

In the Name of God Amen I Francis James of Cumberland
being of sound Mind & Memory Thanks be to Almighty
God for it do make constitute & ordain this Writing to be my
last Will & Testament this Twenty seventh Day of July One Thousand
seven Hundred & fifty six in manner and form following That is
to say I Give & bequeath to my Gran Daughter Elizabeth
James as Heir at Law of my son Francis James decd. Three
Pounds current Money. I Give & bequeath to my Gran
Daughter Christina Meredith & to her Heirs for ever one Negro
Boy named Will now in the Possession of William Clarke.
I Give and bequeath to my loving Wife Mary James for
ever four Negroes, vizt York, Marney, Harriet & Dorcas also
one Cotton Bed & Furniture. I Give the Use of the one
Mortg of all the rest of my Estate (including the aforesaid
Slaves) to my said Wife during her Natural Life except
one Lot of Land in County Down) and as shall be further
excepted. I Give and bequeath unto my son Richard

I have made to her then for all my lands & other Estate (except) which had been before executed also after her Mother's Death I gave my son Richard James & to his Heirs all that part of the Estate I before lost her. Then my Will is that the whole of my Estate shall be kept together by my Executors till all my just-
Dues are paid and then to go & descend in manner aforesaid
Then my Will & desire is that there be no Appraisement of my
Estate And I do nominate constitute & appoint my said
Executors Richard James & William Megginson Executors in
this my last Will & Testament making void all others before
signed.

Acknowledged in the Presence of

Thos. Wilks

W. Megginson

Francis Mauram

Thos. James

At a Court held for Cumberland County 26th May 1760

This last Will and Testament of Francis James deceased
by Thomas Wilks and Francis Mauram two of his Executors
Sheweth and Testeth

Acknowledged in the Presence of
Thos. Melts
Wm. Meigs
Francis Maceran

Ira S. James

At a Court held for Cumberland County 26th May 1798,
This last Will and Testament of Francis James dec'd was
by Thomas Melts and Francis Maceran two of the Executors
thereof and by the Court ordered to be recorded and as to
of Richard James one of the Executors herein named and
both according to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining
a Credit thereof in due Form giving security whenever he
together with John Woodson and Jacob Meckins hereunto
entered into and acknowledged their Bond for that purpose
according to Law and liberty is reserved to the other
heirs named to join in Probate

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