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At a monthly Court held for Charles City County on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1797 the afoe written Settlement of John Binford  
and was this day returned and ordered to be recorded

Teste

Gideon Christian's  
Will

## In the name of God Amen

I Gideon Christian of the County of Charles City, being in an unfirm state of health, and considering the uncertainty of human life do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in following manner and form. —

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Eaton Christian part of my tract of land known by the name of Collinses, bounded thus, beginning on little Stones run near where Sally Adams lives and running along a line of new marked trees to Collinses run, all the land lying on the west side of said line, and one negro boy named Bristol, to him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my son Francis Christian the remainder of my tract of land known by the name of Collinses being all the land lying on the east side of the line mentioned above; and one negro boy named Peter, to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Patrick Christian part of the tract of land whereon I now live bounded as follows, to wit, beginning at Moores Island on Chickahominy River, and running from thence towards the south along a line of marked Trees to a large Mulberry tree that is marked, and stands in the edge of an old Field, from thence running a westerly course along a line of marked Trees under the hill, to a dogwood standing by the side of an old ditch, from thence running up the hill towards the south, along a marked line to a red oak standing in the head of the bottom or Valley which lies fronting my dwelling House between the plantations from thence down the said bottom, or Valley to Stones Run, so down the run to Chickahominy River, and thence up the River, to the beginning of the said line; containing two hundred and fifty acres, more or less; and one negro boy named Harry to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son William Allen Christian the remainder part of the tract of land whereon I now live, containing two hundred & eighty acres more or less; and one negro boy named Ned to him and his heirs forever. —

And it is my will & desire that if either of my sons should die, and leave no heir, then his legacy  
of land, and negro as before mentioned, should be equally divided among the surviving  
Brothers. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Hill, one negrowoman  
named Kitty and her children and her increase to her and her heirs forever. —  
Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Alice Trover one negro named Molly  
and her child, and their increase to her and her heirs forever. — Item I give and  
bequeath unto my son in law John Timberlake one negro girl named Mourning  
and her increase to him and his heirs forever. Item I lend my wife Savannah  
Christian that part of the plantation whereon I now live, which I have given  
to my son William Allen Christian during her natural life, and after her  
death to be possessed by my said son as before mentioned: Likewise lend to my said  
wife all the residue of estate (which is not before mentioned as legacies) during her  
natural life, and after her death it is my will and desire that the said residue be  
equally divided among my sons and daughters as follows Vizt. Eaton Christian,  
Francis Christian, Patrick Christian, William Allen Christian, Ann Hill and  
Alice Trover, except one seventh part of said residue, which give unto my two  
grandsons John C. Timberlake and Henry D. Timberlake to be equally divided  
between them, but if it should so happen that either of my said grandsons should  
die before they arrive to lawful age; then the whole of his part is to go to the surviving  
Brother. — And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my two sons  
Eaton and Patrick Christian whole and sole Executors of this my last will  
and Testament revoking and disannulling all former wills by me heretofore  
made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed  
my Seal this fifteenth day of September one thousand seven hundred  
and ninety six

signed sealed & acknowledge  
in presence of

W<sup>m</sup> Christian  
W<sup>m</sup> Parrish Jr.  
Gideon Bradley

Gideon Christian { sealed }

At a monthly Court held for Charles City  
on Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1797

The aforeswitten last will & testament of Gideon Christian doth was  
proved by the Oaths W<sup>m</sup> Christian, W<sup>m</sup> Parrish Jr & Gideon Bradley  
three of the witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded. On the motion of Eaton  
Christian and Patrick Christian the executors.

therein named who made oath the law directs and together with Edward Warren and Isaac Hill their Security entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of seven thousand Dollars conditioned as the law directs a certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat in due form.

Teste

May 21<sup>st</sup> 1796 An Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Anthony Cole deceased. L. L. - - - - -

	L. L. D
one Negro girl Fanny	60 " more
one Israel Mank	15 " more
one Cow and Calf	3 " more
one Bed and Furniture	9 " more
one Walnut Desk	1 " 10 " more
one Table and Chest	1 " 10 " more
one Small Trunk	" " more
one Spinning Wheel	" " more
one Coffee Pot	" " more
one dish and one Mug	" " more
one Loom	1 " more
one Chest	" " more
Three Ducks	<u>no more</u>
	<u>91 " 5 "</u>

June

In Obedience to an order of Charles City Court we the subscribers have appraised the Estate of Anthony Cole deceased a above Given under our hands the above date William Stay  
Cornelius Dray  
Edw<sup>o</sup> Walker

At a monthly Court held for Charles City County on Thursday the sixteenth day of February 1797. The aforeswitten Inventory and appraisement of Anthony Cole deceased was this day returned and ordered to be recorded. —

Teste

An Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Jason Christian late  
taken the 31 day of January 1791 - - - - - L S D

Jason Christian's To 13 head of sheep	- - - - -	7 . 13 . 3
Inventory Appraisement 19/2 ditta - - ditta	- - - - -	10 . 16 . ..
7 grown Hogs and some pigs	- - - - -	10 . 4 ..
13 Head of cattle	- - - - -	45 . 12 ..
11 ditta - - ditta	- - - - -	28 .. ..
1 year old Calf	- - - - -	8 . 1 . 6
1 Old Bay Mare	- - - - -	3 . 10 ..
1 Sorrel Mare	- - - - -	14 .. ..
1 Young Bay Mare with foal	- - - - -	25 .. ..
1 Bay horse Calf	- - - - -	15 .. ..
7 Leather-bottom chairs	- - - - -	5 . 15 ..
7 ditta - - ditta	- - - - -	5 .. ..
2 guns	- - - - -	2 . 8 ..
1 Walnut Desk	- - - - -	4 . 3 ..
2 gilt Tables	- - - - -	2 . 10 ..
1 Negro Man Tom	- - - - -	30 .. ..
1 ditta copper	- - - - -	60 .. ..
1 ditta Stephen	- - - - -	55 .. ..
1 ditta Sampson	- - - - -	20 .. ..
1 ditta boy Peter £ 55 - 1 ditta Ned £ 58	- - - - -	110 .. ..
1 ditta Harry £ 55 1 ditta lot £ 50	- - - - -	105 .. ..
1 ditta Harry £ 50 1 ditta Bristol £ 50	- - - - -	100 .. ..
1 Woman & 2 Children Berkley Cooper & Milk 120 . - -	- - - - -	
1 ditta Molly and Child Bob	- - - - -	60 .. ..
1 ditta Mourning and Young Child	- - - - -	60 .. ..
1 ditta Kitty & 2 Children Harry & John	- - - - -	90 .. ..
1 ditta Fanny	- - - - -	25 .. ..
A parcel of crockery and glassware	- - - - -	2 . 2 ..
A parcel of Pewter	- - - - -	1 . 8 ..
1 Tea board and Counter	- - - - -	7 . 6
6 Table of 4 Liver tea Spoons	- - - - -	1 . 11 .. ..
Sheets of Table Linen	- - - - -	3 . 6 ..
1 Mattress, Spice Mortar and two Bottles	- - - - -	2 . 14 .. ..
1 Mattress turned forward	- - - - -	£ 1036 . 19 . 0

94 / Amount brought forward - - - £ 109 6 10 n 3

To V Trunks		15 - -
1 Cupboard		" 19 " -
Planter and utensils		15 " -
Kitchen Furniture		6 D 6
1 pair flat irons		5 - -
1 pair Steel yards		6 " -
Hogheads and Barrels &c		1 n 16 -
175 Gallons Cider	Q 9	6 n 11 n 3
46 Gallons Brandy	Q 7/2	12 n 9 n -
2369 lbs Pork		56 n 7 " -
377 lbs Beef		6 n 6 n 14
30 Barrels corn		30 - - -
A parcel of Leather		18 " -
Wheat Five and half Bushels		6 " -
3 Race hides		1 " 10
4 Bushels Peas		4 16 -
3 bushels Wheat		1 n 14 " -
2 Old Saffres		3 " -
7 Buffalo Oats		1 n 4 n 6
A parcel of Books		11 10 " -
A parcel of wooden Vessels		4 8 " -
2 Sows and Sixteen Hogs		5 n 10 " -
1 Mahogany Table		5 n 1 " -
6 Rush bottom Chairs		4 19 " -
1 Chest of Drawers		4 " - - -
4 Beds and furniture		40 " - - -
1 Dozen knives and forks		3 " -

Eaton Christian  
Patrick Christian

In Obedience to an Order of the Court of Charles City County to the  
Subscribers after being first sworn for that Purpose have appraised the Slaves  
and personal Estate of Gedion Christian deceased as before stated given under  
our hand this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1797 - - - Edm<sup>r</sup> Christian  
Richd<sup>r</sup> Madolill

At a Monthly Court held for Charles City County on Thurs day fifteenth day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1797 The before written Inventory  
and appraisement of Gedion Christian deceased was this day returned  
and ordered to be recorded

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