

proved by the Oaths of John Hackley and George  
Anderson Witnesses thereto sworn to by Thomas Morris the  
Executor therein signed and Ordered to be Recorded and on  
the Motion of the said Thomas Morris Certificate is granted  
him for Obtaining a Probat thereof in due form he giving  
Security According to Law

Roger Dixon

Ira Strother In the name of God Amen Francis Strothers of Sh. Macks  
Wills Parish in of County of Culpeper being of sound & perfect  
sense & memory thanks to all mighty God for the same do  
make and Ordain this my last will & Testament in manner  
and form following that is to say first I recommend my  
soul to all mighty God hoping to receive pardon and  
Remission of all my sins through the Merits of my

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I Savours Jesus Christ and my Body to of earth to be  
Interd in Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executors  
herein after named & what worldly Goods God in his Mercy hath  
been pleased to bestow upon me I give & bequeath of same as  
followeth that is to say Imp: It is my Will that all my just  
Debts and Funerall expences be first satisfied & paid  
Item I appoint Constituted & Impower my beloved Wife  
Susanna Strother to execute a Deed or Deeds to convey  
the Fee simple Estate of a certain Tract or parcell of Land  
being part of the Land whereon I now I now live & bounded  
according to a survey thereof made by Mr John Lewis Galt  
Desire my son John Strother to join in the said Deed of  
Conveyance part of the said Land being by me purchased  
from & not yet conveyed to me to John Minor his Heirs or  
Assignes I also Authorize & Impower my said Wife to  
execute a Deed or Deeds to convey of Fee simple Estate  
of a certain Tract of Land adjoining to the aforesaid

for which I have not as yet got the Deed from of Lord  
Fairfaxes Office to the said John Minor his Heirs or  
Assigns, Item I give unto my son George Brother &  
his Heirs or assigns forever one Survey of Land lying  
at the little Gap Mountain, Item I give unto my son  
Francis Brother & to his Heirs or Assigns forever one  
Survey of Land at the Bluff end of the Pignut ridge, Item  
I lend unto my wife the Land whereon I now live being  
what is left out of the Tract I have Impowered her to  
Convey to John Minor which she is to have of sole use  
of During her life, Item I give unto my son Robert Brother  
the Tract of Land whereon I now live being what is left out  
of if Survey made for John Minor only my Wife is to have  
of use of it During her life to him his Heirs or Assigns  
forever, Item I lend unto my wife my negroes *Open & all*

I do hereby declare that I do hereby revoke and make void all former wills  
I have made during her Widowhood but if she Marry then it is  
my will that it shall be Equally Divided between her four  
right children Viz: Anthony, George, Francis Robert, Mary  
Rehathaland Elisabeth & Susanna & if my wife Dies then my  
said Estate to be Divided between my <sup>said</sup> right Children & in  
case any of my Children should Die without Lawfull Issue  
or before they come to age that their part of my Estate  
whether real or personall shall be Equally Divided among  
my aforesaid Children Item It is my will that my sons  
Anthony & George shall be at Liberty for themselves at my  
Death & if my <sup>Wives</sup> Marries that my sons Francis & Robert  
shall be of age at Sixteen years years old Item I appoint  
& constitute my Wife execut<sup>or</sup> of this my last Will & Testament  
& Lastly I do hereby revoke and make void all former wills  
will or Wills & do declare this to be my last will & Testament

I Witness where of <sup>Caloper County, Virginia</sup> <sup>Wills 1740-1770</sup> <sup>www.virginiapioneers.net</sup> my hand & seal this

17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1751

Signed Sealed Published &

Declared in presence of

Memorandum interlined before  
the following signed on the other side in the

other Nineteenth line from the top

to John Minor Treasurer or Assignee

also in the Nineteenth line (like)

& in the 44<sup>th</sup> Line (my Issue)

Francis Strother U.S.

At a Court held for the County of Culpeper on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1752

This last Will and Testament of Francis Strother Dec<sup>d</sup> was proved by the Oathes of John Strother & Thomas Baker Witnesses

therein and Ordered to be Recorded the said John Strother at Law of the Testator Declaring he had no Objection thereto where

upon Susanna Strother the Executrix in the said Will claimed  
swore to the said Will and on this prayer Certificate is

Exam.

Teste

Roger Moore

Ball's  
Will

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel Ball being weak  
 in Body but of perfect sense & of Memory make this  
 for it calling to mind the Mortality of my Body & how  
 it is Appointed for all men to Die I do make & ordain  
 my last Will & Testament in Manner & form as follows  
 Item I Give to my Loving & Anna Catharine  
 wife of one Negro Man Adam during the time she is  
 Widow & after wards to my son William Ball & his  
 for ever.

Item I Give to my son William Ball all my  
 negros by name Daniel Pitt Conway Rose Rachel