

Remembering In the name of God amen I shew Myself of Henry William Parish

Will Henry of Chesterfield being sick & weak but of sound mind making known

thanks to almighty God knowing that all things are appointed on earth to decay

ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following that is to say

Principally & first of all I recommend my soul to God who gave it & my body to

the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors herein after named

after payment of all my Just Debts & funeral Expences I dispose of my worldly

Estate as followeth

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Judith Gooden one Negro Boy named John

& one Negro Woman named Thomas and all the increase & may now hereafter have

to her & her Heirs & assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Gooden one Negro Woman named

Jennet & all the increase & may now hereafter have to her & her Heirs & assigns forever

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Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Good one Negro Woman named
Jenny & all the increase she now has or may ever hereafter have also one Negro Woman
named Doll & all the increase & he may ever have to her & her Heirs & assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath to my Daughter Margaret Mearns one Negro Woman named
Briget & her child named Book also one Negro Girl named Mary & all the increase
they may ever have to her & her Heirs & assigns forever Also the choice of my said
completely furnished with Blankets & Sheets my youngest slave girl by William
Mearns I leave to my said Daughter Margaret to her & her Heirs forever But in
case my said Daughter should die before she be married or of proper age then I give
the said Legacy of Negroes Mearns & Book be equally divided between my sons Daniel &
& William share & share alike to them & their Heirs & assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath to my son Daniel one Negro slave

would I will by one Negro woman named Aggy & by three children named Susan James &
Jesse & all the increase they may hereafter have to him & his Heirs by & assigns forever

I have by my bequest to my son William the sum of three Negro Men named Bob London &
Richard & one Negro Boy named Squire Also one Negro Woman named Bell & one Negro
Girl named Juny & all the increase they may hereafter have to him & his Heirs by & assigns
forever

I have by my bequest to my son David the sum of twenty shillings current Currency
of Virginia

I have by my bequest to my son Samuel I will that he should have & have by him three Acres
of Land being that part of my Land whereon my dwelling House stands to the same more or less
according as the line marked out by myself now runs to divide the Land between him & my son
William beginning at an Elm Tree on the river Bank running as the Fence now stands to
corner where the fence runs south through to the Woods as the line is marked out runs to the Top of

William beginning at an Elm Tree on the river Bank running as the Fence was stand too
corner where the fence runs through the Woods as the Line is marked returns to the Top of
the Mount to a Pine where the Road fork running along the east Way to my back Line to
him by his Heirs & Assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath to my son William Maifest three hundred ^{square rods} ~~square rods~~ three acres
of Land be the same more or less being the upper part of my Land according as the before mentioned
Line runs to him by his Heirs & Assigns forever But in case my said son William should
die before he comes of age & without lawful Issue then I give the said Land to my son
Daniel Fox Maifest to him & his Heirs & Assigns forever

Item I give & bequeath to my son William Maifest all my ready Money Bills Bonds
& Debts payable in Money But in case my said son William should die before he comes
of age & without lawful Issue then I give the said Legacy to my son Daniel Fox

I hereby give & bequeath to my son Son Daniel Son of my first wife
all the realty remain of my house & Office at present in my possession
Furniture Crops of my land Stock of Horses cattle Sheep Pigeons plantation
& in short every kind of my Estate not herein before bequeathed to be equally
between my said son Son & my daughter Alice to them & their Heirs & assigns for
But in case my said Son William & his wife should die before he comes of age
without lawful Issue then I give this part to my Son Daniel free to him & his Heirs
& giving no further I also order & direct & it is my Will & Desire that my son
William may take in full power & possession every kind of Legacy bequeathed to him
bequeathed as Lands Tugues Stocks Household Furniture & all the rest remaining
after my Death & my full intent & meaning is that he may be free of my
Deeds

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Lastly I nominate constitute & appoint my son Son Daniel Son of my first wife

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Lastly I nominate constitute & appoint my executors Daniel Fox Mearns &
William Mearns Executors of this my last Will & Testament, ratifying & confirming
all other & former Wills by me at any time heretofore made & do confirm this to
be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
& seal this fifth Day of May in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred & eighty two

Signed sealed & acknowledged
in the presence of

John Mearns

Wm. C. Culfield

Charles Clarke Junr

Young Short

Anderson Brattle

Can. S.