

Berry's In the name of God Amen I John Berry of the County of Culpeper
Vile and Parish of Bromfield in Perfect health and sound mind and
Memory do make and Ordain this my Last will and Testament
in manner following

My soul I recommend to Almighty God who gave it me trusting in
the merits of a crucified Saviour to raise me from the death sin to
the life of Righteousness.

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My Body I recommend to be Buried in a Quiet manner at the
discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

And the worldly goods with which it has pleased God to give me
I give and bestow in the manner following;

I enfranchise And my loving wife Annina the Land whereon
I now live and three of such Negroes as shall belong me at the

Memory do make and Ordain this my Last will and Testament
in manner following

My soul I recommend to Almighty God who gave it me trusting in
the merits of a crucified Saviour to raise me from the death sin to
the life of Righteousness.

My Body I recommend to be Buried in a Decent manner at the
Discretion of my Executors ~~in the manner~~

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And the worldly goods with which it has pleased God to give me
I give and bequeath in the manner following;

I bequeath to my loving wife Ann the Land whereon
I now live and three of such Negroes as shall belong me at the
time of my decease she taking her first choice; also three cows and

One Horse all my house and Kitchen Furniture One third part
of the working tools as well as the Carpenters and other tools
during her Widowhood but in case she should marry I only lend
my said wife Two of the choice of my Negroes one Horse Two
Cows and one Bed and Furniture to be held and Enjoyed by
her during her Natural life and after her Decease to be

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Distributed amongst my Children as I shall hereafter direct
Item the 1st The Residue of my Estate both real and personal
I desire and hereby require my Executors hereafter named to sell
to the Highest Bidder on Twelve months Credit and the money
thence arising after my Just debts and Funeral charges are
Paid I give and bequeath to my well beloved Children and their
Heirs legal Representatives and to the

Wills legal Representatives lawfully begotten forever (namely)
Machia, Ann, John, John, Josiah Yeager, Anthony Jerusha
Sunnell Acary, Elijah Plisher and Aaron Berry (and to the living
children of Betty Sutton my deceased daughter so as that her
children may have and enjoy so much of my Estate as one of my
living children may) (I) that the said Betty Suttons children
may have and receive on ^{seventh} part of my Estate both real &
Personal and if any of my other children before mentioned -
should die before this my will takes place I do desire that their
children may have the same benefit of Betty Suttons children.
Item the 2^d The Estate that my loving wife Semma may
keep during her natural life I direct my Executors hereafter

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may have and receive an Eleventh part of my Estate both real &
Personal and if any of my other children before mentioned -
should die before this my will takes place I do desire that their
children may have the same benefit of Betty Suttons children
Item the 2^d The Estate that my loving wife Annema may
keep during her natural life I direct my Executors hereafter
named as soon as my lie conveniently be after my wifes
death

Death to sell and distribute as the other part of my Estate

Item the 3^d I constitute and appoint my well beloved sons Nathaniel
and Aaron and my Trusty friend Geo. Witherall Executors of this my
Last Will and Testament and do hereby revoke all former Wills by
me made and do declare this to be my Last Will and Testament In
Witness whereof I have put my hand and seal the 16th day of May 1777

Signed sealed declared &

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At about hotel for Culpeper County the 19th day of July 1779

At about half past twelve for Culpeper County the 19th day of July 1779

This Last Will and Testament of John Berry deceased was exhibited to the Court by Michael Berry and Aaron Berry Sec of the Executors therein named and was proved by the oath of John Withersall one of the Witnesses thereto, and George Withersall Gent being sworn & authorized to draw the said Will and that the decedent in his presence acknowledged the same and it is thereupon ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said Executors Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form they having made oath and given bond as is

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Teste John Jameson Sec. Court