

In the name of God Amen, Jeremiah Early of the
County of Bedford being in my perfect senses do make & Ordain this
to be my last Will & Testament in manner & form following. It is
my desire that my Executors hereafter named do pay all my Just
debts I owe & Bequeath to my beloved Wife Mary Early during her
^{life} Natural the Plantation whereon I now live also the following Slaves
Viz. Delilah Murphy, Placco, Andien, Saml, Betty & Betty's doll,
also my Chairs & Tables Three Beds & Furniture all my Plate Pewter &
every other kind of Household Kitchen Furniture necessary for her
Maintenance also six Cows & Calves Eighteen head of Young Cattle, two
sows & Pigs twelve hogs of a proper size to be killed the riding chair &
two Horses and after her death the 1/2 & 1/2 of the 1/2 & 1/2 of their Increase to
be divided between my children Elizabeth Scallan and Jenny Early Jeffrey
Early Sarah Early & Abner Early & their Heirs for ever & I devise to
my son Jacobus Early the Land where on he now lives Beginning at the
Mouth of Goose Creek thence running up the S^d Creek to the Mouth
of Williams's Branch then along the meanders of y^e said Branch
to Williams's Corner Gophar then along Williams's line to Hindrich's line
thence running up the S^d Creek to the Mouth of Williams's Branch

The new Survey made on Leftwich's Line Together with all y^e Lands
purchased of Thorp & Bradford also Five Hundred acres of Land
on Chamon Creek in the County of Pittsylvania also Negroes Luc &
James to him & his Heirs for ever. I give to my Daughter Judith
Callaway five Shillings current Money. I devise to my sons
Joseph John & Subell Carly all that Part of my Estate which I
held in Partnership with James Callaway called Washington Iron
Works, in the County of Henry that is y^e Lands & also the stock of
Horses Hogs & Cattle to them & their Heirs for ever in Jointtenancy.

It is hereby directed that there shall be only one Agent to transact all
y^e Business of y^e said Iron Works who shall be Accountable to my other
two sons for their proportion of y^e Annual Profits of y^e said Estate, which
said Agent shall have as full & Absolute Power in Managing y^e Iron
Works as myself now have. But if it should be the desire of y^e said
Agent at any time to decline his Office, either of my other 2 sons
may take upon himself y^e management of y^e said
Estate & be Accountable in manner aforesaid for his conduct and if
at any time either of my said son should Complain of the conduct
of the Agent it is my desire that such Complaint be referred to

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Horses Hobs & Cattle to them & their Heirs for ever in Tenantancy.
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the Business of y^e said Iron Works who shall be Accountable to my other
two sons for their proportion of y^e Annual Profits of y^e said Estate which
said Agent shall have as full & absolute Power in Managing y^e Iron
Works as myself now have. But if it should be the desire of y^e said
Agent at any time to decline his Office, either of my other 2 sons
may take take upon himself y^e management of y^e
Estate & be Accountable in manner aforesaid for his conduct, and if
at any time either of my said sons should Complain of the conduct
of the Agent it is my desire that such Complaints be referred to
Arbitrators to be chosen by my said sons and on hearing of the
Complaint

Complaint the Opinion of the Arbitrators shall be conclusive &
 binding between y^e parties. I further direct that my said sons
 Joseph John & Hubell shall pay to my Executors for the use of
 my Estate (the sum of money I lent to Robert Walton) in Twelve
 months after my Decease I Appoint my son Joseph the Agent
 I devise to my son Jeffrey Early y^e Tract of Land I hold on Stanton
 River above the Mouth of Goose Creek to him & his Heirs
 for ever. I devise the Land whereon I now live to my son Abner
 Early & his Heirs for ever after the decease of my Wife together
 with the Household & Kitchen Furniture I lent her during her
 Life I Bequeath to my Daughter Jenny Early & her Heirs
 for ever. Thirteen Hundred Pounds Current Money & one
 Bed & Furniture. I Bequeath to my Daughter Sarah
 Early & her Heirs for ever Thirteen Hundred Pounds Current
 Money & one Bed & Furniture. I Bequeath to my son Jeremiah
 Early five Hundred Pistoles if claimed within Three Years
 after my death. If he should fail to Apply in due time I
 desire the money to be Equally divided Between my Children
 Joseph & Abner Early & their Heirs &

Jeffrey & Abner Early & their Heirs. I desire that all the rest
of my slaves not to include those given to my sons Joseph
John & Jubell at the Antislavery, shall be Equally
Divided Between my Children Elizabeth Callaway
Living, Jeffrey Sarah & Abner Early & their Heirs for
ever but Elizabeth Callaway is to account for a Negroes
Gilt State given her on a Marriage it being my
Desire that all my last mentioned Children shall have an

Equal Part of the Negroes not before disposed off
I desire that my three sons Joseph John & Jubell Early shall
pay to my Executors four Tonns of Bar Iron per annum
till my son Abner comes of Age & the Money arising
from y^e sales of y^e Bar Iron Together with all other
Monies due to & Accruing from the profits of my Estate
after Debt & Legacies paid shall be Paid out in purchase
of Lands for the use of my two sons Jeffrey & Abner which
Lands when when purchased are to be divided
by my Executors Between the 3 of them & 1/3 of 1/3

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Jeffrey Sarah & Abner Early & their Heirs for
ever but Elizabeth Callaway is to account for a Negro as
Gail Hale given her on a Marriage it being my
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by my Executors Between the s^d Jeffrey & Abner & their Heirs
in such manner as shall make the Landed Estate of my
two sons of Equal Value all my Stocks of Horses
Cattle

Cattle Hogs & sheep not before disposed of & all my plantation
 utensils after leaving a sufficient proportion of each on the
 plantations for their support Together with my still I desire may
 be sold at the discretion of my Executors for raising of Money for
 the purpose before Mentioned I desire that y^e necessary Buildings
 where I now live may be finished The Stocks lent to my wife for
 life after her decease to be divided as y^e Slaves so lent her &
 the profits of my Estate given to my son Jubel I desire may be laid
 out as my Executors shall think most to his Advantage I appoint
 my son in Law James Callaway & my son Joseph Exors Executors of
 this my last Will & Testament & Guardians to my Children who
 are under Age In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 & affixed my seal this 22nd day July 1768 Thomas Jones

I do hereby certify
 Signed Sealed and
 acknowledged in presence of

The undersigned Waco on y^e 27th of
 July in y^e eighth line on y^e first page

Henry James Joseph Toler William Bates

At a Court held for Bedford County the 27th day of September 1777
This last Will and Testament of Jeremiah Early Gent^l deceased was
proved by the Oaths of Henry James Joseph Toler and William Bates
the Witnesses thereto subscribed and Ordered to be recorded and On the
Motion of James Callaway Gent^l one of the Exors thereto named who
made Oath thereto Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate
in due form giving Security whereupon he Together with John
Callaway William Callaway Jacob Early and Charles Callaway
his security entered into and Acknowledge their Bond in the Penalty
of Two hundred Thousand pounds for the said Execution due and
faithful Administration of the said Decedent's Estate and perfor-
mance of his Will Liberty being reserved for the Other Executors
to join in the Probate thereof when he shall think fit and at a
Court held for said County the 25th day of October 1779 On the
Motion of Joseph Early the Other Executor named in the said Will
who made Oath thereto Certificate is granted him for Obtaining
Probate in due form giving Security whereupon he Together

Together with John Quarles John Anthony, Jacobus Early
and Thomas Leffrich his securities entered into and acknow-
ledged their Bond in the Penalty of Two hundred Thousand
Pounds for the said Executor Joseph Earlys due and
faithfull Administration of the said decedents Estate and
performance of his Will

Teste Josephus El,

In the name of God Amen I Reynolds Allen
of the County of Bedford being sick and weak of Body but of
perfect mind and memory for settling my Temporal affairs
and preventing Disputes about such Estate as I shall leave
at my Death do make and Ordain this my last Will and
Testament in manner and form following first recommen-
ding my Soul to God who gave it thro the Mediation of my
Lord redemer Hoping thereby to receive Remission of all my
Sins and my body to the Earth to be Decently Buried at