

Gilliam In the Name of God Amen I Richard Gilliam of Bedford County being
Well & weak and low do make this my last Will & Testament that is to say
Principally and first of All I give my soul into the hands of Almighty
God to be quiet and my body to the earth from whence it was taken to be
interred in a Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors
hoping that at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again
by the mighty power of God And as Touching such worldly Estate
which I have please God to bestow on this life I give I devise and bequeath
in the following Manner

Item I give unto my wife Mary Gilliam during her Natural life four
Negroes Vizt James Lenny & Mary & Merice together with their Increase
Where the tract of Land whereon I now live together with the advantage
thereof to Dispose of at her Discretion

Item I give I bequeath to my son Richard Gilliam his heirs &c forever
four hundred & eighty two Acres of Land lying on a small creek in Bedford
County also three Negroes Vizt Consey Ned & Betty with their said
& Negroes together with the Advantages thereof is to take Possession
of immediately after my Decease and after the Decease of my said
wife my s^d son Richard ~~shall have~~ ^{shall have} the same

Slaves Neg^{ro} James Leroy, Amy & Morice together with their Increase
to have the tract of Land wherein I now live together with the advanta-
ges thereof to my wife of old her Discretion

Item I give Margarette to my son Richard Gilliam his heirs &c. for
ever the one half of the land lying on the north side of the creek in Bradford
County also three Slaves Neg^{ro} Lewis, Ned & Betty with their said one
Slaves together with the Advantages thereof is to take Possession
of immediately after my Decease and after the Decease of my said
wife my s^{on} Richard ~~Gilliam~~ shall always possess the said tract
of Land wherein I now live together with James Leroy, Amy & Morice
the Slaves above bequeathed to my said wife together with their
Increase and profits of said Land forever After my said son
Richard has paid the sum of ten pounds to each of my Grand
Children by the Name of Peter and fifty pounds Lawful Money
to my Grand Daughter Polly Gilliam and fifty pounds Lawful Money
to my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Welch
Item I hereby nominate and appoint my wife Mary Gilliam

Executrix

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Execution W Benjamin Hobson James Ponderer Executors of this my last
Will Testament hereby recoking and utterly disannulling every other
Will heretofore by me made testifying and confirming this to be my
last Will Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed my seal this Ninth Day of November in the Year of our
Lord one thousand seven hundred & Ninety Eight

Signed Sealed & Published

Provenanced & Delivered by
Richard Gittman to be his last
Will Testament In Presence of us
John Gills, ^{Rich. Hobson} Wm Ponderer
Richard Ponderer

Richard Gittman

At a Court held for Bedford County the 22nd day of April 1799
This last Will Testament of Richard Gittman deceased was
Proved by the oath of Richard Hobson Wm Ponderer & Richard
Ponderer Witnesses whose names are thereto subscribed & Ordered
to be recorded - An Ver the Motion of Mary Gittman the Executrix
thereto named who made oath thereto Certificate is granted her
for Obtaining probate in due form on giving security whereupon
she hath offered with Joseph Ponderer, Samuel Hobbs & William

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Ponderler her security entered into Acknowledged their Bond
in the Penalty of five thousand Dollars conditioned for the said
Executrix due & faithful Administration of said decedents Estate & perform-
ance of his Will, liberty being reserved the other Executors therein
named to join in the Probate when he shall think fit

Teste
Ja. Heploe C/CL

P. G. S.
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In the presence of John Gills, Elizabeth Gittman, Benjamin Gittman