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well I William Leigh of the County of Chesterfield and parish of Dale being
of sound mind and unimpaired memory do make this my last Will in
manner and form following

I leave my whole estate real and personal, my lands and negroes all
the debts that may be due to me either by bond or open account, all
my stock of horses cattle sheep and hogs my household Furniture and
every article of property that I shall die possessed of to my beloved wife
Elizabeth Leigh during her life. My Will further is that my said wife
shall have full power to sell all or any part of my estate above devised
and to make conveyances for the same whenever she shall find it necessary
or advantageous so to do provided nevertheless that the money arising from
the sale of such estate be applied to the maintenance and Education of
my children or be laid out as soon as it can conveniently after be
received in other property more convenient to my wife to be disposed

of as shall hereafter be directed; and the conveyances made by my
wife Elizabeth. in consequence of the power ^{here} given her. I do ^{herely} ratify and
confirm, and all right and title to the estate so sold. do Relinquish to the
purchaser or purchasers and to his or their heirs forever

In case my sons after arriving at a age when their inclinations and
capacities may be judged of. should discover no talents that may
qualify them for a learned profession. my will and desire is that they
may be brought up to some usefull occupation. either mercantile or
mechanical. my will further is that my estate of every kind if not
sold agreeable to the power given to my wife above. or the property that
shall be purchased with the money arising from the sale of the said estate
if sold. shall be at the disposal of my wife Elizabeth Leach with this
limitation only that she shall be obliged to distribute it among my

children, and I do empower her to convey to my children either by deed in her life time, or to devise to them by will at her death the estate I leave behind me, or the property which may be procured by purchase, according to the true intent and meaning of this my last Will and Testament, in such manner and in such proportion as she shall Judge fit, establishing and confirming by these presents, all right and title to the property conveyed by such deed, or devised by such will to my respective children, and to their heirs forever. And lest I may not have expressed my meaning in so clear and unequivocal a manner as I could have wished to have done, I declare it to be my intention not to confine my wife to an equal division of my property or the property that may be purchased agreeable to my will among all my children, but to leave her at full and perfect liberty to distribute it among them, in whatever manner and in whatever proportion she shall think best and most proper, placing a full and entire confidence in her prudence and discretion. Lastly I can

as I could have wished to have done, I declare it to be my intention not to
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a full and entire confidence in her prudence and discretion. Lastly I con-
stitute and appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth. Leigh my brother in law
Tho^s Watkins, and my friends Francis Eppes and Jeph Coghill Esqrs Executors
to this my last will and Testament, to which all written with my own hand
I have set my name and affixed my seal this fifteenth of May in the year
of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six

Wm Leigh (B)

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