

In the name of God Amen I William Chatham son of
Chesterfield County being in a full and sound state of body both of sound
mind and memory do make and declare this my last Will and
Testament in manner and form following that is to say I hereby
give and bequeath to my beloved wife Frances Chatham during
her natural life the following Negroes Slaves, to wit: Phibe Bell
old Cassar Old Sam Tom old Lucy and Hampton, also the use of
the plantation whereon I now live together with the stock of cattle
Sheep Hogs and Horses, all my household and kitchen furniture
and plantation utensils excepting only four feather Beds and the
necessary furniture one of which I give to each of my two younger
sons and one to each of my two youngest daughters and their

mind and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and

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Testament in manner and form following that is to say I'm premises
I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Frances Chatham during
her natural life the following negro Slaves, to wit) Phill Ball
old Waser Old Sam Tom old Lucy and Hampton, also the use of
the plantation whereon I now live together with the stock of cattle
Sheep Hogs and Horses, all my household and kitchen furniture
and plantation utensils excepting only four feather Beds and the
necessary furniture one of which I give to each of my two younger
sons and one to each of my two youngest daughters and their
heirs forever (and I do further give and bequeath to my said wife
Frances one negro boy named Jordan to her and her heirs
forever and it is my will and Desire that the said Estate

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divided to my said wife for life. At her Death equally divided
amongst all my children to them and their heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Bowman
the following Slaves to wit Will Jacob Amos Samuey
peter and Sarah with this only Reserve that as soon as
her son Francis Bowman shall attain to the age of
twenty one years I give him the said negroe Boy peter
to him and his heirs forever. And as soon as her son
William Bowman shall arrive at the age of twenty one
years I give him the aforesaid ^{Boy} Amos to him and his
heirs forever and will Sarah Samuey and Sarah with them

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Increase I give to my said Daughter Elizabeth Bowman
and her Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rhoda Walcott the
following Slaves to wit Lucy Stephen and Abner with the
increase to her and her heirs forever And to my grandson
William Archer Walcott I give and bequeath a neg-
ro named Monie when my said grandson shall attain the
age of thirteen years to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son William Clapham a neg-
ro man named Pompey and one pair cart wheels to him
his Heirs forever & I do lend to my said son William
Ray Monie for the term of eight years

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I give and bequeath to my Son Christopher Cheatham a negro
man named Sam to him and his heirs forever

I give and bequeath to my Grandson Samuel Griffin Cheatham
a negro Boy named Austin to him and his heirs forever

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Frances Cheatham a negro
girl named Lucy with her increase to her and her heirs forever

I give and bequeath to my Daughter Pearly Berry Cheatham
a negro girl named Lucia with her increase to her and her heirs forever

I give and bequeath to my Son Christopher Cheatham a negro girl
named Polly with her increase to him and his heirs forever

I give and bequeath to my Son Major Cheatham a negro Woman nam
ed Sassy with her child Louisa and future increase to him and

his heirs forever

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I give to my grandsons Granville and Wilson Bowman their
board and the money advanced by the hire of a Negro to the school
master for their schooling

It is my will and desire that the following Negroes Isaac
Jack Caesar and Stephen be hired out immediately after
my death and that the monies arising from the hire of my said
Negroes be applied to the payment of my just Debts by my Exors
hereafter mentioned

It is my will & Desire that my son Major do continue to live
with his Mother after my death and that the Expenses of his
Education be defrayed from the hire of the aforesaid Negroes
and that he may be continued at school for six years and
as soon as the hire of the aforesaid Negroes Isaac Jack Caesar

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and Stephen shall be found sufficient to discharge all my
debt past & to come
that then the said my remaining slaves and negroes

bequeathed shall be equally divided amongst my
children hereafter named (to wit) William Edmund

Christopher Major Frances and Becky Berry

Chatham and their heirs forever only the negroes

before given to my last mentioned children to be

valued that each of my said childrens proportion

of said slaves may be as equal as possible

Item It is my will and desire that if either of my chil-

dren should die under age or unmarried, that on such

case the proportion of my estate given to such child

or children be equally divided amongst all my surviving

Children and their heirs in the same manner as my
other Estate is devised to them. Lastly I do appoint
my beloved Wife Executrix and my Sons William
Cheatham and Edmund Cheatham with Pleasant
Bauman Executors of this my last will and Testament
hereby revoking all former wills by me made and I desire
my Estate may not be appraised. In Witness whereof

I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 12th
Day of December in the year of our lord one thousand
seven hundred and ninety five

Signed Sealed and acknowledged

In presence of _____ William Cheatham Seal

James Ferguson

Christopher Cheatham

Archer Parmer