

Mays In the Name of God Amen This the fifteenth day of December one
thousand seven hundred & ninety two James Mays of Bedford County &
Colony of Virginia being very weak in body but of a Perfect Mind and Memory
& knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to dye, I do make & ordain this my
Last Will & Testament that is to say Principally & first of all I give & recommend my
soul into the hands of God who gave it, as for my Body I recommend to the Earth from whence
it came to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors
Nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by
the almighty Power of God as touching such worldly estate as wherewith it hath pleased
God to bless me with I this life I give Devise & Dispose of the same in manners &
form following that is to say, I do first of all Will & Desire that all my
Just Debts be paid, & I give to my son Samuel Mays the tract of Land that he
now lives on being two hundred & eighty five acres to him & his heirs forever
& no more of my Estate, & I give to my son James Mays the tract of Land
that of Davis being one hundred & fifteen Acres & one horse & to see the horse by the
name of Dick, And my home house & Land I give to my son Joseph Mays being
one hundred & thirty sixers, & my Daughter Sinthey Wright I give one
Shilling sterling & know more. And my Daughter Fanny Mays I give one
penny in the name of Dickster and one

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Shilling sterling & know more. And my Daughter Franky Mays I give one
Furthur bed and furniture, and one some ware by the name of Bichter, and one
hunting saddle, and one shilling sterling & know more. And I give to my
Daughter Elisabeth Wright one shilling sterling & know more. And my
will beloved wife Mary Mays my will & Desire is that she should have her
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thurs of my Estate. And the rest of my estate my will & desire is that
it should be equally divided betwixt the rest of my children namely
Anne Mays James Mays Melly Mays Joseph Mays & Mary Mays but
my will & desire is that Joseph Mays & Mary Mays should have two years
schooling out of my estate before the Division of the same. And I do
constitute Samuel Mays & Robert Nimmo my Executors of this my last will
& Testament. In Witness whereof I do hereunto set my hand & seal this day
& year first above Written Signed Sealed Published pronounced by the said
James Mays as his Last Will & Testament.

In the Presence of us

John Mays

Elijah Mays

Richard Mays

James Mays

At a Court held for Bedford County the 22^d day of June 1795
This Last Will & Testament of James Mays Deceased was proved
by the oath of ^{Elijah Mays} John Mays & Richard Mays Witnesses whose names are
thereunto subscribed & ordered to be recorded; And at a Court held for said
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Elijah Mays

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Mays One of the Exors therein named who made oath thereto
Certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form
on giving security; whereupon he together with Thomas Stith & John
Wright his securities entered into & Acknowledged their Bond in the
Penalty of two hundred pounds conditioned for the said Executor's due
& faithful Administration of the said Decedent's Estate & performance
of his will. Liberty being reserved to Robert Kimmo the other Executor
therein named to Join in the Probate thereof when he shall think
fit,

Teste

James Stiles C. B.