

in the name of God Amen I John Fleming of the County of
Lumberland being sick and weak but of perfect and disposing
Mind and Memory do make and declare in presence of my
beloved wife that my last Will & Testament in manner and form following
It is my Will and Desire that my Body be decently entombed
at the Discretion of my Executors hereinafter named

I give and devise to my Son John Fleming and his Heirs
forever my whole Tract of Land in James River in Lumberland
County called & known by the name of Maidens Adventure with
the Appurtenances on this Condition that my said Son John or
his Heirs when required do convey to my Son Charles Fleming
and his Heirs forever one Tract or Parcel of Land with the
Appurtenances situate on Melliss Creek in the said County of
Lumberland containing by Estimation one thousand ninety
two and an half Acres being the Land my said Son John lately
purchased of William Bernard but in case my said Son John
or his Heirs shall refuse or fail when required to convey to my said
Charles and his Heirs as aforesaid the said Land on Melliss
Creek then I give to my said Son Charles & his Heirs forever

my son Charles & his heirs forever
the half of my said land called Maidens Adventure in quantity
to be laid out at the expense of the said Tract.

I give and devise to my son Thomas Fleming and his heirs forever
my whole Tract of land on James River in Yorkland County
called Dutch Creek Tract with all and singular the appurtenances.

I give and devise to my son William Fleming and his
heirs forever my whole Tract of land with the appurtenances
situate on James River in Lancaster County called Mount
Placid long the land and plantation wherein I now dwell.

I give and devise to my son Richard Fleming and his heirs
forever my whole Tract of land with the appurtenances
situate on James River in Yorkland County called Doves
Leat or plantation.

It is my Will and Mind that all my Negro Slaves be
divided as near as may be in quantity and quality into
seven equal Parts or Portions one equal seventh Part to William
whereof I give and devise to each of my sons John Thomas
William Richard and Charles to hold to them their heirs and

And one other equal seventh Part or Portion of my said Slaves I
do bequeath to my Daughter Mary Forward during her natural Life
and after her Decease I give the said Slaves so lent ^{to} to be equally divided
among such Child or Children or the legal Representatives of such as
she shall have at the time of her Death in such manner as by Law is
directed for the Distribution of Intestate Estates, and in case my said
Daughter Mary shall depart this life without Issue of her lawfully
begotten or the legal Representative or Representatives
then such Part of my said Slaves as is hereby bequeathed to her shall
equally divided among all the Rest of my Children or their legal
Representatives in such manner as by Law is directed for the Distribution
of Intestate Estates to hold to them of their Heirs forever and this
is my Will and Direction that my Negro Woman Nell be
my said Daughter Mary may be included on the Part of
my Slaves hereby lent to her.

And one other equal seventh Part of all my Estate I bequeath
my Daughter Caroline Fleming during her natural Life

my Daughter Caroline Fleming desiring her Son & wife
her Deceased Sister the said Slave to be

divided among such Child or Children or the legal Representatives

such as ^{she} shall leave at the time of her Death according to

Law is directed for the distribution of Intestates

said Daughter Caroline shall depart this life without

lawfully begotten or their legal Representatives

Part of my said Slaves as is hereby lent to her shall be

among all the Rest of my Children or their legal Rep

such Portions as is by Law directed for the Distribution

to hold to each of them in the same manner as the Slaves here

devised or lent to each of them respectively are to be held and

each of their Death to go in the same Manner & to the same

as the Slaves herein before devised or lent to each of my said

would go

And all my Personal Estate after my Bills and Funeral

paid I also give and bequeath to be divided into seven equal

portions one equal seventh Part or Portion of which

each of my Sons John Thomas William Richard & Charles

Law is directed for the distribution of Indestates

said Daughter Caroline shall depart this life without

lawfully begotten or their legal Representatives

Part of my said Slaves as is hereby lent to her shall be

among all the Rest of my children or their legal Rep

such Portions as is by Law directed for the Distribution

to hold to each of them in the same manner as the Slaves her

devised or lent to each of them respectively are to be held and

each of their Death to go in the same Manner & to the same

as the Slaves herein before devised or lent to each of my said

would go

And all my Personal Estate after my Debts and Funeral

I also give and bequeath to be divided into seven equal

or Portions one equal seventh Part or Portion of which

each of my sons John Thomas William Richard and Charles

in the same manner as my Slaves herein before given

and one other equal seventh Part or Portion thereof I will

any of them
in the hands of Slaves at their Discretion. To be to the use of my Daughter
Mary Bennett during her natural life and after her Death to go in
the same manner as the Slaves having before lent her and to the same Persons.

And no other equal Seventh Part or Portion of my said Personal
Estate I will may be by my Executors or the Survivors or Survivors
of them laid out in the Purchase of Slaves at their Discretion to be
settled to the use of my Daughter Hannah Fleming during her
natural life & after her Death to go to such Persons & in the same
manner as the Slaves having before lent her are to go.

And my Will and Desire is that the Division of my Slaves &
Personal Estate among my Children be made by my Friends George
Barrington Archibald Cary and Wade Vetterland or the Survivors or
Survivors of them and that such Division shall be in all respects as
effectual and binding on all my Children as if the same were done by
Order or Decree of a Court on a bill brought for Partition of my said
Estate & that notwithstanding any of my Children should happen
to be under age at the time of making the same yet it is my Will
that such Division be not made till after the twenty fifth Day of

number not shall happen not after my Disease but that my
estate till that time and the crops made before that time to be
effects in my Executors Hands.

And my Direction is that my estate be not appraised and that no
debt be demanded of my Heirs or any of them on the Probate of this
my Will.

And lastly I do constitute & appoint my Sons John Fleming
Thomas Fleming and William Fleming Executors of this my last Will
and Testament hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me
at any time made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
Hand and affixed my Seal this twentieth Day of November in
the Year of Christ one thousand seven hundred and fifty six

My last Will published and Testated by the said
John Fleming as and for his last Will
and Testament the Day and Year last above
mentioned in Presence of the Subscribers

John Fleming d. h.

Robert Fleming

Bartholomew Fleming

Matthew Fleming