

was exhibited in Court by Matthew Johnston Wills the Executor therein named
and the same was proved by the oath of two of the Aldermen thereof Subscribed and
Ordered to be Recorded on the motion of the said Executors who made oath

~~A Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate of the said Will~~
Giving Security whereupon they ~~together~~ ^{according to Law} with John White & Robert
their Securities entered into and acknowledged their bond for that Purpose

Truly Recorded
John Samuel Carter

Wm. Read Esq.

In the Name of God Amen I David
Governor of Charlotte County being at the present time in health and of perfect
Memory and Mind knowing that there is an appointed time for all men once
to die and after that to enter into Judgment I therefore Dispose of the same as follows
That Almighty God hath mercifully bestowed on me in my former
life and now in this my last will and testament I bequeath and give unto my
loving and beloved wife Mary the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds
to be paid unto her at the death of the said David Read

of the estate to him of Eternal life. And

my Son and doth Ordain this to be my Last Will

and ask my Estate I desire my Executors to sell that all my debt

should be paid in the first place and that an Inventory

of my Personal Estate be taken and appraised and I desire

my Executors to sell and make this to all my Land and what shall

be due to my Children &c. Imprimis I Will & Bequeath unto

John John Caldwell one hundred and fifty seven pounds at Thirty

a Year to be paid him by my Executors in order to Defray his Charges in

them, I Give unto my Son David Caldwell a certain Tract of Land

beginning at an old pond on Cat Creek below my said Son

and doth to David Lyons Line thence along the said Line to David

Line thence along his Line to Henry Tates Line thence on his Line to the same

Line back thence up Cat Creek to the Beginning and also one negro boy

Peter, which Land and Negro I leave to him, his heirs and assigns Forever

to be paid to him on the

Now I Give ^{my} Son ~~William Caldwell~~ a certain Tract of Land on the
Side of Cat Creek Bounded by the above David Caldwell, David Logan, Ca
Brewer, and Robert Caldwell's Line thence on Robert Caldwell's Line to Cat
Creek thence down to the Beginning, Also one Negro ~~Slave~~ named ~~Samuel~~ ^{Samuel} ~~Samuel~~
Land and Negro I Give to him and his heirs and Assigns forever. Now I
will to my Son Thomas Caldwell a certain Tract of Land about three hundred
being the same on which George Battelle now lives, Also the share of the negro
shall belong to my Estate when he cometh to Age the above Land and
I Give to him his heirs and Assigns forever, Now I Give unto my Son ~~David~~
Caldwell of James Caldwell the remainder of my Land on the South Side of Cat
Creek divided in two Parts of Equal Quantity Between them at the Discretion
of my Executors the upper part adjoining Jonathan Vannoy, Thomas ~~the~~
and ~~the~~ ~~above~~ ~~Thomas~~ Caldwell of Robert Caldwell's Line I Give unto
my Son ~~Robert Caldwell~~ ^{my Son} ~~Robert Caldwell~~ ^{Robert Caldwell} ~~the~~ ^{one} ~~share~~ ^{share} of my Estate which shall
when he cometh to age be ~~to him~~ ^{to him} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~share~~ ^{share} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~Estate~~ ^{Estate} ~~which~~ ^{which} ~~shall~~ ^{shall}

Now I give the above part of the above Specified Land Including all the
 meads; on the South side of Crab Creek being the place whereon I and
 my son James Caldwell also on Negro his Choice of any Remain of my Es-
 tate he cometh to age the above Land and beyond I Give to him his heirs and
 Assignes forever, & further I Reserve of the Land with to Robert Caldwell for the
 use of a Presbyterian meeting house then to be Agreable to the Lines formerly
 Run I also order that my well Beloved wife ^{Caldwell} Mary keep possession of the place
 Willed to the above James Caldwell During her Natural Life or Widowhood
 and if she Mary before the said James Caldwell cometh to age and her husband
 will Give good Security to my Executors or my Childrens Guardians to Deliver
 the said place in Good Amantable Repair & with School and bring up my Child
 in a Christian ^{manner} that then to my Legit. Possession, untill the above James Cometh of age
 I also Wills and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary Caldwell one negro
 woman named Rose and her Child Pharoah the hire of her body forever and
 also her mare and saddle with one feather bed and Furniture and also a

and man and saddle with one feather bed and Furniture and also a
part of all my Personal Estate after my Debts are paid Excepting the Li-
ties mentioned and the Rest of the Negroes not mentioned in this will which
Negroes David, Tom, Dick, Bob, Bill, James, I leave in the possession
of her for the Support of the Family until my Incoming Age as above
The Remainder of the Negroes if any ^{be} Equally Divided amongst
my three Daughters Mary, Elizabeth and Jane
I Give unto my Daughter Mary and her heirs forever
I Give unto my Daughter Mary Calcutt one Negro Girl named Susan
to her and her heirs forever, I Give unto my Daughter ^{Jane Calcutt} the first Negro
Child that shall be born in the Estate of Negroes left on the plantation
to the age of twelve months to her and her heirs forever and if none shall
be born and raised to the said age then I order my Executor to pay
the profits of the said Negroes of plantation to my three Daughters
Mary, Elizabeth and Jane

as they are in charge. And for the true performance of this my
will, Testament I do constitute and appoint W. Paul Harrington,
Calderwell and Robert Caldwell. to be my Executors of this my Last will
I do hereby revoke all other wills by me formerly made and do
this to be my Last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto
my hand and affixed my Seal this Twentieth day of October one thousand
seven hundred and Sixty five

David Caldwell

Signed and sealed in presence of Leonard Kaling, Thomas Moore,
Vermon Jonathan Vernon, James East.

This fifteenth day of October 1765 I do hereby Ratify & confirm
the above will and make this addition that is to wit that if any of my
proves undutiful to their mother that then my Executors shall bind
or any of them so behaving to any of them they think proper and
I do hereby Authorize my

or any of them so behaving to any trade they think proper or
if any of my Sons with Inclination to Learning I authorize myself
to sell any part of their Estate to support their Learning &c
this 15th October 1765

David Laidley

In presence of Edmund Brewer Jonathon Vernon

from the within Will and for the purpose
if any of my Sons dies before he arrive to the age of Twenty
that the said will'd to them be a sleeping Executors and the first
Deceased amongst my Daughters in Alice except it be the youngest
if he should die before Twenty years so that then the same
him remain in my Wife's possession during her life or which
then after her Death conveying that the said plantation to the
any Twenty Years as my Executors shall think proper for the use
and that I may be Deceased

Daughter to be Equally Divided amongst them & as the said David
says in now this I want my wife to have her share of the House then after
David's death to my Child before, and the said Negro and his share of
I leave to her after there only of her body for ever. and if she chooseth any
any of my Child before that then that Child shall have rather negro in the
her share and that the negro fellow I have now bought named Dick go to the
and for the purchase of the fellow Dick, that is Dead and that my Son John
have fifty pounds more than I have ordered him out of the Price of my Barren
Land sold to John Donaldson and that this addition be added to my will I
Declare it to be my last will & Testament Together with all contained in this
as Witness my hand and seal this Nineteenth day of May 1767.

David Calwell L^t.

Sealed signed & acknowledged.

NB. Before signing and Witnessing these presents that I order and
Negro Wench named Fanny will to William Calwell who given to my Da
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Negro Woman named Fanny will to William Calwell the Green to my Da
Margaret Caldwell with all her Issue that she the said Fanny will be
my Death to her the said Margaret and her heirs forever and I leave to
William Calwell the ^{Child} negro ^{named} Paul to him and his heirs forever
Signed, sealed, published in presence of George Pettit, Senr & Veran
M. G. G. G. & Thomas Smith

At a Court held for Charles County the 1st day of March 1767.

The above written Last Will and Testament of Paul Caldwell of
Exhibited in Court by Paul Barrington, Robert Caldwell, and John Ca
Executors therein named and the same with two Copies thereof
approved by the oaths of three of the Witnesses and ordered to be recorded
John Caldwell one of the Executors ^{mentioned} therein. Remitted the Execu
said Will. On the motion of the other Executors who made oath according to
Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate of the said Will they giving
therefor they with solemn Oath of John Bunt their clerk and
I do hereby according to Law certify