

Robt. Carter

Will—

In the name of God Amen I Robert Carter of Pamphlete in the County of King William being of sound mind and disposing memory evoking all others to make and ordain this to be my last Will & Testament; Whereas my dear and respected Father by his Will made on the 10th day of May in the year of Christ 1808 has given to me all his lands Slaves horses & stocks of every kind together with the farming utensils in the County of Hanover and also after the death of my dear Mother or her marriage all his lands in the County of Charles City and Henrico together with all the Slaves horses stocks &c on Shirley and Hardens tracts & the horses & stock on the Chickahominy tract and as by my said father has agreed to confirm and ratify any disposition that I may make of the said bequests to me. In full confidence that my dear father will do so, I dispose of the same in manner and form following to-wit— I give and bequeath to my dear Son Hill after the death of my father and Mother or her inter marriage after his death all the lands lying & being in the Counties of Charlotte and Henrico with the stock and farming utensils thereon except the tract of land called Chickahominy and and the stock & farming utensils thereon to have & to hold the same to him & his heirs forever I then I give and bequeath to my said Son Hill this heirs for ever all the household & kitchen furniture plate and books in Shirley house also my own library except such books as belonged to my dear wife & which I hereby give and bequeath to my dear Daughters Ann & Lucy to be divided between them I then I give and bequeath to my dear Son Thomas to him and his heirs for ever all my lands in the County of King William together with the stocks of every kind & farming utensils thereon I then it is my Will and desire that the Lands bequeathed to me by my said fathers Will lying and being in the County of Hanover with the stock & farming utensils thereon after the death of my father be divided into five equal parts and one fifth part thereof which I request and desire may be the lesser part thereof be allotted to my said Son Thomas which I hereby give and bequeath to my said Son Thomas and his heirs for ever I then it is my Will and desire that the remaining four fifths of the said lands stocks & farming utensils in the said County of Hanover be equally divided between my two dear daughters Ann and Lucy & which I hereby give and bequeath to each of them and to the heirs of each of them forever I then it is my Will and desire that all the slaves on the said Lands herein before bequeathed to my dear children be divided equally among them as to number and value observing however in the said division that the Slaves on the Plantations herein before bequeathed shall not be removed there from unless their number exceed the proportion that such child may be entitled to: and it is my express Will and direction that in the division of said Slaves families be not separated in any instance whatever and I hereby give and bequeath to each of my dear children their proportion of the said Slaves to each of them and the heirs of each of them forever I then it is my Will and desire that the Chickahominy tract of land be sold by my executors with the stocks and farming utensils after the death of my Father and Mother or her inter marriage and

The money arising from the sale to be divided equally among my four children *Hill*, *Thomas*, *Ann* & *Lucy*. Item as the estate which I have hereby given and bequeathed to my son *Hill* is considerably more valuable than that which his brother is to receive I think it but reasonable and just that he should pay unto his said brother *Thomas* The sum of one thousand pounds it is therefore my will and desire that my said son *Hill* pay unto my son *Thomas* five hundred pounds when my said son *Thomas* arrives at the age of twenty one years and also five hundred pounds more in one year afterwards which one thousand pounds I hereby give and bequeath unto my said son *Thomas* to him and his heirs forever and for the true payment thereof to my said son *Thomas* I subject all the estate herein before given to my said son *Hill*. Item as my son *Hill* will not come to the possession of his estate until the death of my father and mother or his marriage and in the mean time may want a maintenance it is my will and desire that my executors and the guardians herein after to be named maintain support and educate him equally with my other children out of the profits of the estates given to them till he come to the possession of his own estate Item in case my son *Hill* should die before the age of twenty one years unmarried and without lawful issue it is my intention will and desire that my son *Thomas* have possess and enjoy the property both real and personal herein before bequeathed to my son *Hill* my son *Thomas* paying unto each of his sisters *Ann* and *Lucy* one third part of the value of the lands one third of the ^{value of the} stocks of cattle farming utensils and stock of every kind & house hold and kitchen furniture and plate in *Shirley* house and likewise deliver to each of them one third part of the slaves he may get by his said brothers death the division to be so made as not to separate a family in any instance. Item As I have from Paris a complete and elegant skeleton and some other articles in the Anatomical line I desire my executors to present the same to the *Pennsy Wania* hospital in *Philadelphia* Item I give and bequeath unto my Friend *Doctor Carter* Butcher my surgical instruments and other medical apparatus. Also all my medical books and tracts Item I give and bequeath unto my Friend *Patrick Henderson* my young Lamp lighter boy now a little about four years old as a testimony of my regard and friendship. And lastly I constitute and appoint my brothers *Bernard* and *Williams* executors of this my last will and testament and guardians to my dear children hoping from their affection to me they will undertake that sacred trust In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 21th day of August in the year of Christ 1805

Signed sealed and
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Patrick Henderson,
John Southall junr
Mildred W. Carter
Richard Dukes

Robert Carter (Seal)