

At a Court held for Amherst County the third of May 1784
this bond was acknowledged and ordered to be Recorded.

Test

Edm^d Wilson Clk

In the Name of God, Amen I Samuel Ayres of Amherst County
and being through the abundant merits of god, though weak in
body yet of a sound and Perfect memory do constitute and appoint
thus my last will and Testament and desire it may be Received.
by all as such, In presence as to my worldly Estate I will and
Positively order that all my debts be Paid, Then I give & bequeath
to William Ayres son and Heirs of Thomas Ayres Dec^d and Mary
his wife of Essex County thirty Shillings Sterling money to him
and his Heirs ^{lit} to him or them off from being heir to any of my Estate
Then I give my loving wife Rachel for Term of life all my Estate Real
and Personal at her death I will that my Estate be Equally divided
between Eve Sackey, Joseph Higginbotham Morrison, Ezra Morrison
Terza Davis and John Sackey son of Eve Sackey to them their Heirs
and Assigns ~~forever~~ if John Sackey should die before he arrives
to the age of twenty ^{one}, then I will that his parts be Equally divided
among the four surviving ones it is my will and desire that the
Negroes should not be sold but to be laid off in lots as Equal as
Possible those that has the best Lots to Pay as much money to
the others as to make them Equal, I do constitute and appoint my
Wife Executrix and Joseph Higginbotham Esq^r, to this my last, &
Testament I do hereby disavow & Revoke all wills & legacies I
have hitherto made I do declare this to be my last will and
Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal this tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand
and seven hundred & Eighty four
Signed and Published & declared by the above
named Sam^l Ayres for his last will & Testament
in presence of us
Neh^m Barnett
Jesse Barnett
John Clarke

Samuel Ayres LS

At a Court held for Amherst County the third day of May
1704 This last will and testament of Samuel Ayres Deceased was
Presented in Court by Rachel Ayres the Executrix therein named
and was proved by the Oath of James Barnett, John Clark and
William Morrison - three of the witnesses thereto, and the said
Executrix with Joseph Higginbotham Morrison & John Barnett her
Sureties Entered into and acknowledged their bond, in the penalty
of five thousand Pounds and the said ^{Executrix} took the oath Required by
Law and Ordered to be Recorded, Test Edm^d Wilson Ck^l

KNOW all men by these presents that we Rachel Ayres Joseph Higginbotham
Morrison and John Barnett are held and firmly bound to William
Cahill James Dillard Ambrose Rucker and William Horsley Gent
Justices of the Court of Amherst County now sitting in the sum of five
thousand Pounds current money to the Payment whereof well 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 Exors. & Adminors
Jointly and severally firmly by these Presents Sealed with our seals
this third day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and Eighty four

the Condition of the ~~obligation~~ is such that if the above bound
Rachel Ayres Executrix of the Last will and Testament of Samuel
Ayres 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 Rachel Ayres or into the hands & possession
of any other person or persons for her and the same do make do
Exhibit into the County Court of Amherst at such times as she shall be
thereunto Required by the said Court and the same goods Chattles
and Credits and all other the goods Chattles and Credits of the ^{De^d}
which at any time after shall come to the hands Possession or knowledge
of the said Rachel or into the hands and Possession of any other
Person or Persons for her do well and truly administer

193 William Bryan in Account with Watson his Guardian

1700 Apr 5 th	To Cash	£ 25 0 0
	To paid Capt Charles Bunnis	3 6 6
	To paid Dava Ross	3 9 7
	to Boarding William Bryan 6 months 29 th 1700	6 0 0
		<u>£ 39 16 1</u>

for

1703 Sep 3 rd	By Balance in my Hands at this Date	£ 33 12 4
	By Interest on the above a Seven months 8 th day	+ 9 9
1704 Aug 1 st	By Cash a Sunday Times	8 4 2
	James Watson Guard. ⁿ	<u>£ 35 6 3 1/2</u>

At a Court held for Amherst County the Second day of August 1704 James Watson Guardian to William Bryan presented this account in Court which being Examined & Sworn to by the said Watson was ordered to be Recorded.

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Agreable to an order Court we have appraised the Estate of Samuel Ayres Deceased as followeth. Viz.

one Negro felloe Named Ozborn	£ 50 0 0
one Dittie Winch Named Frank	10 . .
1 Dittie Winch Named Rachel & Child	85 0 0
1 Dittie Ankey	35 0 0
1 Dittie Jack	30 0 0
1 Dittie Stephen	25 0 0
1 Dittie Rachel	20 0 0
1 Dittie John	00 0 0
1 Bay Horse	6 0 0
1 Gray mare & foal	6 0 0
1 Red cow & calf	2 10 .
1 Dittie & calf	2 0 0
1 Side fow & calf	2 0 0
1 piea Puffer £1.10. one Red Dittie £1.5.	2 15 0
1 Yearlings	4 0 0
1 Red cow £2.10. one Dittie £2.10	5 0 0
1 Red Heffer	1 5 0
10 Sheep	8 0 0
10 Hogs	5 0 0

2 pairs of Irons & Trugers	£ 0 13 0
6 Hors £1.4 parcel of old hors 12/	1 16 0
3 old Axes 16/ one Grofs but Saw 9/	5 0
a parcel of Tools £1.10 one burying knife 7/6	1 17 6
one pair of Shears £1 one pair of Scales 16/	1 10 0
one pair of Money Scales	0 6 0
a Set of Cart Irons	3 10 0
1 Lock Chain 12/ 1 pair of Tongs 3/	0 15 0
A parcel of Potts & other Lumber £2.5 a parcel ^{Lumber}	2 11 0
A parcel of old Wheels 10/ one Sore & Gears £2	2 18 0
A parcel of Books £.5 parcel of Trumphy 15/	2 0 0
A parcel of pewter £1.10 a parcel of Sugs 7/6 one Gun of	2 7 6
A Table & Chairs 15/ parcel of Nap hats 4/	0 19 0
A parcel of wool 35/ a parcel of Cotton & worsted & 6/25	3 0 0
one cutting knife 1/5 Weages 6/27 yards of Linnen £2.5	2 17 0
one Bone & Razor	
2 Chest & three Trunks £1.10 two Feather Beds & per niton	15 10
1 old Cask 6/	0 6 0

Nathan Crawford
 Alex. Reed Jun
 William Barnell

At a Court continued & held for Amherst County the third
 Day of August 1784 This Inventory & appraisment of the
 Estate of Samuel Ayres deceased was this Day reviewed &
 ordered to be recorded Test Edmd. Wilcox Clerk

KNOW all men by these presents that we Sarah Martin John Henderson
 & Langdon Deprist are held and firmly bound unto William Cabell
 Ambrose Rucker David Crawford William Cabell Jun & Nathan
 Crawford Gentlemen Justices of Amherst County now sitting in the Sum
 of five hundred pounds to the payment Whose of Will & ability to be made
 to the said Justices & their Successors we bind our Selves and each of us
 our Heirs of our heirs Exors & admors Jointly & Severally jointly by
 these presents Sealed with our Seals this fourth Day of October in the
 Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & Eighty four
 and in the Ninth Year of the Commonwealth