To 1 Negro Boy named Ralph . . .	70, - -
To 1 Negro Wench named Hannah . . .	80, - -
To 1 Mare £40, To 1 Young Horse £25 . . .	35, - -
To 1 Heifer 25, To 1 Cow & Calf 60, To 1 pair Hays 50	6, 15, -
To 1 Cow & Yearling 100, To 1 Heifer 45, . . .	7, 5, -
To 1 Ditto and Calf 60, . . .	3, - -
To 1 Bed & furniture 200, To 1 Bed and furniture 240	22, - -
To 1 Bed & C 80, To 1/2 Dg. Plates 10, . . .	4, 10, -
To a parcel of old Pewter 12, To 2 Basins 10, . . .	1, 2, -
To 1 Side Saddle 50, To 1 Chest 5, To 1 Trunk 10, . . .	3, 5, -

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To 1 Old Man Saddle 10/- To 1 frying Pan 3/- To 1 Iron pot 5/- £0, 18, 0
 To 1 old hoe & Iron Wages 5/- To 1 p. Shingles 1/- To 1 Box
 Iron 5/- To 2 axes 5/- } 19/-
£384, 12, 0

Rich^d. Shelton
 Henry Trent
 Dan, Barford Jun^r.

At a Court held for Amherst County the third Day of May 1779
 This Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of William Parks
 Deceased was this Day Returned and ordered to be Recorded,
 Test. Edm^d. Wilson Clk

In Obedience to an order of Amherst Court, we the
 Subscribers being first sworn before Joseph Cabell hath appraised
 in Current Money the following things belonging to the Estate of
 Thomas Maffitt Deceased To wit,

1 Negro wench (Nancy)	£ 350
1 Horse Sack	70
1 Gray Mare and Colt	275
1 Bay and 1 Sorrel Colt three years old	200
1 Brindle Cow a Heffer and yearling	60
1 Ditto 1 Bull and yearling	60
3 Yews and 2 Lambs	15
10 Head Hogs	25
3 Beds and Furniture	300
2 Desks	75
2 Chests	8
1 Case and 10 Bottles £15, 1 German Flute £6	21
1 Sugar Box 5/-, 1 Grindstone £3	5 10
1 5 Gallon Cogg 30/-, 1 Tomahock £2	3 10
1 House Brush 6/-, 3 Raw hides £15	15 6
1 Quart Bowl and Spoon 20/-, 6 Sides Tard Leather £5	6
3 Sides Tard Leather £15, 15 Deer skins £25	40
1 Deer skin Indian Dress 37/6, 2 Shoe Brushes 20/-	2 17 6
3 Dishes, 12 plates 16 Spoons & 1 Basin	30
1 Spinning wheel, 1 p. Cotton bands & 1 p. Wool Ditto	15