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William Ladd's
Will

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 Vizt.

Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my son Robert Ladd the land and Plantation thought 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 Ann 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, & 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} & 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.

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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 Purkin's 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 this time

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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.

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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

William Ladd Seal

Benjamin Crew

Jesse Ladd Junr.

At a monthly Court held for Charles City County on Thursday the twenty first day of September 1797 The aforsaid last will and testament of William Ladd deceased was proved by the affirmation 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 Ladd

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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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