

Chapman
Will

Teste Wm. C. Black

In the Name of God Amen I John Chapman of
Rockford in the Parish of Saint Andrew and County of Brunswick in
Virginia Gentleman being now in health of body and of sound and
Disposing mind and memory do this Twenty first day of December
in the Year of our Lord Christ One Thousand Seven hundred and forty
three make and Ordain this my Last will and Testament in manner
following that is to say I ~~my~~ ^{my} Give and Devise unto my
son William Chapman and to his heirs forever One certain Tract of
Land Situate in the Parish of Saint Andrew and County of Brunswick
On the upper side of Coldwater Run containing five hundred and forty
acres being the Land that I did Purchase of Armaduke Johnson
I ~~do~~ ^{do} Give and Devise unto my son Benjamin Chapman and
to his heirs and assigns forever all that part of the Land now in on
which is Situate below the Quarter Spring From which spring my
mill is that a due fourth line may be run by the County Surveyor to
the Fort Road and down that Road till it Intersects with my corner
line then along the various Courses of the Lines between me and

On the upper side of Coldwater Run containing five hundred and forty
acres being the Land lately did purchase of Hearmaduke Johnson
I ~~Herewith~~ Give and Devise unto my son Benjamin Chapman and
to his heirs and assigns forever all that part of the Land now in
which is situate below the Quarter Spring. From which spring my
well is that a due fourth line may be run by the County Surveyor to
the Fort Road and down that Road till it intersects with my border
line then along the various courses of the lines between me and
Walton's back Land now in the possession of John Davis Welchman
and Meaf. John Wall's Land to Meaf. Wall's upper corner Tree upon
McCherrin River bank a little below the mouth of Newsum's branch
then up McCherrin River to the mouth of the Quarter Spring Gully and
up the Gully to the Beginning including the Spring to my son Benjamin
I ~~Herewith~~ Give and Devise to my Beloved wife Rebecca Chapman all
the Remainder of that tract of Land now in being whatever is
above or to the westward of the aforesaid line including Houses or other

and all other advantages ^{to} the said land and appertaining and I do
 declare my will to be that my said wife shall have an Indefeasible
 Estate in fee simple in the said Tract already given ~~her~~ ^{to} me
 I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Chapman the Slaves
 following Namely Daniel Agnes Minus and Alexander. Item
 I give and bequeath unto my son William Chapman the Slaves
 following Namely Jenny Roger Ned and Hanny. Item I give
 and bequeath unto my son Benj^a Chapman the Slaves following
 Namely Harry Jenny and Sepatha. Item I give and bequeath
 unto my Sister Mary Donaldson Forty Shillings for a gown by
^{measuring} hood and a Ring of a Guinea's price. Item I give and bequeath
 unto each Child that I ever stood Godfather for a Bottle of Five
 Shillings value. Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved
 wife Rebecca Chapman all the Remainder or Residue of my
 Estate both Real and Personal of what kind or Quality whatsoever
 firmly believing that she will act the part of a Provident &
 careful Mother towards my Children. Lastly I Nominate

Careful Mother towards my children. **Lastly** I Nominate
and appoint my Dear wife Rebecca Chapman to be my
whole and Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament

hereby Revoking all other Wills whatever. **In Witness**
whereof I the said John Chapman have to this my Last Will
Testament set my hand and Seal the Twenty first day of Decem^r
in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand seven hundred and
Forty, As in the first part of this Will is mentioned.

Signed Sealed Published and Declared
by the said John Chapman as and
for his Last Will and Testament in
the presence of us who are Present
at the signing and sealing thereof.
Samuel Chamberlin
William Chamberlin
William Adams

John Chapman (L.S.)

57 At a court held for Brunswick County June the 2^d 1743

This will was presented in Court by Rebecca Chapman widow & Executrix therein named who made oath thereto according to Law and the same being proved by the Oath of Samuel Chamberlin and William Adams two of the witnesses thereto and Order'd to be Recorded on the Motion of the said Rebecca Certificates granted her for obtaining a probat thereof in due form

Test Her Black Clerk

At a Court held for Brunswick County the first day of Aug^r 1743

The foregoing Last will and Testament of John Chapman Gent^l deced was further proved by the Oath of William Chamberlin the other witness thereto.

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