

Will
Harrish's *Will* In the name of God Amen The twelfth Day
of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred and fifty three I James Harrish of the Parish
of Saint Andrews and County of Brunswick being inform
of Body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given
unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body
and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make
and ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say,
principally and first of all I recommend my Soul into the
Hands of God that gave it and as for my Body I recommend it
to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner
at the Discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the
general Resurrection to receive the same again by the
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manner and form. *Imprimis* I give and Bequeath

to my well beloved wife Sarah the dwelling House and
 Plantation whereon I now live with all the Lands on
 this side and in the fork of the creek called by the name
 of Mason's Creek during her natural life also the
 Labour of three Negro Slaves during her natural life
 viz, Caesar Hannah and Chloë and that after the
 decease of my said wife Sarah the afore said Land
 and Premises to redound to my son Joel Parrish and
 the said Negroes to be sold and the Money arising ^{from} the
 said Sale to be equally divided amongst all my
 children. Item I give and Bequeath to my son John
 Parrish a Tract of Land on the South side of the Great Creek
 called by the name of Brittes by Estimation two hundred
 and twenty one Acres part thereof lying in Cumberland
 Parish and in the County of Lunenburg and part

lying in Saint Andrews Parish and County of
Brunswick also a Tract of Land containing two hundred
and eight Acres lying on the South side of Dann River
opposite to Wolf Island and in the County of Lunenburg
also four hundred Acres of Land lying in the said County
of Lunenburg on Terrable Creek part of eight hundred
Acres of Land taken up in my own and my Son James's
names and John to have that part only which was
James's and which Lands I give to my Son John Parrish
and his Heirs forever also I give to my said Son John
Parrish and his Heirs forever one Negro man Slave named
Roger (in lieu of a Negro Girl before promised named Cherry)
as also a Negro Girl named Amey with ^{all} her future Increase.
Item I give and Bequeath to my son Joseph Parrish and to
his Heirs forever a Mill standing on Great Creek with a
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his Heirs forever a Mill standing on Great Creek with a
Tract of Land containing by Estimation four hundred and
and fifty Acres adjoining to the said mill lying between

the said creek and ^{Princetown County Virginia} Mason's Spring Branch also
 an Acre of Land lying on the South side of the said Creek
 conveyed to me by Sarah Jones also two hundred and
 forty Acres of Land opposite to Wolf Island on the North
 side of Dam River and in the County of Lunenburg
 aforesaid also one Negro Man named Mingo and a
 Servant Boy named Bob. Item I give and Bequeath to my
 Daughter Mary Parrish and to her Heirs forever three
 hundred Acres of Land lying on Banister River in the County
 of Lunenburg also two hundred Acres of Land in the
 aforesaid County lying on Bluestone Creek it being part of
 four hundred Acres to be equally divided between my said
 Daughter Mary and my Son Joel also I give to my said
 Daughter Mary and her Heirs forever one Negro Girl
 named Henry and a Negro Girl named Phillis and an

named Cheny and a Negro Girl named Phillis and an
Indian Servant named Sathung with all their Increase
also my Riding Horse Snip and her side Saddle and Cover I
give to my said Daughter Mary also one Feather Bed and
Furniture. Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Charles
Parrish and his Heirs forever that Tract of Land lying between
Mason Bishop's Creek and his Spring Branch including
the Low-grounds lying on the said Creek and the Great
Creek also four hundred Acres of Land in Lunenburg
County on Ferrable Creek it being part of a Tract containing
eight hundred four hundred of which is given to my Son John
my Will is that my Son Charles shall have the first Choice
of four hundred Acres out of the said eight hundred also a
Tract of Land containing one hundred and thirty Acres
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Sandy Creek also two hundred Acres of Land being part of
a Survey made of four hundred Acres between myself and
Abel Lee lying on Sandy Creek of Darn River in

Lunenburg County also one Negro Boy named Ned
Hem. I give and bequeath to my Son Joel Parrish and
to his Heirs forever two hundred acres of Land in the
County of Lunenburg lying on Bluestone it being part
of a Tract of four hundred acres two hundred of which is
before Bequeathed to my Daughter Mary also the
Plantation and Land where on I now live from Mason's
Creek down to my lower Line he not to molest his Mother
in any of the last mentioned Lands and Premises during
her natural life also I give and bequeath to my said
Son Joel Parrish and his Heirs forever a Tract of Land
containing three hundred and thirty acres which I
bought of Henry Parrish joining the Tract whereon I
now live also a Survey joining the Land whereon I now
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now live also a Survey joining the Land whereon I now
live containing about four hundred Acres of Land also
one Negro Girl named Venus one Negro Boy named
Peter. Item I give and bequeath to my Son John
Parrish in Trust all my Entries of Land in Brunswick
Lunenburg and Halifax Counties to be sold by my
said Son for the best price that can be got and the Money
arising by the said Sale to be equally divided amongst
all my Children. Item my Will ^{is} that all the remainder of
my Personal Estate not before Bequeathed as my Household
Goods Stock of Horses cattle Hogs &c with the crop
of Tobacco and all the remainder of my Goods and
Chattels not before given I do leave to be sold by my Executors
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money I have by me I give to be equally divided between
my loving Wife Sarah and my four Sons each having one
fifth part after discharging my Funeral Expenses. —
I do Appoint Constitute and Ordain my Friend —

Nicholas Edmunds and my son John Parrish my
 Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do
 hereby disallow revoke and disannull all and every
 other former Will and Testament Bequests & Executors
 by me in any way before this Time mentioned ^{willed or bequeathed} In Witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the Day
 and Year above Written.

Signed Sealed pronounced and
 declared in Presence of us -

James Parrish (S & T)

^{his}
 James S. Holiday
^{mark}

Matthew Bishop

^{her}
 Levrancy + Benson
^{mark}

June the fourth one thousand seven
 hundred and fifty four Having made a Purchase of some
 Slaves since making the above Will I do make this alteration

and declare all the above as follows I leave the labour of my

I, notifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will

and dispose of them as followeth I leave the Labour of my
Negro Woman named Betty and her Child Kate to my loving
Wife during her Natural life or Widowhood and after her death
or marriage I give and Bequeath the said Negro Woman
Betty and her Child Kate to my Son John Parrish and his
Heirs forever. Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Charles
Parrish and his Heirs forever my Negro Women Phillis
which was before given to my Daughter Mary. I give
and Bequeath to my Son Joel Parrish and to his Heirs
forever my Negro Girl named Cheny which was before
given to my Daughter Mary. Item I give and Bequeath
to my Daughter Mary Parrish and her Heirs forever my
Negro Woman named Margery and her Child Grace and
her Increase in lieu of Phillis and Cheny.

Signed Sealed and Declared

James Parrish JS

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At a Court held for Brunswick County the 25.
 Day of June 1754. This Will and Codicil were presented
 into Court and made oath to by Nicholas Edmunds and
 John Parrish the Executors therein named and were
 proved the said Will by the Oaths of James Holiday
 Matthew Bishop and Levrancy Benson and the said
 Codicil by the Oaths of Mason Bishop and the said
 Holiday and Levrancy Benson the Witnesses thereto
 and Ordered to be recorded and Certificate granted the
 said Executors for obtaining a Probate thereof in due
 form they having with Thomas Twitty and Robert
 Briggs their Securities entered into and acknowledged
 Bond in the Penalty of five thousand Pounds with
 Condition according to Law.

Examd.

Teste Lm. Tazewell Cler. Cur.

The Remaining part of the Estate of Lawrence

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Other Appraisom

The Remaining part of the Estate of Lawrence
House dec^d appraised by us the Subscribers this 12.
Day of December 1753.

To a parcel of Hogs

£ 6. 3. 9.

Andrew Froughton
Isaac Collier } appri:
William Renn }

Winifred Banks Adm^r

Returned into Brunswick County Court the 25. Day
of June 1754 and entered for