

I John Bonford of Charles City County being in perfect sense, mind, and memory, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, do make and advise my Will } this my last will and Testament, revoking and disannulling all former will and Testaments heretofore made by me. — I give & bequeath to my two eldest sons Robert, and Thomas Bonfords my tract of Land in Chickahominy Swamp containing by estimation one hundred and fifty acres to be equally divided between them, after the death of my loving wife, to them and their heirs, and assigns forever. — Item. I give to my son Thomas Bonford one feather Bed and furniture, one bow and half, and one Sow and Pigs to him and his heirs forever. — Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Bonford the Land and plantation whereon I now dwell, and the plantation called Days after the death of my loving wife (only my desire is that my daughter Martha may have half the house, and as much Land as she can cultivate where she may chuse, as long as She remains single) also one feather Bed and furniture, one bow and half, and one Sow and Pigs to him and his heirs forever. — Item. I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Bonford one feather Bed and furniture, one bow & half, and one Sow and Pigs to her and her heirs and assigns forever. — Item. My will and desire is that my four negroes David, Moggie, Jacob, and Kate may have their Freedom, and be intitled to all the estate they may hereafter acquire. — Item. I lend to my loving wife all the remainder and residue of my estate during her natural life, and after her decease, my will and desire is that my estate so lent may be divided in manner following, to wit, that my ^{three} sons Robert, Thomas and John Bonford may have each, and my ^{two} daughters Mary Crow and Martha Bonford two shares each of the said estate to them and their heirs forever. — Lastly I constitute and appoint my brother James Bonford, and Gerard Ellison my whole and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed my seal this twentieth day of the second month, one Thousand seven hundred and eighty

Signed, sealed, & delivered,
in presence of, —

James Ladd, Charles McKim,
Susanna Ladd, Isabel Ladd

John Bonford seal

At a monthly Court held for Charles City County on Thursday the nineteenth day of February 1795: The afore written last Will and Testament of John Benford deceased was this day proved by James Ladd, and Charles McKenney two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded. And the Executors therein named refused to qualify, and on the motion of Thomas Benford and making affirmation thereto as the Law directs, and together with James Ladd and John Benford his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of two hundred pounds, with condition according to Law. Certificate is granted him for obtaining Letters of administration with the said Will annexed in due form.

Teste Attest J. J. D. co

David Wilkinson's

Will

In the name of God amen I David Wilkinson of the County of Charles City being very weak in body but in perfect mind & memory do make, and ordain, constitute, and appoint this my last Will and Testament in manner following — I pray. My desire is that my two Negro men one by the name of Sampson, the other by the name of Daniel should have their freedom, and not serve in slavery to no person after my death; I desire also that my Land whereon I now live containing one hundred and sixty acres, lying and bordering on the south side of Chickahomony Swamp shall after my death be publicly sold by my Executors, and the money divided equally among my two sisters to wit, Rebecca Hamlett and Martha Clarke to them and the heirs of their bodies forever, and my desire is that my niece to wit, Polly Wilkinson daughter of Richard Wilkinson shall have an equal part with the above mentioned heirs; And I desire also that all my stock, household and kitchen furniture, and all the remainder of my estate shall be sold in the manner above mentioned, and the money equally divided among the heirs above mentioned. — My desire is that my estate should not be appraised. — Lastly I appoint and constitute Richmond Ferrell and James Bradley Executors of this my last Will and Testament to see the same justly performed. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and seal this second day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred Eighty five.

At a monthly Court held for Charles City on Thursday the 19th day of January 1797. The aforesaid settlement of the estate of Lydia Charles administratrix of Thomas Charles decd was this day returned and ordered to be recorded

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V^t The Estate of John Binford decd: in acct with Thomas Binford his adm^r

1796	Depaid William Fuzell	£ 7 2 6
May 2.	Paid the Sheriff for Levies Tax &c	5 4
	Paid Quay Byrd bleks Tickets	1 10 11
	Paid Amos & James Ladd p Bond & Int	15 10 6
	3 1/4 Gallons Brandy at 8/-	1 10
	Paid Ben Thomas for digging a grave	3
	for Edmund Christian for copying the Estate	6
	p ^r J. Binford for making two Coffins	1 16
	p ^r J. Binford for laying an ax	4 6
	Expences on administration	4 4
	balance due the Estate	26 3 9
		59 8 8
	Paid Doctor Dixon	85 12 5
	Paid Thomas Butler	26 3 9
		1 16
		27 19 9
		57 12 8
		85 12 5

1795	By the first A/c of Sales	4 13 6
March 21		64 4 9
Oct. 31.	By the second A/c of Sales	5 5 -
	By one Hottle sold James Ladd	9 16 8
	By 19 Bushels of wheat at 10/-	1 10 -
	By one Bushel wheat p John Binford	1 5 6
	By 1/2 barrels Corn p Thomas Binford	85 12 5

Agreeable to an order of Charles City Court, we have examined & settled Thomas Binford's administration on the estate of John Binford decd: and find a balance due the estate of fifty seven pounds twelve Shillings and eight pence. Given under our hands this tenth day of November 1796

James Ladd
James Bradley
Richmond Terrell

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At a monthly Court held for Charles City County on Thursday the 19th day of January 1797 the afore written Settlement of John Pinford was this day returned and ordered to be recorded

Teste

Gideon Christians
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.

Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my son Gaton Christian part of my tract of land known by the name of Collinses, bounded thus, beginning on little stories run near where Talley 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 Bristo, 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 Boones Island on Chickahomony River, and running from thence towards the south along a line of marked Trees to a large Mulberry-tree that 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 stories Run, so down the run to Chickahomony 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 & 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 & his heirs forever.