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In the Name of God Amen the twenty fifth day of December
in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty & John
Hays of the the County and Parish of Augusta And Colony of Virginia
planthorner being Sick And weak in body but of a perfect mind
and memory thanks be given unto Almighty God therefore Calling unto
mind the Mortality of My body And knowing that is appointed for all
men once to Die I do hereby And ordain this My Last Will and
Testament that is to say principally And first of all I give and recom-
mend my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God that Giveth and for my
Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner
at the Discretion of My Executors Nothing Doubting but all the
General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the mighty
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pleased God to bless me in this World I give and devise And Dispose

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of the same in the varre following manner And form of first My will
that all my Just Debts due to me may be Paid and all my Just by
Me contracted may be Honestly Paid by my Executors I Herewith
And Prig with unto my most beloved wife Rebecca Haylett the full third
of all my moveables And as my Executors good given Life time

And at your Decree to Dispose of them as you see Cause a
monger your Children And also my negro women to bid
Remain with you your Lifetime and at your Decree
the negroes to be sold And Divided Between my three
sons Equally And also the one half of Land whereon I now
Dwell with my house and the one half of the Appurtenances there
unto belonging if she does not marry but if she marry
will is that she shall have her third And no more And I
Give And bequeath Unto my well beloved son Andrew Hays
the one half of my Land whereon I now Dwell if being his own
Purchase but the deed was taken in my name And my will
is that my Executor give him a deed for said Land & by Him
I Give And bequeath Unto my beloved son Charles Hays the one
half of my Great Mill and ten Acres of Land belonging to
the Mill as also I Give Unto my son Charles Hays fifty acres
my Land whereon I now Live one the west side of the

My Land where one I now live one the west side of the
Creek along the line of my son Charles Hays Land where
he now resides and my will is that they take two honest
men and lay off the Land according to my will and my will
is that they be one to run of this Land thirty rods below the foot
of Saw too Creek and so blood unto the line again and not
hurt my son Andrew Hays Spring 4th Item I give & bequeath
my well beloved son Andrew Hays the remainder of the other half
of the Land where my wife now resides at her dear and house
and other pretences to her belong to said Land by Item I give
and bequeath well beloved son John Hays two hundred and fifty acres
more of Land lying and situate on the branches of Broadneck Joyce
William Miller Plantation as also I leave unto my son John
two shillings Sterling to be paid off my mortgage by Item I give
bequeath unto my son John Hays one hundred and fifty acres of Land

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and bequeath well beloved son John Hays two hundred of sixty seven
Acres of Land saying and situate on the branches of Roanoke River
William Miller's Plantation as also I leave unto my son John
Two thousand Sterling to be paid off my moveables by them I give
Bequeath unto my nephew John Hays Junr and pay Gold
headed then I am to my Nephew John Hays Junr

to my son John Hays one Brown kifer with a short tail & I give
I give And bequeath unto my well beloved Daughter Jennett Miller
two shilling Sterling to be paid her by my Executors of my Estate & I
I give And bequeath unto my nephew Rebecca Guiness one red
kifer with white face two years old & I give And bequeath unto
my nephew Robert Lusk one bay colt two years old I give
And bequeath unto my beloved sons Charles Hays and Andrew Hays
all the remainder of my moveables to be equally divided excepting
one Horse to the Value of six pounds that I order and will to my
Nephew James Hays son to my son James Hays deceased black, not
to touch any of the household goods which I give to my wife I
I give And order my Executors to give unto Robert Lusk on strait boat
of the Cloath we have now in the House I give And bequeath
unto Abgal Hays alias Kersys one Brown kifer two years old I
I likewise constitute make ordain my well beloved wife Rebecca Hays

And do constitute make ordain my well beloved wife Rebecca Hays
and my son Charles Hays and Andrew Hays to be Executors of this
my last Will and Testament, And do utterly Disanul Revoke
all every other former Testament Wills Legacies and Executors by me
in any wise before this time Named Willed and Bequeathed Ratifying
And Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will of Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and
Year Above Written -

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by the said John Hays as
his Last Will of Testament in the presence of us the Subscribers
James Buchanan

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Call there to according to Law And being proved by the Oath

of James Buchanan Samuel Hayes & James Moore the witness
 thereto the same is admitted to be read and on the motion of
 thes Rebecca / Charles Hayes & Andrew Hayes the other
 Ex^{ts} therein named with her having refused to take upon
 them the burden of the execution of thes Will the Judge
 and her performing what is usual in such cases Certificate
 is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form

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In the name of God Amen the
 Day of Augusta 1750 I Gilbert Campbell of the Town of
 James River County of Augusta Planter here being
 Sick and weak in body but of perfect mind & memory have
 be given to God therefore calling to mind y^e Mortality of my
 Body and knowing y^t it is appointed for all men once to die