

In the name of God amen; I Charles Carter of Shirley in the County
of Charles City, being of sound mind and body, revoking all others, do make
and ordain this writing to be my last will and testament in manner
and form following: that is to say first of all I recommend my soul to the
hands of my Creator hoping thro' the merits of Jesus Christ my saviour to
be made partaker of eternal life. My body I commit to the earth to be
decently laid near my honored Parents as soon after my decease as
may be convenient, without any funeral pomp and nothing but the
burial service be read over my grave by the Parson of the Parish
(should we be so fortunate as to have one among us) for which trouble,
I desire he may be amply paid:— And when this my departure may
happen, I earnestly request of my family and friends that they do not
go into mourning or wear black clothes; and this whim I expect they
will gratify me in, as I always thought the custom absurd and extravagant
answering no good purpose that I know of.— And as it has pleased
God to suffer me to enjoy many of the good things of the world
arising from the produce of an ample fortune which I now dispose of
in the following manner. Imprimis my will and desire is that all
my just debts be paid. Item whereas I have by deed given to my son
Charles and his heirs forever all my estate both real and Personall

my just debts be paid. Item whereas I have by deed given to my son Charles and his heirs forever <sup>Charles City, Virginia Wills 1785-1808
www.virginiapioneers.net</sup> all my estate both real and Personall consisting of lands, slaves, horses, cattle &c lying and being in the County of Richmond or Counties of Richmond and Westmoreland and lest there should be any error or informality in the said deed to him my said son Charles and his heirs forever, I hereby bequeath and confirm to him and his heirs forever all the said estate contained or intended to be contained in the said deed lying and being in the said County of Richmond or Counties of Richmond or Westmoreland. Item, it is my will and intention that my land in the County of Lancaster known by the name of Nanty Poison containing eight hundred acres more or less, shall be and remain for the use of ^{Wth} Elizabeth Currie (the widow of my friend the late Rev^d W. David Currie) for the better support of herself and family during her natural life and after her death I give and bequeath the said tract of land to my son Charles to him and his heirs forever. I give the use of the said land to the said Wth Currie during her natural life on this expresse condition, to wit. that she be satisfied to work her own negroes on that part of the said tract of land already cleared and not to cut down or clear any part of the said land without the expresse consent and leave of my said son Charles. Item, I give and bequeath to my Grandson Charles Carter the son of my son George deed twelve ¹² acres of

and his heirs forever all the said estate contained or intended to be contained in the said deed <sup>Charles City, Virginia Wills 1789-1808
www.virginiapioneers.net</sup> being in the said County of Richmond or Counties of Richmond or Westmoreland. Item, it is my will and intention that my land in the County of Lancaster known by the name of Nanty Poison containing eight hundred acres more or less, shall be and remain for the use of Mrs Elizabeth Currie (the widow of my friend the late Rev. M. David Currie) for the better support of herself and family during her natural life and after her death I give and bequeath the said tract of land to my son Charles to him and his heirs forever. I give the use of the said land to the said Mrs Currie during her natural life on this express condition, to wit: that she be satisfied to work her own negroes on that part of the said tract of land already cleared and not to cut down or clear any part of the said land without the express consent and leave of my said son Charles. Item, I give and bequeath to my Grandson Charles Carter the son of my son George ~~deed~~ twelve hundred acres of land lying and being in the County of Lancaster known by the name of the Great Mill tract to him and his heirs forever; provided he attain the age of twenty one years or have lawful issue before that period but if he my said grandson shall depart this life before he attain

the age of twenty one years or ^{Charles City, Virginia 1792-1800} ~~before~~ ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~age~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{his} ~~body~~ ^{body} ~~living~~ ^{living} ~~then~~ ^{then} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~that~~ ^{that} ~~case~~ ^{case} I give the said twelve hundred acres of land to my son Charles Carter to him and his heirs forever. Item whereas I have by Deed given to my son Edward and his heirs forever four thousand acres of my Broad Run tract of land in the County of Prince William with the slaves, horses, stock &c. therein and lest there should be any error or informality in the said deed of conveyance to him my said son Edward and his heirs forever, I hereby confirm and bequeath to him my said son Edward and his heirs forever the said four thousand acres of land slaves, horses, stock &c. Item I give and bequeath to my said son Edward to him and his heirs forever all the remainder of the said Broad Run tract of land containing by estimation two thousand acres or the same more or less lying and being in the said County of Prince William and called Saints Hill together with the slaves, horses, stock, farming utensils and the crops of all kinds growing or finished at the time of my death provided he my said son, pay all the expences of the said plantation for that year. Whereas my said son Edward is indebted to me by bond in the sum of three hundred pounds my will and intention therefore is that if the said bond be found in my possession at my decease that it be cancelled and delivered up to my said son Edward or to his representatives if he should be dead at the time of my decease.

and I require that if the said bond be found in my possession at
my decease that it be cancelled and delivered up to my said son Edward
+ or to his representatives if he should be dead. Item whereas I have by Deed
given my son Robert my estate in the County of King William known by
the name of Pampatike together with all the slaves, horses, stock & thereon
to him and his heirs forever and also the small tract called Westleys and a
college lot of ninety six acres purchased of one Valentine and ~~but~~ there should
be any error or informality in the said deed of Conveyance, I hereby bequeath
and confirm to him my said son Robert and his heirs forever the said tract
of land called Pampatike together with the slaves, horses, stock & thereon
and the said tract called Westleys, and the said College Lot, I likewise
bequeath and confirm to him and his heirs forever so far as my right extends.
Item I give and bequeath to my said son Robert all my lands, slaves,
horses and stocks of every kind together with the farming utensils in the
County of Hanover to him my said son Robert and his heirs forever. Item
I give and bequeath to my said son Robert after the decease or marriage
of his mother my dear wife, in either case all my lands in the County of
Charles City and Henrico, together with all the slaves, horses, stocks, &
on Shirley and Gardens tracts, and the horses and stock on the Chickahominy
tract, to him my said son Robert and his heirs forever, but as to the

college lot of ninety six acres purchased of one Valentine and that there should
be any error or informality in the deed of conveyance, I hereby bequeath
and confirm to him my said son Robert and his heirs forever the said tract
of land called Pampatike together with the slaves, horses, stock & thereon
and the said tract called Westley, and the said College lot, I likewise
bequeath and confirm to him and his heirs forever so far as my right extends.
Item I give and bequeath to my said son Robert all my lands, slaves,
horses and stocks of every kind together with the farming utensils in the
County of Hanover to him my said son Robert and his heirs forever. Item
I give and bequeath to my said son Robert after the decease or marriage
of his mother my dear wife, in either case all my lands in the County of
Charles City and Henrico, together with all the slaves, horses, stocks, &c.
on Shirley and Hardens tracts, and the horses and stock on the Chickahominy
tract, to him my said son Robert and his heirs forever, but as to the
slaves which may be on or belonging to the Chickahominy tract at the
marriage or decease of my dear wife my will intention and desire is
that they shall be delivered up to my son Charles and I hereby give and
bequeath them to him my said son Charles and his heirs forever —

Item I give and bequeath to my son Robert after the decease of marriage of his mother my dear wife all my furniture and plate in the house at Shirley and also all the kitchen furniture and books to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my son Bernard all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Fauquier containing by estimation five thousand one hundred and thirty acres except as to twelve hundred acres thereof, called the Lodge, to have to him my said son Bernard and his heirs forever. And whereas it was originally my intention to give my said son Bernard four thousand acres of my land in Fauquier and as the said bequest will only amount to three thousand nine hundred and thirty acres leaving a deficiency of seventy acres I give and bequeath to my said son Bernard three hundred pounds in lieu of the said deficiency, to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my said son Bernard all the slaves, horses, and stocks together with all the farming utensils which shall be on the said land devised to him at the time of my death to him and his heirs forever. I also give unto my said son Bernard all the crops growing on the said plantation at the time of my death on condition that he pay all the expences of the said plantation for that year but my intention is that my said son Bernard shall not be entitled to any part of the crop growing on the

son Bernard shall not be entitled to any part of the Crop growing on the lodge tract of land nor be subject to any of the expences thereof. —

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Item I give and bequeath unto my sons Williams and William Fitzhugh all my estate both real and personal consisting of lands, slaves, horses, stocks &c lying and being in the County of Caroline to them and their heirs forever equally to be divided. Item I give and bequeath unto my said sons Williams and William Fitzhugh the crops made and growing on my said estates at the time of my death provided they pay the expences of the said estate for that year. Item I give and bequeath unto my said sons Williams and William Fitzhugh that part of my Fauquier land mentioned in my bequest to my son Bernard, being the lower part of the said estate and known by the name of the Lodge Quarter containing twelve hundred acres to them my two sons and their heirs forever equally to be divided. Item I also give unto my two sons Williams and William Fitzhugh all the slaves, horses, stock &c besides the crops made and growing on the said tract of land called Lodge Quarter at the time of my death provided they pay the expences of the said estate for that year, to them and their heirs forever. And whereas my dear wife Ann Butler is entitled (by marriage contract and settlement as will more fully appear by the records of the County Court of King William) to the sum of three thousand pounds current money of Gold or Silver to be paid her at the time of my decease and I do hereby

be forever equally to be divided. Item I give and bequeath unto my said
sons Williams and William Fitzhugh the crops made and growing on my
said estates at the time of my death provided they pay the expences of
the said estate for that year. Item I give and bequeath unto my said
sons Williams and William Fitzhugh that part of my Fauquier land
mentioned in my bequest to my son Bernhard, being the lower part of
the said estate and known by the name of the Lodge Quarter
containing twelve hundred acres to them my two sons and their heirs forever
equally to be divided. Item I also give unto my two sons Williams
and William Fitzhugh all the slaves, horses, stock &c besides the crops
made and growing on the said tract of land called Lodge Quarter at the
time of my death provided they pay the expences of the said estate
for that year, to them and their heirs forever. And whereas my dear wife
Ann Butler is entitled (by marriage contract and settlement as will
more fully appear by the records of the County Court of King William)
to the sum of three thousand pounds current money of Gold or Silver
to be paid her at the time of my decease and for the true payment
whereof to my said dear wife Ann Butler at the farthest within
twelve months after my death I subject all the bequests herein before
granted and herein after to be granted to my sons and daughters in

proportion to the estate given them ^{during my life} and by this my last will and
 testament; which contract or settlement will certainly bar and exclude her
 from any other claim upon my estate, and as I think this sum too small a
 pittance for so valuable a woman she having been every moment of her life
 a most agreeable, dutiful and affectionate wife, it is my will intention and
 inclination to give her my dear wife Ann Butler the use of a comfortable
 fortune after my death so as to enable her my widow, to live genteelly tho'
 not extravagantly, for which purpose I give and bequeath to her my dear
 wife the use of all my houses, lands, slaves, and stocks of every kind in the
 County of Charles City including Shirley, Chickahominy, Hardens, and the Mill
 together with the use of my furniture of every kind at Shirley for and
 during the term of her widowhood and no longer; it being my wish and
 intention that if my wife marry again she shall have no claim upon any
 part of my estate except agreeably to our marriage contract, unless it be
 particularly mentioned in this my last will and testament. Item I give
 and bequeath to my dear wife during her widowhood the use of my plantation
 slaves, horses, and stock in the County of Prince George called Old Town.
 Item I give to my wife an absolute property in my Chariot, Chariot horses
 and Chariot harness. Item it is my will, intention and inclination that it

Item I give to my wife an absolute property in my Chariot, Chariot horses and Chariot harness. Item it is my will intention and inclination that if my dear wife should marry again she may have the use of my two Postillions George and Scott and any three of the female servants she may choose for and during her natural life and after her death it is my will and intention, that the said men and maids servants return again and be and remain a part of my estate at Shirley. - Item it is my will and desire that so long as my wife remains my widow she shall have her Chariot well supplied with horses by my son Robert. Item I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Mildred Walker and Lucy fifteen slaves each to be delivered to them at the time of my death to them and their heirs forever, and it is my will intention and desire that the said thirty slaves be taken from the slaves given by this my last will and testament to my son Robert which said thirty slaves shall be chosen by my executors herein after named with this proviso that none of the said slaves shall be over the age of thirty five years or under twelve years, and that fifteen of the said slaves shall be male and the other fifteen female. - Item I give and bequeath unto my said two daughters Mildred Walker and Lucy the sum of fifteen hundred pounds each to them and their heirs forever And it is my will and intention that the said sum of fifteen hundred

and remain a part of my estate at Shaley. Item it is my will and desire that so long as my wife remains my widow she shall have her Chariot well supplied with horses by my son Robert. Item I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Mildred Walker and Lucy fifteen slaves each to be delivered to them at the time of my death to them and their heirs forever, and it is my will intention and desire that the said thirty slaves be taken from the slaves given by this my last will and testament to my son Robert which said thirty slaves shall be chosen by my executors herein after named with this proviso that none of the said slaves shall be over the age of thirty five years or under twelve years, and that fifteen of the said slaves shall be male and the other fifteen female. Item I give and bequeath unto my said two daughters Mildred Walker and Lucy the sum of fifteen hundred pounds each to them and their heirs forever And it is my will and intention that the said sum of fifteen hundred pounds each be paid to my said two daughters immediately after my death out of such monies as may be in my house at that time, or out of such monies as may be due me by bond, bill, mortgage or open account. And whereas I am entitled by a decree of the honorable the high Court of Chancery to one fourth part of a large tract of land, known by

the name of the Tying pen and Copper mine, lying and being in the Counties of Loudoun and Fairfax or in one of them. It is my will and desire that my executors endeavour to get possession of my proportion of said lands as soon as possible and divide the same among all my daughters equally, and I hereby give and bequeath the said tract of land equally among my said daughters to wit Mary Bampton, Elizabeth Randolph, Ann Hill Lee, Catherine Spotswood Berkeley, Mildred Walker, and Lucy to them and their heirs forever. It is further my will intention and desire that if either of my said daughters should die leaving lawful issue of her body before possession of the said land be obtained by my executors and delivered to them my said daughters then and in that case it is my will and desire that such issue shall be entitled to and have the part or proportion of said lands which its deceased mother would have if living. It is also my will intention and desire that if either of my said daughters should die without lawful issue of her body before possession of said lands be obtained by my executors and divided among my said daughters then and in that case it is my will and desire that the said land when possession is obtained as aforesaid be equally divided among my surviving daughters and the issue of any that may be deceased such issue taking the part of its deceased mother

that the said land when for sale is to be
equally divided among my surviving daughters and the issue of any
that may be deceased such issue taking the Part of its deceased mother
Whereas that tract of land lying and being in the lower end of King William
County called and known by the name of West Point, which was
mortgaged by Carter Braxton dec'd to William Fitzhugh of Chatham
and myself to secure us for monies paid for said Carter Braxton
as his securities, which mortgage was foreclosed by a decree of the
high Court of Chancery in March term 1799 and ordered to be sold
which sale took place in the month of October same year and was
struck out to me for seven thousand Pounds; but as I consider myself
entitled only to one half the said land, and W^m Fitzhugh to the other,
therefore it is my well intention and desire, that the said tract of land
be sold by my executors immediately after my death on such terms
as my said executors and W^m Fitzhugh may agree and my
proportion of the amount of the sale after deducting the expences
of the sale and the bequest of three thousand Pounds herein before
given between my daughters Mildred Walker and Lucy if the said
bequest be not before paid out of monies in the house or debts
collected, I desire may be divided equally among my wife and
all my daughters. And whereas I have a deed of trust on Malvern
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which sale took place in the month of October same year and was
struck out to me for seven thousand Pounds; but as I consider myself
entitled only to one half the said lands, and Mr. Fitzhugh to the other,
therefore it is my well intention and desire, that the said tract of land
be sold by my executors immediately after my death on such terms
as my said executors and Mr. Fitzhugh may agree, and my
proportion of the amount of the sale after deducting the expences
of the sale and the bequest of three thousand Pounds herein before
given between my daughters Mildred Walker and Lucy if the said
bequest be not before paid out of monies in the house or debts
collected, I desire may be divided equally among my wife and
all my daughters. And whereas I have a deed of trust on Malvern
Hills to secure the repayment of monies advanced, and that may
be advanced by me to Mr. Robert Nelson, and it being my
intention to secure the enjoyment of the said estate of Malvern
Hills to the said Robert Nelson and Susannah his wife for the
term of their natural lives or the life of the longest liver of them

therefore it is my desire and command that the trustees mentioned in the said deed nor either of them, nor my executors or either of them in any manner sell or attempt to force a sale of the said Malvern Hills; but to suffer the said Robert Nelson and Susannah his wife and the longest liver of them peaceably and quietly to enjoy possess and hold the said estate. And at the death of the said Robert Nelson and Susannah his wife; it is my will intention and desire that the said tract of land, called Malvern Hills be sold by the trustees mentioned in the said trust deed or the survivor or survivors of them their executors or administrators; and the money due me by the said deed with interest, be paid to my executor or the survivor of them which said money when received by my executors aforesaid, I desire may be divided equally among my wife and all my daughters or the issue of my said daughters if any of them be deceased, the said issue taking the part their mothers would have taken if living. It is my will and desire that all mortgages to me or for my benefit be foreclosed as soon as possible after my death and the money secured to me by said mortgages, I desire may be divided equally among my wife and daughters and the issue of my said daughters, if any of them be deceased, the said issue taking the part their

after my death and the money secured to me by said mortgages, I desire
may be divided equally among my wife and daughters and the issue of my
said daughters, if any of them be deceased, the said issue taking the part their
mothers would have taken if living. Item I desire and request that my
executors or the survivor or survivors of them immediately on the marriage
or death of my wife, may sell my plantation, slaves, horses, stock and
farming utensils in the County of Prince George called Old Town and the
money thence arising, I desire my executors to divide equally among all my
daughters and the issue of such of them as be deceased, such issue taking
the part their deceased mother would have taken if living. It is my desire
also that the negroes on the said plantation be sold in families. Item I give
and bequeath to my wife and all my daughters in equal proportions, and to
the issue of such of my daughters as be deceased such issue taking the part
of its deceased mother; all the money that may be in my house at the time
of my death, and all monies due me by mortgage, deed of trust, bond, bill
or open account after deducting thereout the said three thousand Pounds
herein before given between my two daughters Mildred Walker and Lucy
It is however to be understood, and it is my will and intention that
Malvern Mills is not to be sold under the deed of trust but at the period
herein before mentioned. Whereas I am apprehensive that unless the property

money thence arising, I desire my executors to divide equally among all my daughters and the issue of such of them as be deceased, such issue taking the part their deceased mother would have taken if living. It is my desire also that the negroes on the said plantation be sold in families. Item I give and bequeath to my wife and all my daughters in equal proportions, and to the issue of such of my daughters as be deceased such issue taking the part of its deceased mother, all the money that may be in my house at the time of my death, and all monies due me by mortgage, deed of trust, bond, bill or open account after deducting thereout the said three thousand Pounds herein before given between my two daughters Mildred Walker and Lucy. It is however to be understood, and it is my will and intention that Malvern Hills is not to be sold under the deed of trust but at the period herein before mentioned. Whereas I am apprehensive that unless the property herein before bequeathed to my daughter Ann Hill Lee both real and personal be secured to her solely for her benefit and that of her children she and they may be distressed and come to want, I therefore hereby revoke the said bequests to her and her heirs and give and bequeath the said property both real and personal, herein before given to her my said

daughter unto my friends William Fitzhugh of Chatham, John Walker of
Belvoir, Robert Randolph of Eastern View my son Robert Carter and my
son in law Doctor Carter Berkeley to them and their heirs upon trust
and confidence that they secure the said property for the use and benefit
of my said daughter in such a way that she solely during her
natural life may enjoy the rents, issues, profits, emoluments, interest, and
advantages of the said property both real and personal, free from the
claim, demand, let, hindrance or molestation of her husband Gen^l. Henry
Lee or his creditors, directly or indirectly, and that her children living
at her death may have and enjoy the same to them and their heirs forever
And lastly for the several purposes herein before mentioned and intended
by this my will I do hereby constitute and appoint my before mentioned
friends William Fitzhugh, John Walker, Robert Randolph, Robert Carter
and Doctor Carter Berkeley to be executors of this my last will and
testament, and I flatter myself that the gentlemen herein named will
be kind enough to undertake this disagreeable business and assure
themselves that however arduous the task may be, I would cheerfully engage
in it under similar circumstances to serve them and their families. —

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in it under similar circumstances to ^{Charles City, Virginia Wills 1789-1808} ~~serve~~ ^{www.virginiawills.com} them and their families. —

As I have the most implicit confidence in their honor and integrity, it is
my will and desire that administration of my estate be granted them
without their giving any security for the faithful performance of their
executorial office, and in order that they may have as little trouble
as possible it is my will and desire that my executors employ an able
honest man at an annual stipend, sufficient to induce a good man to
manage and overlook the whole estate and be accountable to them for
his conduct. And I do now declare ^{and publish} this to be my last Will and
testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord 1803

Signed sealed and declared by Charles
Carter to be his last will and testament
before us —

Char^r Carter Seal

Pat^r Henderson, Richard Duke, John Southall Jr,

A Codicil to the last will and testament of Charles Carter of Shirley
made this 6th day of September in the year of Christ 1805 —
Whereas by a clause in my will (pages 10 and 11) I have given to my
friends William Fitzhugh of Chatham now of Alexandria I & Wm

as possible it is my will and desire that my executors employ an able
honest man at an annual ^{Charlottesville, Virginia Wills 1797-1808} ~~sum~~ sufficient to induce a good man to
manage and overlook the whole estate and be accountable to them for
his conduct. And I do now declare ^{and publish} this to be my last Will and
testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord 1803

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Whereas by a clause in my will (pages 10 and 11) I have given to my
friends William Fitzhugh of Chatham now of Alexandria, John Walker
of Belvoir, Robert Randolph of Eastern View my son Robert Carter
and my son in law Doctor Carter Berkeley, as trustees for the benefit
of my daughter Ann Hill See all the estate both real and personal
before given to her by my said will; and lest there should be any doubt

as to the construction of the said will respecting the devise to her; it is my will intention and desire that not only the said proportion of the Frying pan and mine tract of land, to which my said daughter, by my said will, will be entitled but also every other species of property, including slaves, stocks, monies or securities for money given her by my said will or that I may hereafter give her by any codicil I may make be considered and taken as given to my above mentioned friends, for the purposes of the aforesaid trust. It is also my further will and desire, that the said trustees or the survivor or survivors of them their heirs, executors, or administrators carry into full and complete effect any disposition by will or otherwise in writing to take place after her death which my said daughter may make, provided the same be given to any or all of her children. And whereas I have given to my daughter Milored a maid named Cutty or Cuttencee and to my daughter Lucy a maid named Nelly, and have not taken any notice of the said gifts in my will, I hereby confirm to my said daughter Milored the said gift of the said maid Cutty and to my daughter Lucy I confirm the gift of the said maid Nelly, with this right and privilege to each of my said daughters that they and each of them may exchange any time before their marriage or the marriage of either of them may exchange their maid or maids as their wish.

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the marriage of either of them ~~may exchange~~ their maid or maids as their wish
or fancy may dictate for any other maid or maids on Shirley or Gardens plantation
And whereas also by a clause in my will (pages 6 and 7) I have given to my said
two daughters Mildred and Lucy fifteen slaves each to be taken from the slaves
given to my son Robert, and as the ages of the said slaves to be chosen by my
said executors for my said daughters, are too advanced I hereby revoke the said
clause as it respects the ages of the said slaves, and direct that my executors
in choosing the said slaves shall not choose any of the said slaves being
females under the age of fifteen nor over the age of eighteen years, nor any
of the male slaves to be under twenty nor over twenty five years of age
It is also my will and desire that on the death or marriage of my dear
wife my executors or the survivors of them, sell my Chickahominy tract of
land, either for cash or on credit, as shall be most advantageous (but if sold
on credit, the purchase money must be secured by bond and security and a
deed of trust on the land) and the money arising from the sale to be divided
between my said two daughters Mildred and Lucy, or their issue, if dead, the
issue taking the proportion of its deceased mother, and in case both my said
daughters or either of them die without issue living at their deaths then my
will is that the money that they or either of them may be entitled to from the

said executors for my said daughters, are too advanced I hereby revoke the said clause as it respects the ages of the said slaves, and direct that my executors in choosing the said slaves shall not choose any of the said slaves being females under the age of fifteen nor over the age of eighteen years, nor any of the male slaves to be under twenty nor over twenty five years of age. It is also my will and desire that on the death or marriage of my dear wife my executors or the survivors of them, sell my Chickahominy tract of land, either for cash or on credit, as shall be most advantageous (but if sold on credit, the purchase money must be secured by bond and security and a deed of trust on the land) and the money arising from the sale to be divided between my said two daughters Mildred and Lucy, or their issue, if dead, the issue taking the proportion of its deceased mother: and in case both my said daughters or either of them die without issue living at their deaths then my will is that the money that they or either of them may be entitled to from the said sale be divided among all my daughters or their issue. In addition to my executors mentioned in my will aforesaid I nominate constitute and appoint my sons Charles, Bernard and William. It is my will and desire that this Codicil be taken as part of my will in every respect. In testimony I have

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herunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

In presence of

Park Henderson, Richard Duke, Ann Spratt

Char. Carter (seal)

A bodical to the last will and testament of Charles Carter of Shirley made the 9th day of September in the year of Christ 1805. -

Whereas by a clause in my will (pages nine and ten) I have requested my executors on the death or marriage of my dear wife, to sell my plantation, slaves, horses, stocks, and farming utensils in the County of Prince George, but as it would be more advantageous, and beneficial to my wife that the same be sold immediately after my death, and the interest of the money of the sales be paid to her, it is therefore my express will and desire that my executors or the survivors of them immediately after my death sell the said plantation slaves, stocks, farming utensils and crops growing (and unsold at the time of my death) and the money arising from the said sales of land, slaves, stocks, farming utensils and crops growing and made and unsold at the time of my death, be laid out in the purchase of bank stock or in some other certain fund and the interest and profits thence arising I hereby give and bequeath to my dear wife during her life or widowhood, and at her death or marriage my will and desire is that the said money or bank stock be divided among all my

wife during her life or widowhood, and at her death or marriage my will
 and desire is that the said money or bank stock be divided among all my
 daughters and the children of the survivors of them, the children of the decessed
 taking the mothers part. My executors are hereby authorized to sell the said
 plantation and slaves on a credit if they deem it more advantageous by
 securing the payment of the money with interest as directed in the sale of
 Chickhoming tract of land. It is my will and desire that this Codicil be taken
 as part of, my will in every respect. In testimony whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and seal the day and year above

In presence of
 Tatt. Henderson, Richard Duke, Ann Spratt

Char^r. Carter (seal)

A Codicil to the last Will and testament of Charles Carter of Shirley made
 this 20th day of November in the year of our Lord 1805

Whereas I have by a Certificate to my dear departed son Robert's Will
 confirmed the disposition which he had made of the property bequeathed
 to him in the body of my will, among his dear children, but lest the bequests
 made to him in my said will should be considered lapsed by his death
 and to prevent any dispute that may hereafter arise respecting the same
 I hereby satisfy and confirm the disposition which he has made of the
 said property to his children in as full and ample a manner as if

Chickhoming tract of land. It is my will and desire that this Codicil be taken as part of, my will in every respect. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above

In presence of
Eat. Hendren, Richard Duke, Sam Spratt

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In presence of
Eat. Hendren, Sam Spratt, Richard Duke

Char. Carter (Seal)

A Codicil to the last will and testament of Charles Carter of Shirley made
 this 20th day of November in the year of Christ 1805.

whereas Robert Nelson of Malvern Hills is indebted to me in the sum of seventeen
 hundred and thirteen pounds four shillings and three pence with interest on six
 hundred pounds thereof from 25th July 1797 and on eleven hundred and thirteen pounds
 four shillings and three pence from 21st May 1799 both which sums are secured on
 Malvern Hills by deed of trust or mortgage bearing date the said 21st day of May
 1799 aforesaid; and whereas I intended to have given six hundred pounds of the said
 £1713^l 4^s 3^d to the said Robert Nelson, but on reflection I think it will be better to give
 the same among his daughters, I therefore hereby give and bequeath among all the
 daughters of the said Robert Nelson which may be living at the death of the said
 Robert and his present wife, the said six hundred pounds and all the interest that
 may be due on the said seventeen hundred and thirteen pounds $\frac{4}{3}$ equally to be
 divided; and if either of the said daughters be dead leaving issue it is my will
 and desire that the said issue take the part of its deceased mother, but it is my
 intention that the said eleven hundred and thirteen pounds four shillings and three pence
 be first taken out of the sales of the said Malvern Hills by my executors. In
 testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year above written

In presence of

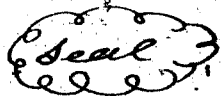
Pat^r Hendren, Ann Spratt, Richard Duke

Char^r Carter (Seal)

In presence of

Patt^r Henderson, Ann Spratt, Richard Duke

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Char^s Carter 

A bodie to the last will and testament of Charles Carter of Shirley made this
3rd day of May in the year of our Lord 1800

Whereas by a clause in the body of my will (pages 1st and 2nd) I have given to my
dear son Edward who has lately been unfortunately killed by the caving in of
his mill race, the remaining part of my Broad Run tract of land called Saints
Hill in the County of Prince William, together with all the slaves, stocks of
cattle horses, sheep and hogs, farming utensils and crops of all kinds growing or
finished at the time of my death, on condition that he should pay all the expences
of the said plantation for that year; and as the said legacy may be considered
as lapsed by my dear son dying before me, and of course fall into the
residuum of my estate, to prevent which and to secure the same to the male
issue of my said son, I hereby give and bequeath the said tract of land
called Saints Hill, together with forty two slaves, six horses, thirty five head of cattle
and forty three hogs now thereon with their future increase, one wheat fan 18 hilling
hres, 9 axes, 9 mattocks and 12 ploughs, likewise thereon at present, to my son in
law Robert Randolph and his heirs forever, for the use and in trust for all the sons
of my said dear departed son Edward, that he may equally support them thereout

his will race, the remaining part of my Broad Run tract of land called Saints
Hill in the County of Prince William, together with all the slaves, stocks of
cattle horses, sheep and hogs, fanning utensils and crops of all kinds growing or
finished at the time of my death, on condition that he should pay all the expences
of the said plantation for that year; and as the said legacy may be considered
as lapsed by my dear son dying before me, and of course fall into the
residuum of my estate, to prevent which and to secure the same to the male
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hres, 9 axes, 9 mattocks and 12 ploughs, likewise thereon at present, to my son in
law Robert Randolph and his heirs forever; for the use and in trust for all the sons
of my said dear departed son Edward, that he may equally support them therout
and as they respectively arrive at the age of twenty one years, that he may by
deed convey to each of them in fee simple, their full and equal proportions of the
said estate. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day
and year above written

In presence of
Pat^r Henderson, Jn. Walker & Turner

Char^s Carter (seal)

At a monthly Court held for Charles City County at the Courthouse on Thursday the eighteenth day of September 1800. The aforementioned last will and Testament of Charles Carter deceased together with five Codicils thereto annexed was this day presented in Court by Robert Randolph and Carter Berkeley two of the executors thereto named, the said will and four of the Codicils being proved by Patten Hindren and Richard Duke the other Codicil by Patten Hindren and T Turner the witnesses thereto were ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said executors who made oath as the law directs and entered into bond in the penalty of four hundred thousand dollars conditioned according to law certificates is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof in due form. Liberty reserved the other executors to join in the probat when they may think fit.

Wm. Walker C.C.

In obedience to an order of the worshipful Court of Charles City County we the subscribers have proceeded to appraise the slaves and personal estate of Henry Colson decd as follows to wit this thirteenth day of April 1805

Anney £75. Patty and Suckey £75 - - - - - £150

1 Bed and furniture £3. 1 Barrel Tar &c. &c. £1.1 - - - - - £4.1

1 Case and Bottles - - - - - 1.4

1 Spade a pair flat irons and a pewter bason - - - - - 9