

In the name of God Amen I William Moreley of the County of Buckingham do make this my Last Will and Testament as follows to wit.

Item 1<sup>st</sup> I direct that my Executor hereafter named at a convenient time after my death, sell all my property both real and personal not herein disposed of for the payment of debts and for distribution.

Item 2<sup>d</sup> I leave to my wife for life one third of my Homestead of land; and if she wishes it laid off, I request that it be so done as to include seventy five acres of that which I give to my son Ben Wilson also for life the following slaves viz: Henry, Delphina, Clark, Eliza, John Henry, Leslie, Dawson, Eliza, Martha, Eli's C<sup>t</sup> Patsy, Sam, Lavinia, and Betty and Pleasant and my Smith's tools; and to dispose of as she chooses my carriage and carriage horses.

Item 3<sup>d</sup> I have heretofore given to my son grandson Lewis \$700 Ellick, Celia, Edmund, Rose and Pompey \$2350 and I now give him his share of the following slaves viz: Molly, Harriett, Nancy, Margaret and Damon.

Item 4<sup>th</sup> I have heretofore lent to my son James, Charles, Rose, Paulina and Emily \$2100 and given to and paid for him cash \$2500.

Item 5<sup>th</sup> I have heretofore given to and paid for my son William a negro man Lewis and cash \$2900.

Item 6<sup>th</sup> I have heretofore given to my son John the following Spencer, Betty, Ann, Judy, Garland, Nancy and Tom \$2800 and cash \$1400.

Item 7<sup>th</sup> I have heretofore given to my daughter Letitia the following Lewis, Francis, Paulina child \$1800 land \$800 and land

45.00 personal not herein disposed of for the payment of debts and for divi-  
son.  
5.00

26.00 Item 2.<sup>d</sup> I leave to my wife for life one third of my Home  
18.00 tract of land; and if she wishes it laid off, I request that it be  
so done, as to include seventy five acres of that which I give to  
26.00 my son Ben Wilson: also for life the following slaves viz: Henry,  
26.00 Delphia, Clark, Eliza, John Henry, Leticia, Lavin, Eliza, Martha,  
2.00 Eli's C<sup>t</sup> Betty, Sam, Levenia, and Betty and Pleasant and my Smith's  
7.00 Money tools; and to dispose of as she chooses my carriage and Carriage  
3.00 horses.

100.00 Item 3.<sup>d</sup> I have heretofore given to my son grandson Lewis  
100.00 \$700. Ellick, Celia, Edmund, Rose and Pompey \$2350. and I now  
25 give him his exor<sup>t</sup> the following slaves viz: Molly, Harriett, Nancy,  
5.00 Margaret and Damon.

10.00 Item 4.<sup>th</sup> I have heretofore lent to my son James, Charles, Rose,  
1.25 Pamphla and Emeline \$2100 and given to and paid for him cash \$2500.

1.80 Item 5.<sup>th</sup> I have heretofore given to and paid for my son Wm  
Lewis a negro major Lewis and cash \$2900.

150.00 Item 6.<sup>th</sup> I have heretofore given to my son John the fol-  
2.00 lowing Spencer, Betty, Jim, Judy, Garland, Nancy and Tom  
100.00 \$2800 and Cash \$1400.

1.50 Item 7.<sup>th</sup> I have heretofore given to my daughter Leticia the fol-  
20.00 lowing George, Fanny, Paulina child \$1800, land \$800, and loaned  
2.00 her Will and Amanda \$450.

2.00 Item 8.<sup>th</sup> I have heretofore given to my daughter Polly the  
150.00 following Major, Lizzy and child \$1800, and loaned her Betsy  
and child and Lancaster \$1100 and land \$800.

Item 9<sup>th</sup> I have bequeathed to my daughter Elizabeth the following Phil. Cats, Lucy, Nancy, Seane and Tit and Cash and land in Mississippi \$2900

Item 10<sup>th</sup> I bequeath my wife for life one third of my plantation tools, household and kitchen furniture, stock of cows, sheep and hogs at home. But I am in hopes she will not decide, but work all together and aid my son Granderson to educate my sons Daniel and Ben.

Item 11<sup>th</sup> I give to my son Granderson and John the following property for the following uses and purposes viz a negro boy Tim the land and negroes in Mississippi in the possession of my son James and the future increase of the females thereof in trust for the benefit of my son James during life and then to his children also one hundred acres of my home tract of land adjoining the lot John A Glover, land to be run by my son Granderson as he chooses, my lot in the town of Maysville one hundred acres of Maxey or Wilson land, Bens Land, bea and bedsteads bea to now in his possession in trust for the benefit of my son William for life, and then to his child or children or to such of my children or grand children as he may designate by Will or deeds also my and her future increase in trust for the benefit of my son John for life and then to his children: also Will Amanda and Sally jr and the future increase of the females thereof in trust for the benefit of my daughter Letitia for life then to her children; also Decy and her children Lancaster and Mary and the future increase of the females thereof, in trust for the benefit of my daughter Polly for life then to her children: also my land in Mississippi in possession of Mr Miller, Phil. Cats, Lucy, Nancy, Seane and Tit now in Mississipi, Gray, Martinian and two or three hundred dollars to finish paying for the said land, and the further sum of three hundred dollars to be paid to my son Granderson.



of the females thereof, in trust for the benefit  
for life then to her children. Also my land in Wisconsin in parcels  
sons of Mr Miller, Phil, Caty, Lucy, Nancy, Seamus and the new  
in Mejiomi, Grace, Wadman and two or three hundred dollars  
to finish paying for the said land, and the further sum of three  
hundred dollars to be paid out of my sons James & Ben's portion  
when my son Grandison thinks they can best do it, to be laid out in  
property by my son Grandison, and the future increase of the females  
thereof in trust for the benefit of my daughter Elizabeth for life and  
then to her children. Also one half of the balance of my home  
tract of land, one half of the balance of the Nelson and Marys  
land, one half of my Kanawha land, one half of the property leased  
to my wife for life, one third of my plantation tools, household and kitchen  
furniture, stock of cows, sheep and hogs at home, one half of my interest  
in a lot at Hardwicks and a horse Scott and the future increase of the  
females thereof and P. Bob, Lydia, Peter, Maria and Polaris and their  
future increase in trust for the benefit of my son Daniel for life and  
then to his child or children. Also one half, that is the balance of my  
home tract of land the lines to be so run (as to include the dwelling  
house and improvements) by my son Grandison as well as most  
convenient to each of them the balance of the Nelson and Marys  
tract of land, one half of my Kanawha land, one half of the property  
leased to my wife for life, one third of my plantation tools, household &  
kitchen furniture, stock of cows, sheep and hogs at home, one half of  
my interest in a lot at Hardwicks and a young mare Pocahontas Wash  
ington, Jane, Lucy, Mornoe and Fyler alias Porter and the future in-  
crease of the females thereof in trust for the benefit of my sons

for life then to his child or children. The rents and issue of this property shall then  
 to be applied by the trustee or one of them for the use and support in this trust  
 specified and they or either of them may sell the land or hire the negroes  
 for the purposes above and they or either of them may sell any of said property  
 in this trust or any part thereof, and invest the proceeds in other property which  
 is entitled to be held as that which was sold was held for the same purposes  
 and am free from the control of the persons for whose benefit it is left, and  
 free from the control of the husband of my daughter, and in no case be  
 liable to their debts now or hereafter.

Item 12<sup>th</sup> I hereby authorize my son Grandison at any time that  
 he may think proper, by deed to annul and set aside and create any  
 or all of the trusts created in this will. And I also exonerate and dis-  
 charge him and my son John from all liability that they or either  
 of them may incur in execution of the trust in this will.

Item 13<sup>th</sup> All my old negroes that is John, Patty and Albi  
 Hannah which I give to my son Daniel and George Melly and all  
 Phil which I give to my son Ben are to occupy their present houses  
 and to be taken care of in their present situations unless they  
 the old negroes choose to change.

Item 14<sup>th</sup> All my estate both real and personal after the  
 payment of my debts not herein disposed of I wish to be equally  
 divided between my children Grandison, James, William, John,  
 Letitia, Polly and Elizabeth for the use and trust as stated in the  
 12<sup>th</sup> item or to the child <sup>or children</sup> as such as may be dead.

Item 15<sup>th</sup> Should my son William die leaving no child or children  
 then the property held for his benefit is to be equally divided between the chil-  
 dren or their representatives mentioned in the 14<sup>th</sup> item or the trustee to  
 be named as by the said William may direct to either of my



12<sup>th</sup> I give to the child, <sup>or children</sup> as such as may be dead.

Item 15<sup>th</sup> Should my son William die leaving no child or children then the property held for his benefit is to be equally divided between the child or children or their representatives mentioned in the 14<sup>th</sup> item or the trustee to come the same as he the said William may direct to either of my children or grand children.

Item 16<sup>th</sup> Should one or both of my sons David and Ben die under the age of 21 years leaving no child or children, in that event what is given for their use to be equally divided between my children or either of them should die leaving no child or children, in that event what is given for their use is to be divided between my children or grand children as he or they may designate by deed or will.

Item 17<sup>th</sup> Should my wife decline the premium made for land given to Daniel and Ben to go to my children in the 14<sup>th</sup> item mentioned.

Item 18<sup>th</sup> Should any of my negroes misbehave or act in such a manner that peace and good order cannot be had, I direct that my Executor sell such and purchase others in their stead.

Item 19<sup>th</sup> My Executor with the consent of my wife may defer dividing my estate or that part of it employed in making a crop for two years or more; and if kept together the last year my wife and I have needed a crop of wheat for my wife, Daniel & Ben and furnish the plantation or place supply of corn &c.

be made the last year.

Item 20<sup>th</sup> My son Jack is to remain with my wife two years after my death and do the work of my sons Grandsons Daniel & Ben without charge; at the end of two years or the death of my wife I give him the said Jack to my son Grandson for his attention to my wife and two sons Daniel and Ben.

Item 21<sup>st</sup>. All negro children born after this time is to go with their mother.

Item 22<sup>d</sup> I hereby constitute and appoint my son Grandson executor to this my last will and Testament and guardian to my sons Daniel & Ben, dispensing with an inventory; and I request the County Court of Buckingham to permit him to qualify in both capacities without security.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23<sup>th</sup> day of Feby 1846.

W P Morley

A D Morris

William Morley (Seal)

I make this codicil to this my last Will and Testament to wit: My son Daniel wants to go to work on the Kanawha land and wants my grandson Langdon to go with him. I therefore give to my grandson Langdon W Morley his heirs &c for ever one equal third part of my Kanawha Land called Pocotalico; hereby reducing the portions of my sons Daniel and Ben of the Kanawha land to one third each instead of one half as mentioned in the foregoing Will as witness my hand and seal the day above.

W P Morley

William Morley (Seal)



Kanawha Land called Cocotalico hereby reducing the portions of my sons Daniel and Ben of the Kanawha Land to one third each instead of one half as mentioned in the foregoing Will as witness my hand and seal the day above.

W P Mosley

A D Morris

William Mosley (Seal)

I make this further codicil to the foregoing my true last Will and Testament viz. I wish with Keziah to be put in the place of Eliza child of Lydia: Eliza child of Lydia to be put in the place of Sally for Ann to take the place of Washington and Washington to take the place of Lura: Gilmore, Clarissa and child Ann to take the place of Grace and Wartonian: and my son, Jack is taken from my son Grandson and to be subject for debts and distribution under the 14<sup>th</sup> clause of the foregoing Will as witness my hand and seal the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 1847.

Witness

J. M. Bondurant

W P Mosley

William Mosley (Seal)

At a Court held for Buckingham County the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1852. This writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of William Mosley dec<sup>d</sup> with two codicils annexed was produced in Court, and the said Will and codicils were proved by the oath of W. P. Mosley one of the witnesses thereto: and the said Will and the first codicil was also proved by the oath of A. D. Morris the other witness thereto. And at another Court held for the said County on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March following the said Will



...will was further proved by the oath of the said Grand Jurors. And the said will and executory were thereupon ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Grand Jurors Moreley the Executor named in the said will who made oath thereunto in the penalty of \$30,000 and entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of \$30,000 conditioned as the law directs (without security the executor directing that none should be required) certificate is granted the said Executor for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form.

Attest: J. R. Oldridge, C. B. C.  
J. R. Oldridge, C. B. C.  
Notary Public for the County of Buckingham

Buckingham County Court Clerk's Office Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 1870. This attests copy of the last will and Testament of William Moreley, deceased heretofore recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Buckingham County, the last containing the sum of said will and the original will itself, having been lost or destroyed, was this day produced in my Office, and admitted to record anew.

I, Sally Moreley, of the County of Buckingham, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament, hereby revoking all other and former wills that have been made by me.

First. Out of the money I may have or have at my death, out of my stock, and the bonds due me, I desire that all debts be paid.

Secondly. After the payment of my monies, stock and bonds of every