

I William Ladd of Charles City County being in good health, of sound and perfect mind and memory do make and order this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth Viz^t. —

Item I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Ladd the land and Plantation I bought of Dunbar Gordon, also one feather bed and furniture, and my smallest still, all which I give to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my son James Ladd one feather bed and furniture, also twenty pounds cash, to buy him a horse and saddle, and to be delivered him when he arrives to lawful age, all which I give to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Anne Ladd one feather bed and furniture, also sixty pounds cash, to be paid her when she arrives to lawful age or married, and remains in good credit all which I give to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Martha Ladd one feather bed and furniture, also sixty pounds cash to be paid her when she arrives to lawful age or married, and remains in good credit all which I give to her & her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Ladd, one feather ^{bed} and furniture, also sixty pounds cash to be paid her when she arrives to lawful age or married, and remains in good credit, all which I give to her & her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Ladd one feather bed and furniture, also sixty pounds cash, to be paid her when she arrives to lawful age or married, and remains in good credit, all which I give to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah Ladd one feather bed and furniture, also sixty pounds cash to be paid her when she arrives to lawful age or married, and remains in good credit, all which I give to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Ladd one feather bed and furniture, also sixty pounds cash, to be paid her when she arrives to lawful age or married, and remains in good credit, all which I give to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Mary Ladd one feather bed and furniture, to her and her heirs forever.

Item I leave unto my loving wife Mary Ladd the use of all and every part of my estate which is not before mentioned and given away during her widowhood, except as is hereafter excepted, should my son James arrive to age before his mother's death, and should choose to settle, my will and desire is, he may have the liberty to build and settle on part of the land I purchased of Purkiss Thompson.

Item After the death or marriage of my loving wife Mary Ladd I give and bequeath unto my said son James Ladd the land and plantation whereon I now live, also the lands adjoining thereto, also I give unto my said son James my still which I bought of Thomas Ladd, all which I give to him and his heirs forever. Only my will and desire is that all my daughters, who are single at their mothers death shall have the privilege of the two rooms below stairs to the west end of my dwelling house like wise their choice, of the rooms in my kitchen, and one acre of land where they may make choice of, and fire wood sufficient for their use.

Item My will and desire is that my lands which is not given away may be kept in the hands of my executor hereafter mentioned either to rent

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or sell, as he shall think proper.

Item my will and desire is that after the death of my loving wife Mary Ladd, all my estate consisting in whatsoever it may that is not above mentioned and given away shall be equally divided among all my children.

Item I desire my estate may not be appraised.

And Lastly I constitute and appoint my son Robert Ladd Executor to the
 • my last Will and Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and affixed my seal, this fifth day of the third month 1797
 Signed, Sealed and acknowledged
 in sight and presence of us

Samuel Ladd

Benjamin Crew
 Jesse Ladd Junr.

William Ladd

At a monthly Court held for Charles City County on Thursday the
 twenty first day of September 1797 The afnewritten last will and tes-
 tament of William Ladd deceased was proved by the affirmations
 of Samuel Ladd and Benjamin Crew two of the witnesses thereto and
 ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Robert Ladd the executor
 therein named who affirmed thereto according to law whereupon he
 together with Robert Crew and Peter Ladd his securities entered into
 and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of Six thousand dollars
 Conditioned according to law Certificate is granted him for obtain-
 ing a probat thereof in due form.

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