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Will

In the name of God Amen

I Gideon Christian of the County of Charles City, being in an infirm 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. ~

On primis, 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 stories run near where Saller 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 negic 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 where I now live bounded as follows, to wit, beginning at Moores

MEMO, I give and bequeath unto my son Tabuck Christian part of the
tract of land whereon I now live, bounded as follows, to wit, beginning at Moore
Island on Chickahomony River, and running from thence towards the south
along a line of marked Trees to a large Mulberry-tree that's 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 Storiers 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.

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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 negro woman named Kitty and her children and her increase to her and her heirs forever. ~

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Alice Thowson 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 Susan mah 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 Viz. Eaton Christian, Francis Christian, Patrick Christian William Allen Christian, Ann Hill and

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Alice Tower, except one seventh part of said residue, which give unto my two
Grandsons John & 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 annulling 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 & acknowledged
in presence of

W^m Christian
W^m Parrish J^r
Gedion Bradley

Gedion Christian (seal)

At a monthly Court held for Charles City
on Thursday the 14th day of January 1797

The aforewritten last will & Testament of Gedion Christian decd was
proved by the Oaths W^m Christian, W^m Parrish J^r & Gedion 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 as the law directs and together with Edward Warren and Isaac Hill their Sureties 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.

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May 21st 1796 An Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Anthony Cole deceased.

	L	S	D
one Negro Girl Fanny	60	"	"
one Sorel Mare	15	"	"
one Cow and calf	3	"	"
one Bed and Furniture	9	"	"
one Walnut Desk	1	"	10
one Table and Chest	12	"	"
one small Trunk	2	"	"
one Spinning Wheel	6	"	"
one Copper Pot			