

my wish, that should any part of my Will not be plainly understood, or any dispute should arise as to the technicality, or understanding of the same, it is my wish that the Court where the same shall be proved in, should appoint three proper persons whose opinions respecting the disputed parts, should then be such, shall be made a part of this my Will, this I wish done to prevent any disputes, which may arise between legates and Exors respecting the meaning and construction of Wills, and I do hereby revoke all other Wills heretofore made, by signing and sealing this as my last will and testament. As Witness, my hand and seal this twenty first day of August One thousand eight hundred and five.

Signed sealed & delivered

W. B. Christian

in presence of
W. Douglass, Charles ^{his} Word _{mark}

At a monthly Court held for Charles City County at the Courthouse on Thursday the seventeenth day of October 1805. The aforesaid last Will and Testament of William B. Christian did was this day presented into Court by Turner Christian one of the Executors therein named and being proved by ^{the said} W. Douglass and Charles Word the Witnesses thereto is ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of the said Executor, who made oath as the Law directs, and entered into bond with John Christian & John Hunt Christian his securities in the sum of seven thousand Dollars, conditioned according to Law, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form, liberty reserved the other Executors therein named to join in the Probat, when they may think fit.

teste

Wyatt Walker. C. C.

Thomas Griffiths
Will

In the name of the eternal God who formed all things by the dictates of the power of his word Amen. I Thomas Griffiths of Charles City County, and parish of Westmoreland, say sick and weak, but of perfect sense and memory, and tranquillity of mind, do constitute and ordain this my last Will and testament in private. Knowing it is appointed Once for all men to die, trusting in my dear Redeemer, I resign my soul to Him who gave it being, and my Body unto the Earth, from whence it was taken, in shame and certain hope of joyful Resurrection, and a blessed immortality, and as for my worldly goods, which God has graciously lent me, I give and bequeath them as followeth. In private, First my Will and desire is that all my just debts be paid, and after they are paid, my Will and desire is to lend the use of my whole estate, both real and personal to my beloved wife Amey Griffiths, during of her natural life. Then my Will and desire is that after my beloved wife's death that my lands, the whole of it may be divided between my two Sons, namely William Griffiths, and John Griffiths, my Will and desire is that after the death of my beloved wife that all my Negro slaves that may be alive at that time be divided among my Children by lotting them out in Lots, and not to be sold among my Children namely William Griffiths, John Griffiths, Martha Trapwell the wife of Jacob Trapwell, Amey Griffiths, Mary Griffiths, Elizabeth, Nancy Griffiths

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Katharine Griffith, and that the remainder of my personal Estate be sold
and the money equally dividing amongst my above-named children. Item my will
and desire is that if my Daughter Martha Thapwell, should die without having of
any Child, then that her part of my estate that fell to her to return to be divided
amongst her Brothers and Sisters that is named above, and lastly I appoint
my beloved wife Amy Griffith my Executrix with my trusty friend Edward
Mumblie my Executor of this my last will and Testament. Whom I have
hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty ninth day of November in the
year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

Signed, sealed & acknowledged

in the presence of

John West senr.

John Colgin, William ^{his} ~~willie~~ _{mark}

Thomas ^{his} Griffith
mark

At a Monthly Court held for Charles City County at the Courthouse
on Thursday the seventeenth day of October 1805. The aforesaid
last will and Testament of Thomas Griffith deceased read this day
presented into Court, and being proved by John West senr. One of the
subscribing witnesses thereto, and John Colgin another subscribing witness
being dead, the said West deposed that he saw the said Colgin subscribe
his name thereto as a witness in presence of the deceased, and the
said will is ordered to be recorded and is truly recorded

Teste

Wyatt Walker C.C.

In the name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Phillips of the County of

E. Phillips's
Will.

Charles City being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind & disposing
memory, and being desirous of bestowing what earthly estate it has pleased
God to bless me with do give and dispose of the same in the manner follow-
ing that is to say. I give to my Son John H. Phillips my dark bay colt
now two years old to him and his heirs forever. Item I give to my Son Benja-
min Phillips my bay colt foaled this spring to him and his heirs forever.
Item I give to my Daughter Elizabeth S. Phillips, One choice Bed Bedstead
and furniture complete, and one Huffer (being the same she has called
hers to this time) to her and her heirs forever. Item I give to my Son
Irby Phillips One Shilling to him and his heirs forever. Item I give
to my Son James Phillips One Shilling to him and his heirs forever.
Item I give to my Son Joshua Phillips one shilling to him & his heirs forever.
Item I give to my Son Francis Phillips One shilling to him & his heirs forever.
Item I give to my Son John H. Phillips, and Benjamin Phillips, and my Daughter
Elizabeth S. Phillips, after the payment of all my just Debts all the balance
of my estate of whatever kind or nature whatsoever to share & share alike