

The Executors
said

In the name of God Amen

I, John Thwait of the County of Prince George being in perfect health and sound memory do make known this my last will & testament in manner following to wit: The Negroes that are in the possession of my Daughter Susan Fido whose names are a Viz Kate, her children Coll, her children Henry, her sons are. I do give & bequeath the above said Negroes and their increase unto my said Daughter Susan Fido her heirs & assigns forever & also give unto my said Daughter one Negro boy by the name of Mary to her their heirs & assigns forever, my will & desire is that all my other estate meaning both real & personal be kept together (by my executors hereafter named) untill my son Thomas be full of age to the age of twenty two years and to be kept in the same manner after that untill my beloved wife's death but after my beloved wife's death if a year or thereas comes to the age of twenty two years my intention is in that case for my said estate to be divided thus as I shall hereafter direct but not otherwise as my intention is for the said estate to be kept together during my beloved wife's life (provided she survives my wife) & the husband or purpose of educating & supporting my two sons, Richard & Thomas until they shall arrive to the age of twenty two years, the subject & continuance of my Daughter Polly Martin until she shall be married or in the accepted maintenance of my beloved wife during her widowhood after the death of my beloved wife my desire is that the said estate begins with all the profits made thereon to be devoted in the following manner Viz First all my landed estate to be equally divided between my four sons to wit John James, Archabald, Richard Noble, & Thomas Thwait if either of my sons should die before making this division leaving an lawful issue my intended intention is in that case for the Lands to be equally divided among the then surviving ones, or the lawful issue of those or either of those should either of them be dead themselves & leaving such lawful issue behind. Second all my Negroes that may be left and all other personal estate my desires to be equally divided between my four before mentioned sons and my Daughter Polly Martin Thwait except the following Negroes (as wit) Polly with her Daughter Nancy which I bought from Melrose Scott and a Negro Girl named Fanny these three Negroes I desire shall go to my Daughter Polly Martin Thwait and for her to have so much of the above division (when it shall be made) as the value of those three Negroes may be thought to be worth.

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at this time of making this division and further if my said Daughter Polly Martin should not be married at the time the above division may take place in that case I do desire & direct that each of my before mentioned sons shall grow out of their respective divisions & pay unto my said Daughter Polly Martin Thwaitt during her unmarried state the sum of Ten pounds current money of Virginia per annum each

Thirdly I do desire & direct that my Executors hereafter named shall in some reasonable time after my death sell or twelve months credits at public sale or ~~thereby~~ the in following slaves to wit Harry, Raper, Mumbo, ~~and~~ his wife Abby Negro woman named Hannah & a Negro man named Edmund, and I do hereby authorize my Executors & theirs hereafter named to dispose of all or any part of my said estate provided if they make sale of my Lands that I may & shall lay the amount of the sales out in Lands again for the benefit of my four sons as I have before directed - and any Negro that they may wish to get rid of; they may sell buy a better one or lay the money out in Lands taking care that my Daughter Polly Martin (having) the one fifth part of the value of the said Negro or Negroes that may be sold & laid out in Lands as I have before directed and the money arising from the sale of the six Negroes which I have left to be sold may be applied to the payments of my just Debts or any thing else that will be to the advantage or improvement of my said estate. I do desire that my two sons John James, & Archibald Thwaitt may pay a particular intention to the education & improvement of their brothers my other two sons Richard Noble Thwaitt & Thomas Thwaitt and if they have a capacity for taking a profession and the profits of my estate will allow of it I wish them to take it if not to be put out to some business or other that will assist them in getting an honest living - I desire that there shall not be any appraisement of my estate and do hereby authorize & appoint my living wife Betsy Thwaitt executrix and my two sons John James Thwaitt & Archibald Thwaitt co-executors of this my last will & testament and that they all shall qualify as such without giving security and any thing that my Executors & Executors may think proper to do that they may think will be for the advantage of the estate of a dear father to my said

They may put out young Negroes to any trade they may think proper & may exchange or sell any part of the estate (by mutual consent) for any other that they may think will be of better or more advantage than the one in possession and my beloved wife is at liberty at any time in her lifetime to make this division (which I have decided to be made after her death) if she can do it in a manner that will be satisfactory to herself also my beloved wife is at her own station if my Daughter Polly Wadsworth Thwaitt gets married before her death in letting my said Daughter M. J. have or not have the said three Negroes which I have before last expressly mentioned shall go to her. I desire the price of my estate be more than is sufficient after complying with what I have before decided in this case I do desire that the remainder or residue may be divided in lands now to be divided into same manner as I have before decided my present land to be some estate as to my two sons Charles & Thomas whom I have before said I do give to the amount of one hundred better bounds value each in their divisions more than one two about some John Jones? Probable Thwaitt - This will with all the intentions being made in my will I desire the same to be taken as my gift to the said Charles - and my sons William James or any of them to my wife there is no necessity for any witnesses to the same. Given under my hand & seal this twenty fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety five.

John Thwaitt

John Thwaitt & Co.

Proven to be true and correct April 25th 1803
This last Will & Testament of John Thwaitt decd was proved in Court by John & Thwaitt one of the executors therein named and by their assistants to subscribers David Still & George Price being first sworn and then sworn that they are well acquainted with the said William Thwaitt decd & truly believe that the said Will & Testament subscribed to is in the proper hand & writing of the said decd and the Court being fully thereof satisfied the same is ordered to be recorded & as the motions of John & Thwaitt one of the executors therein named who made oath thereto according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form & liberty being reserved the other executors therein named to join in the said probat where they think proper

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