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In the Name of God amen I Aaron Higgintotham of the County
of Annetunt and Commonwealth of Virginia being in Perfect health
praised be God. do make this my Last will and Testament as followeth
Inprimis I give devise and bequeath to my son Samuel Higgintotham
and to his ^{heir} and Assigns one Tract of Land containing twelvethundred
and sixty two Acres Adjoining the land whereon I now live also one
other Tract Adjoining Philip Wadhams line (and also one Negro
Woman named Judith and a Negro Girl named Kate also one Negro
Boy named George also one half my Carpenters and Coopers
Tools Item I give to my daughter Francis one Negro Woman
named Melly with all her increase after the said Francis's Decease to be
equally divided among all her children lawfully begotten upon her
body Item I give to my Daughter Mary Ann one Negro
Woman named Melinda with all her increase after the said Mary
Ann's decease to be equally divided among all her children lawfully
begotten upon her body: Item I give unto my Daughter
Tamasin one Negro Woman named Esther with all her increase
(after the said Tamasin's decease) to be equally divided among all
her children lawfully Begotten upon her Body Item I give to
devise and bequeath to my son Aaron Higgintotham and to his
heirs and Assigns (after my & my wife's decease) the Tract of Land
whereon I now live also one other Tract whereon my Daughter
Mary Ann Now Lives which goes by the name of the Cove and
I do order that the said Mary Ann be not molested or
disturbed in the quiet and Peaceable Possession of the same
as long as she thinks fit to live thereon but the s^d Mary Ann shall
Not have Liberty to let or Rent out any part or Parcel of the said
Tract but if the said Mary Ann shall remove to any other
Plantation that then the Aaron shall have Right to take
Immediate Possession also one other Tract lying between the
Cove and Giles's also I give to my son Aaron Higgintotham
one Negro Man named Tom also one Negro Boy named
David and one Negro Girl named Jane with all her Increase
Shew me all my Smiths, Tinsmiths, Turners Tools with the other
half of my Carpenters and Coopers Tools Item I give to my
Daughter Margaret one Negro Girl named Hannah with
all

her Increase (after the said Margourts decease) to be equally divided among all her children lawfully begotten upon her Body also one Mare of three years old with a bridle and Saddle. Item I lend unto my beloved Wife Clara Higgintotham all the remainder of my estate with the use of the Carpenters: Joiners: Coopers and Smiths Tools during her Natural life or Widowhood: and after her decease it is my desire and I do order that all my Negroes (Except as before mentioned) be equally divided among my four Daughters to them and their children as above mentioned and all the rest of my Estate (Except the Waggon and Harness which I give to my two sons Samuel and Aaron for their use and Except two Cows and Calves two Cows and lambs two sons and pigs which I give to my Daughter Margaret) be equally divided among my four Daughters Viz Frances Mary Ann Samson and Margaret to them and their children as aforesaid and if any of my above mentioned children shall die ^{out} with their lawfully begotten of their Body that then such part of my estate be equally divided among the ^{surviving} rest of my children. Except the Land which I desire should go to the heirs at Law and I do constitute and appoint my Brother James Higgintotham and my two sons Samuel and Aaron Higgintotham Executors of this my Last Will and Testament whom I also charge with the payments of Debts and Legacies above mentioned. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Nineteenth day of September One Thousand seven hundred and seventy eight Signed Sealed Published and Pronounced by the said Aaron Higgintotham as his Last Will and Testament In Presence of us Charles Purvis

Richard Oglesby
Richard Whitehall

Aaron Higgintotham (Seal)

At A Court held for Amherst County the third day of October 1785 This Last Will and Testament of Aaron Higgintotham Deceased was this day presented in Court by James Higgintotham and Samuel Higgintotham two of the Executors therein named and proved by the Oath of Richard Oglesby a Witness thereto and Ordered to be for further proof And At A Court held for the aforesaid County the seventh Day of November 1785 This Will was further proved by the Oath of Charles Purvis a Witness thereto whereupon James

Higginbotham Samuel Higginbotham and Aaron Higginbotham
the Executors therein named with Samuel Meredith and Joseph
Parr their securities Entered into and Acknowledged their Bond in
Penalty of five thousand pounds with the conditions required by
Law and the said Will was ordered to be recorded

Test. W. M. Loving Clk

Know all men by these Presents that we James Higginbotham
Samuel Higginbotham Aaron Higginbotham Samuel Meredith and
Joseph Parr are held and firmly Bound to Ambrose Rucker Bynr.
Rucker, William Cabell Jr. and Josiah Ellis Gent. Justices of the Court
of Amherst County Now sitting in the sum of five thousand
pounds to the Payment whereof will and Truly to be made to the said
Justices and their successors we bind our selves and each of us our and
each of our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and severally
firmly by these Presents sealed with our seals this 3. sixth Day of
November in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and
Eighty five and in the Tenth year of the Commonwealth

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that if
The above Bound James Higginbotham Samuel Higginbotham
and Aaron Higginbothams Executors of the Last Will and Testament
of Aaron Higginbotham Deceased do make or cause to be made a true
and Perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods Chattles and
Credits of the said Deceased which have or shall come to the hands
Possession or knowledge of the said James Samuel & Aaron or
into the hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for
them and the same so made do Exhibit into the County Court
of Amherst at such time as they shall be there unto required by
the said Court and the same Goods Chattles and Credits and all
other the Goods Chattles of the said Deceased which at any time
after shall come to the hands Possession or knowledge of the said
James Samuel and Aaron or into the hands and Possession
of any other Person or Persons for them do well and truly
Administer According to Law and further do make a True
and Perfect Inventory of the same Goods Chattles and Credits