

In the name of God Amen I Robert McLawrence of the parish of South
am & county of Cumberland being of sound perfect and disposing mind
sense and memory do make herein constitute and appoint this to be my
last will and testament in manner & form following: that it is my will
that my body be decently entred at the occasion of my expiration hereof
buried and as to what worldly effects it hath pleased God to bestow
on me I shall dispose of in the following manner.

I give & devise to my loving wife Elizabeth during her natural
life two hundred acres of land being part of the tract I bought of Tuncaster, North
to include the plantation now on the said tract of land together with four negro
slaves named Ben, Charles, Betty and Jerry. Then I give & devise to my son
James two negroes named Morrell & Phillis to be delivered him at the age
of twenty one year. Then I give & devise to my son William two negroes
named Jemmy & Pat to be delivered to him at the age of twenty one.
Then I give & devise to my son Joseph two negroes named Jack & Jane to be delivered him
at the age twenty one. Then I give & devise to my daughter Katherine two
negroes named Davie & Fanny to be delivered her at the age of eighteen.
Then I give and devise to my daughter Sarah two negroes named Gual Bob
and Agie to be delivered her at the age of eighteen. Then I give & devise to my
daughter Agnes three negroes named Ephie, Dick & Mervin to be delivered at the

James two negroes named Moseph & Phillis to be delivered him at the age of twenty one year. Then I give & devise to my son William two negroes named James & Pat, to be delivered to him at the age of twenty one. Then I give & devise to my son Joseph two negroes named Jack & Jane to be delivered him at the age twenty one. Then I give & devise to my daughter Katherine two negroes named Davie & Janey to be delivered her at the age of eighteen. Then I give and devise to my daughter Sarah two negroes named great Bob and Agie to be delivered her at the age of eighteen. Then I give & devise to my daughter Agnes three negroes named Esther, Dick & Marry to be at the age of eighteen. Then I give & devise to my daughter Elizabeth Whitely two negroes named little Bob & Harriet. Then I give & devise to my two sons James & William and to their heirs & assigns all the left of my late purchased of Bonaparte Mosby and George Chambers being four hundred & thirty three acres to be equally divided between them and at the death of my wife the two hundred acres above devised to ~~live for~~ life I give to my said two sons to them their heirs & assigns, and it is my will that if either of my said two sons James & William should die before the age of twenty one in that case the land devised to him shall go to my son Joseph. Then I give & devise to my daughter Elizabeth Whitely another negro that is not mentioned before.

I do hereby give and bequeath of the following negroes to
my wife, ~~the same~~ from that time till the time before mentioned for
the use and benefit of my children to whom they are respectively given,
and I give by an equal division among all my children or such of them
as shall live to the age appointed to receive their several legacies, as also
the four negroes devised to my wife during her natural life to be divided in the
same manner at her death. I do appoint that my said wife shall have the
use and profits of the legacies devised to my children during their minority
or until they come to the age appointed for them to receive their legacies all
which together with the lands & negroes before devised to her in full compensation
of losses & maintaining & educating my children. I do also appoint that such
my books as my ex^r hereafter named shall find without the name or names
of some of my children wrote in them by me shall be sold and that if my
said executors shall think it necessary to sell any part of my household goods
that they shall sell them and the money arising by the sale of the books house-
hold goods shall at the discretion of my ex^r be applied either to the build-
ing a dwelling house on the land devised to my said wife or towards the
educating of my children and do desire that my ex^r may see that my chil-
dren shall have education proper to make them fit for such trades
as they my said children shall chuse to be approved by my said executors
and that my said executors shall bind my sons out apprentices to

trades or callings, as they shall judge them necessary and fit for him. I
they may said ex^{ts} shall find the profits of my estate will be at
them may desire that my son James shall have education such as
entitle him to be called a scholar. I desire that my estate may
be appraised. and lastly I do appoint my loving wife Elizabeth
cuthing & my friends George Harrington Joseph Ballard and George
Harrington jun^r my executors of this my last will & testament.
Witness my hand and seal the seventh day of May one thousand
seven hundred and seventy one.

Signed sealed & declared in presence of
(the words my daughter Katherine of the
word Harrington first underlined and the
words at the age of eighteen also first
underlined)

Rob^t M^r Lawrence

Joseph Ballard jun^r
G^r Harrington
L. Harby jun^r

At a court held for Cumberland county 26th July 1773.

This last will and testament of Rob^t M^r Lawrence deceased was proved
by Joseph Ballard jun^r and Lillibrow Harby jun^r two of the subscribers thereto
and proved to be correct and in the relation of Elizabeth M^r Lawrence

...and George Cunningham and George Cunningham are two of the associates
...and ... both according to the ... granted them for

... together
... their security
... to the other
... to join in ...

Open

Test
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Inventories of William Allen Burtons estate

28 negroes, 10 head hogs, 127 head hogs, 49 head cattle, 25 sheep, 1 hand saw,
2 drawing knives, 1 foot ... 4 augers, 1 gough, 1 chippell, 1 hammer,