

In the name of god amen I William Black of the County of Chesterfield Virginia being at present well in body but weak in mind

do hereby make & declare this my last Will & Testament hereby annulling all other & former Wills or Testaments by me at any time heretofore made & disposing of all my ^{worldly} Estate in manner following To wit

Impressus I give advise & bequeath unto the honourable John Blair & the honourable Peter Lions Esqrs & their Heirs forever all that tract of land which I now live called & known by the name of the falls Plantation with all its appurtenances I trust never the less that they the said John Blair & Peter Lions or their Heirs or the survivor of them or of their Heirs shall convey the same in fee simple unto my great son William son of W^m Black my eldest Heir appraised on his attaining the age of twenty one years & that in case of his death before that, his without heirs I have & his heirs shall have

His apparent or his attaining the Age of twenty one years & that in case
of his Death before that Age without leaving Issue that they shall convey
the same in like manner to any after born son of my said Son William who
may then be the eldest surviving Son or his attaining the Age of twenty one
years Provided always that if my said Son William shall have two Sons
who attain the Age of twenty one years living at the same time that in
such case the said Trustees or the survivor of them or their Heirs or the Successor
of them shall convey one thousand Acres of the said Plantation at the lower end
binding on Col^d Robert Goodes Lands unto the youngest of such Sons & to his Heirs
forever with a special Proviso that there shall be another Son born to my said
William then the two already provided for that then on such Son's attaining the
Age of twenty one years my said Trustees or the survivor of them or their Heirs

the Survivor of them shall convey unto each third Son at his age of twenty
one years one half of the thousand Acres of Land last mentioned at the lower end
hereof to him & his Heirs forever But if there should be no Son of my said Son William
to take my said Land agreeable to the meaning of this my Will then in trust to convey the
same to my Daughter or (if more than one) Daughters of my said Son William in fee
simple in equal proportion With for want of any Child or Children of my said Son
William then in trust for his right Heirs to their Heirs forever

And in further Trust to permit my dear & loving Wife Francis to hold use occupy &
enjoy one half of the said fells Plantations including the dwelling House Mill and
other out Houses together with all the profits arising therefrom & one half of all my
Stock of cattle Sheep Hogs Horses Measures of corn which may remain unsold & shall be
reserved for the use of ^{said} Plantation during the term of her natural Life or Widowhood

~~and of said things being sold~~ ^{said} reserved for the use of ~~the~~ ^{said} Plantation during the term of her natural Life or Widowhood
In lieu & lieu of Dover on my Estate the Mill to be finished & the building ^{you} got up
so as to fit her for manufacturing & a Miller to be hired acquainted with the
management thereof at the expense of my Estate by my ^{sons} hereafter named

And also in further Trust to permit my said Wife Frances to work the whole of
the said Plantation During her Life or Widowhood with all the Slaves except ^{my} those
which are hereafter otherwise disposed of & the whole of the Stock which shall remain
unused Upon Condition that my said Trustees & their Heirs & the Survivors of them
& my said Wife Frances ~~not~~ shall either permit my son William & his Family & the Survivors
of them to live in the mansions House without be supported from the Produce of the
Plantation or (in case of disagreement) that he shall be allowed with his family previous
to or after his Death to live separately & apaid to be furnished by my ^{sons} at their

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direction from the friends of the plantation in order to

blanching & other improvements for making the plantation

to purchase them:

Item I give bequeath to my Daughter Frances Taylor Black the lot of land
known the Land & Plantation of Duting Hill as also the piece of land in
the County of Prince George called the Doctors containing ten hundred acres
I also give to my said Daughter all the Negroes which came to me by
intermarriage with her Mother to her & her Heirs forever according to my
beloved Wife one half of the said Negroes with their increase unto the use
of my said Wife untill the marriage of my said Daughter when the said
Wife is to be delivered up to her in kind but Value & also during the
life of the other half of the Negroes with their increase unto my said ^{Wife} ^{and}

Abally is to be delivered up to her in kind & value & also retaining the
use of the other half of the ^{said} Negroes with their increase unto my said ^{life} until
his Death or marriage on the happening of either of such Events they are
also to be delivered up to my said Daughter or her Heirs

Item in case my son William Black & his Family go to live by them-
selves I give to him during his natural Life the following Negroes to wit.
Pamela Billypath his Wife & also their five Children & Modestine Scary
with her two Children And my Desire is that on the Death of my said son every benefit given
to him by this Will may be continued to his Wife during her Life or widowhood at the
discretion of my Executors and also that the said Negroes with their increase that is
such of them as are fit and are not necessary for Household service shall be worked
on the fall Plantation and a reasonable ^{of the Produce} Share paid to my said son William or in
case of his Death to his Wife during her Life or Widowhood as the profits of their

I leave still at the discretion of my Executors

I leave for my daughter John Duff Montgomery & her heirs forever
the following Negroes to wit Phill & her to hire Violet a girl Venus a woman & my fellow
to sell with her two children

I will Desire that all my Stock of Cattle Sheep Hogs Horses Negroes & Mules excepting
such as I thought proper to reserve for the support of my Family & the working of my Plantation
& all my Household Furniture Pictures Books & Librery as also what wheat & corn can be spared
from the use of the Plantation shall be sold at twelve Months credit & the proceeds applied
towards payment of my Debts

Item if it shall so happen that none of the Daughters who may hereafter be born to my
son William shall by reason of a son or sons come to the Possession of my Land my Will
is that there should be paid to each of the said Daughters should any be born

Divide then is that there should be paid to each of the said Daughters should any be born
at their Age of twenty one years or Day of marriage which shall first happen the Sum of
five hundred pounds Virginia currency and a reasonable support untill payment thereof
to be paid by ^{my} Grand son or grand sons by my son William however to be born in just
proportion to the quantity of Land which he or they may take under this Will

Item altho my Negroes or any part remaine or reversion of them or any of them not
already disposed of & all the remaining Stock of cattle Sheep Hogs Hens & Cattle
I give & bequeath unto the honorable John Blair & Peter Lyons Esquires & their Heirs forever.

In Trust to divide the same with their increase equally Among the children of my Son

taking my Land in proportion to the quantity held by each

Item whereas my Wife Francis may by Virtue of this Will work the whole of the fall
Plantation out of the Produce of which my son William & his Family are to be supported

at the discretion of my Executors

The better to enable my Executors to determine on a proper allowance for my said son

to his Family my Will & Desire is that my said Wife shall when she shall see fit

by my Trustees or either of them render an account to them of the annual Revenue

of the said Plantation & they are hereby severally empowered to call upon her from

time to time as they or either of them may think fitting for such account

Item I Will & Desire that the Honourable John Blair or in case of his refusal

or Death any other person or persons my Son William & his Wife accepted when

the proper Court shall think proper may be appointed Guardian or Guardians

to the Child or Children of my Son William already born or to be born of their

Estate It being my meaning & intention that my said Son shall survive no benefit

from any Interest which may be due after and on his Children under this Will

Item should it so happen that the Marriages of my said Son

from any Interest which may hereafter vest in his Children under this Will.
Item should it so happen that by Marriage Death or other contingency my
Wife should loose the benefit or be deprived of working my Plantation my Desire
then is that the profits therefrom arising may be applied by my Trustees towards
the Education of the Children of my Son William & for the general Benefit of his
Family

I do hereby nominate & appoint the Honourable John Blair Esq: Robert Gaud
James Southall Bernard Markham Abraham Lalle Alexander Truitt Junior
James Buchanan John McNeir Archibald Blair & James Lyle Gentlemen
to be Executors of this my last Will & Testament In Testimony whereof I have
~~to this my last Will & Testament~~ contained in this & the two preceding Pages
set my hand & affixed my seal this twenty third Day of January in the year

I now have in presence some hundred & eighty
years since published & attested by William Black
his Will & Testament in our presence who have been
witnesses our Names here as Witnesses by his Desire
in his presence & the presence of each other

William Black

George Evans
John Buckley
Hugh Hill

Carroll

In the name of God amen, I Oliver Branch of the County of
Chesterfield and parish of Manchester being of perfect sense and memory
do constitute this writing to be my last will and Testament in manner and
form following to wit I Give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Terlinshi
during her natural life all my estate both real and personal of every kind