

Thomas Griffith

Will

In the name of the eternal God, I have framed all things by the dictates of the power of
his word Amen. I Thomas Griffith of Charles City County, and parish of Westover being
very sick and weak, but of perfect sense and memory, and tranquillity of mind, do consti-
tute and ordain this my last Will and Testament in witness. Knowing it is appointed
Once for all men to die, trusting in my dear Redeemer, I resign my soul to Almighty
God who gave it, 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 first, 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 Emily Griffith, during of her natural life. Then my
Will and desire is that after my beloved wife's death that my Land, the whole of it may
be divided between my two Sons, namely William Griffith, and John Griffith, 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, amongst my Children, namely William Griffith, John Griffith, Martha
Trapwell the wife of Jacob Trapwell, Emily Griffith, Mary Griffith, Elizabeth Stanley
Griffith

Katharine Griffith, and that the remainder of my personal Estate be sold, and the money equally divided amongst my above mentioned children. Item my will and desire is that if my Daughter Martha Trapwell, 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 Nancy Griffith my Executrix with my trusty friend Edward Murrable my Executor of this my last will and Testament. Whereof I have herunto 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 sen^r

John Colgin, William ^{his} Willcox _{mark}

Thomas ^{his} Griffith _{mark}

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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 T. Elizabeth Phillips of the County of

Phillips's 7th