

UNRECORDED WILLS OF DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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Dinwiddie, Virginia

A number of original Dinwiddie County wills from the period prior to the destruction of the court records were recently discovered in the Clerk's Office. Eighteen of these were published in the *Virginia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, v. 10, no. 1, Jan. 1972. The remainder are given here.

EDWARD DAVIS

In the Name of God amen. I Edward Davis of the Parish of [] and County of Dinwiddie and Colony of Virginia being sick & we[ak] in body but of perfect strength of memory thanks be to Almighty God and calling to remembrance the uncertain estate of this Transsory Life and that all Flesh must yield unto Death when it shall please God to call, do make ordain constitute and declare this my Last Will & Testament in manner and form following.

First, I give and commit my Soul unto Almighty my Savior and Redeemer in whom and by the merits of Jesus Christ I trust and believe assuredly to be saved and have full remission and forgiveness of all my sins and that my soul with my Body at the general day of Resurrection shall rise again with joy and through the merits of Christ's death & passion possess and inherit the Kingdom prepared for his elect and Chosen and my Body to be decently buried at such place as shall please my exrs. hereafter named to appoint now for the setling of my Temporal estate and such goods and chattles as it hath pleased God far above my deserts to bestow upon me, I do ordain give and dispose of the same in manner and form as followeth

First I will that all the debts & dues I owe in right caution to any person be well & truly contented and paid out of my estate by my exrs. hereafter named.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my four beloved sons William Davis, Edward Davis, Joshua Davis & Charles Davis all and singular my Lands & Plantations with all and every of their rights members & appurtenances thereto belonging, lying and being in the Counties of Dinwiddie, Brunswick & Lunenburg to be equally divided between My four sd. sons by my exrs. hereafter named to them my four sons and their Heirs forever but and if either of sd. sons shall die before they come to full age of twenty one years

without Issue lawfully begotten of their Body that then the aforesd. Land to be equally divided between the survivors.

Item. I give and bequeath all my negroes stocks of cattle horses & hoggs and all the other my personal estate to be equally divided between my loving wife Lucy Davis & all my Children William Davis, Edward Davis, Joshua Davis, Charles Davis, Eliza. Davis, Susannah Davis & Sarah Davis to them my afore sons and my daughters and their Heirs forever to equally divided between my wife & all my Children by my exrs. hereafter named.

Item. It is my Will & Desire that my estate may not be appraised.

Lastly I ordain constitute & appoint my loving friends Peter Jones Davd. Walker William Davis & Peter Williams my whole & sole exrs. of this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Will & legacies formerly made given and bequeathed as Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this seventh day of Octr. 1757.

Edward Davis

Signed Sealed and published by the sd.

Edward Davis as his last Will & Testament

In presence of

Pricilla Embry) At a Court held for Dinwiddie
Richd. Jones) County Jany. 13th 1758
Tho. Wilkerson) This Will was proved by the oath
of Thomas Wilkerson one of the witnesses thereto and
ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of the sd.[?]
William Davis and Peter Williams two of the executors
therein named who made oath according to Law Certificate
is granted them for obtaining a Probat thereof in due form
whereupon they together with James Hardaway and David
Williams their securities entered into and acknowledged
their bond in the sum of two thousand £500 for their due
& faithful performance of the sd. Will & liberty being
reserved the other exrs. herein named to join in the
probat when they shall think fit And at a Court held for
sd. County Feby. 10th 1758 This Will was further provd.
by Rd. Jones another Witness thereto.

Teste

George Nicholas C.D.C.

Copy Teste Geo. Nicholas Junr. for

Thos. Ruffin C.D.C.

FULWAR SKIPWITH

In the name of God amen. I Fulwar Skipwith of the County of Dinwiddie being of sound & perfect memory do make this my last Will and Testament.

First my Will is that all my just Debts be paid.

Secondly The residue and remainder of my Estate both real & personal I give unto my only son Fulwar Skipwith to him & his heirs forever.

Lastly I leave & appoint my well beloved Nephew Sir Peyton Skipwith my whole & sole Executor of this my Last Will & Testament To whose care & protection I Leave my said Son, Hereby revoking all former Wills be me made & desire this may stand as my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seal this 19th day of Novembr. 1765.

[Sig]n'd Seal'd & deliver'd)

[in] presence off) Fulwar Skipwith

John Young

Winnefred (X) Young

JANE CARDWELL

In the Name of God Amen. I Jane Cardwell of the County of Dinwiddie and parrish of Bath being sick in body but of a Sound mind and memory Do make and ordain this my last will and Testament Revoking and annulling all and Every will I may have maid heare to fore first I Recommend my Soule to god who gave it through his miscis [?] in Crist Jesus from whose merits I hope for Salvation. I Dispose of my Estate in the way and Maner as followeth, viz. after paying all my just Debts

Item. I Give and beQueath to my mother Obedience Cardewell all my Estate both Rael & Pirsonal to her and her heirs for Ever.

Item. I Consitute and appoint this my trusty friend Henery Thweatt Extr. to this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have heare Unto set my hand and affixed my Seal this third Day of January one thousand sevn hundred and Nighthty five
Signed Seald & Deled.

in presents of Jane Cardwell (Seal)

Wm. A. Meredith

Wm. Cardwell

Thomas Cardwell

[On reverse:] Feby. Court 1796 proved by Wm. A. Meredith & contd.

JOSEPH JACKSON

In the name of God amen July the 23 1784 I Joseph Jackson in the county of Dinwiddie Being in perfect and sound mind blessed be god for it and calling to mind the Mortality of my body and Nowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I do here make my last will and Testament in the Following manner and form first and

Principally I Recommend my Soul to god who gave it hoping through the merits of my Blessed Saviour to obtain full and Perfect Remission of my sins and my body I commit to the ground to be burried at the discretion of my executors hear after Named and as for such Worldly estate it hath pleased god to Bestow on me I give and Dispose of in the Following manner and Form

Imprimis. I give and Devise to my Dear loving wife the Plantashon that I now live on Dureing hir life and not to be rented nor least with out the cosent of the ones that comes after hir Death. [] Negro man named Robin to hir hir ares for ever also one fether bed and Furnitute and sixty Pound current Money of Virgene to hir and hir ars for ever. I lend to my Dear loving wife one Negro woman named Sarah and one bay mare and fold and half my stock of cattel sheap and hogs and half my citchen furniture Dureing hir natril life.

Item. I give and Devise to my Brother Abner Jackson my land after my Dear wife Death and every things else [] I give to him and his ars forever. Also he is to pay all just Dets also what I lend to my Wife I leave to Abner Jackson after hir Natril life, To him and his ars for ever.

and Lastly I do Nominate and Appoint Abner Jackson and Erasmis Hardin Excutors of this my last will and testament and my will is that my estate be not appraised and I do hear by Revoke Disanul and make void and I declar this and no other to be my last Will and testament in witness where of I have hereunto set my hand and affix my seal the day any year first above written.

[Signed] sealed and delivered
by sd. Joseph Jackson to Joseph Jackson (Seal)
be his last will and testament
in Presence of us
Thomas Worsham
William Lewis
Thomas Lewis

[On reverse:] Jany. Court 179[] rs: by Lewis &
contd. Abner Jackson quallif'd bond 1000£ Wm. Lewis
Secy.

JOHN GRANT

In the Name of God Amen I John Grant of Dinwiddie County and Parish of bath being weak in body but of a sound mind and memmory but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and the certainty of death do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament. my body I commit to the Earth from whence it came to be decently Interd. and my soul to almighty God hoping thro the merits of my

blessed saviour to obtain Remission of All my sins and as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased God to bestow on me in this life, I give and bequeath in form and manner following Viz. I desire that all my Just debts and funeral expences be first paid.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Aaron Grant one negro man named Peter also the bed and furniture which I sleep on also all my wearing cloths also half the still and half the fan Mill to him and his heirs for ever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Stephen Grant one Negro man named Narres also half the still and half the fan Mill also the land and plantation whereon I now live containing two hundred Acres to him and his heirs for ever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Burwell Grant one negro boy named Will to him & his heirs for ever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grandson John Grant son of Aaron one negro boy named Ned to him and his heirs for ever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my grand daughter Sally Grant daughter to my daughter Lucy the sum of five Pounds to her and her heirs for [ever]

Item. I desire that my Negro girl dili [?] May be soul and the money ariseing therefrom be Equally devided Between my three sons Aaron Stephen & Burwell Grant to them and their heirs for ever.

Item. I desire that all my estate that is not heretofore Mention'd or given away either in or out of doors together with all bonds and accountts that may be due to me be equally divided between my three sons Namely Aaron Stephen and Burwell Grant to them and their heirs for ever.

I desire there may be no appraisement of my estate.

Lastly I do nominate and appoint my two sons Aaron Grant and Stephen Grant executors of this my last will and testament hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made in Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this eleventh day of November in the year of our lord one Thousand seven hundred and Ninety. Sealed and assigned

& acknowledged
to be my last will
and testament
in presence of
Matthew Dance
John Grant Jnr.
Joseph Grant
Moses Grant

John (X) Grant (Seal)

[On reverse:] The Last Will & Testamt. of Jno. Grant

prov'd. by 1 Wit & Contd. April Ct. 1801.

NOAH BROWN

In the Name of God, Amen. This Twenty Second Day of January One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Eight, I Noah Brown of the County of Dinwiddie being very sick & weak of Body but of perfect Mind & Memory, Thanks be to God therefore, Calling unto Mind the mortality of my Body, & knowing that it is appointed unto all Men once to Die, do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament; That is to say, principally, & first of all I give and recommend my Soul unto the hands of God that gave it and for my Body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like & decent Manner at the discretion of My Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same by the mighty power of God. And as touching such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise, & dispose of in manner following.

Impremis, I lend to my beloved Wife Martha Brown during her Widowhood or untill my son Lewis Brown arrives to age of twenty one years the whole of my Estate both real and personal, and at that period my desire is that the Estate may be divided in the following Manner

Item. I lend to my beloved Wife Martha Brown during her Natural life or Widowhood One hundred & sixteen & two thirds acres of Land to be Cutt off at the lower End of my Tract, also I lend her One Negro Girl Named Beck, One Negro Boy Named Dick, 1 Feather Bed & Furniture, two Cows & Calves, & a Foal to be raised from my Grey Mare for her Natural life.

Item. I Give to my son Lewis Brown One hundred & sixteen Acres & two thirds of Land adjoining Isaac Lunseford, reserving therein a home for one of my Daughters as long as she lives Single to him & his Heirs forever.

Item. I give to my son Burwell Brown One hundred & sixteen Acres & two thirds of Land lying at upper part of my Tract reserving therein a home for my other Daughter as long as she lives Single to him & his Heirs forever.

Item. My Will & desire is that my sons Land may be laid off & possession given them as soon as they arrive at the age of Twenty One years.

I leave the whole of my Estate except what is before given to be equally Divided betwixt my Thre Sons Lewis Brown, Burwell Brown, Noah Brown and my Two Daughters Susanah Baugh & Patsy Winfield. To be delivered to them by my Executors when they come to the age of Twenty One Years & if any of them should depart this life before they come to age or without an Heir that their part of

the Estate shall be Equally divided amongst the rest of the Children to them & their Heirs forever.

Item. I Give the One Hundred and Sixteen Acres of Land & two thirds lent my Wife during her life or Widowhood to my son Noah Brown & his Heirs forever after that period.

Item. My desire is that my Negroe Woman Sarah may be liberated according to Law after the Expiration of Ten years from the date of these presents.

I Nominate and appoint My Wife Martha Brown & Joseph Malone my only & sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament, And I do hereby disallow, revoke, & disannul all and every other former Testaments, Wills, and Legacies, bequests, & Executors by me in any ways before this time Named, Will'd, & Bequeathed, Ratifying & Confirming this and no other to be last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the day & year before Written.

Sign'd, Seal'd

Noah Brown (Seal)

& acknowledged
in presence of
William Bell
William Sturdivant
William Baugh

[On reverse:] April Court 1799. Exceptions & filed. At a Ct. held for Dinwiddie Cty. on Monday the 29[?] day of Apl. 1799. The last will & testament of Noah Brown being filed in the clerk's office, and subpenas having been served on William Sturdivant and William Baugh the subscribing witnesses to the said will, and William Novel the writer of the said will, and the said Witnesses having appeared, and being duly sworn the said William Baugh deposed that the said will was read to the testator in his presence, and that the testator acknowledged the same to be his will, and signed the said will in the presence of him the said Baugh, and that to the best of the knowledge and belief of him the said Baugh the said testator was in his senses, and competent to execute the said will. And the said William Sturdivant deposed that altho' he signed the said will as a witness he did not see the testator sign and seal the same, nor did he acknowledge the same in the presence or hearing of him the said Wm. Sturdivant, and that he the said Wm. Sturdivant signed the said will as a witness without being requested by the said testator, and that on the day he the said Wm. Sturdivant signed as a witness and which was on the same day the said Wm. Baugh subscribed the said will as a witness, the said testator appeared to be some times in his senses and sometimes out of his senses and that at the time this deponent signed as a

witness he could not well tell what was the state of the testator's mind. That he the said deponent Wm. Sturdivant often heard the said Noah Brown when in his senses declare that he was displeased with the marriage of his son John Brown, and that he should not enjoy any of the estate of him the said Noah Brown. And the said Wm. Novel deposed that he was the writer of the said will that no part of it was dictated to him by the said Noah Brown, but that the greatest part thereof was dictated [by] Wm. Davies, that when the said Noah Brown signed his name to the said will, he appeared to this deponent Novel to be insensible and incompetent to do an act of [] consequence as the execution of a Will. that this deponent Novel was present when the said Baugh and Sturdivant subscribed as witnesses the said will & he appeared to be asleep. This deponent Novel was then satisfied that the said N. Brown was not then of sound mind, and this deponent Novel thought from the conduct of the wife of the said Noah Brown and the said Wm. Davies who acted in concert together, that the wife of the said Brown and Davies had agreed upon the disposition of the estate of the said Noah Brown without any direction from the said Brown, that this deponent Novel read the said will to the said Noah Brown before he signed the same, observed he could alter it when he got better, but this deponent Novel believed that after the will was read and executed the said Noah Brown was unable tell how his property was disposed of. Whereupon John Brown the son of the said Noah Brown moved the court to set aside the said will and not grant probat of the same, as from the testimony aforesaid, the said will was invalid, the testator being insensible and incompetent to execute the same, but the court overruled the said motion, and granted probat of the said will, declaring their opinion to be that the said will was duly properly and legally made and executed & with respect to the personal estate, to which opinion the said John Brown [] & prays.

Eli^a. King

Edwd Pegram
[Orders Peters?]
Peter Vaughan

HOWARD VALENTINE

I Howard Valentine of the County of Dinwiddie and State Virginia being weakly of Body but of sound mind and memory and to prevent disputes which may arise after my death about the worldly Goods with [which] I am blest, do ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following

First, I lend unto my Wife Winney Valentine the whole of my Estate both real and personal as it now stands

during her natural life.

Second, I give and bequeath unto my grandson John Valentine one Feather Bed and Furniture after the Death of my said Wife, to him and his Heirs forever.

Third, I give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Betsey Bibby one Feather Bed and Furniture after the Death of my said Wife, to her and her heirs forever.

Fourth, I give and bequeath unto my two Daughters Mimy Scott & Nancy Valentine one Feather Bed and Furniture to be sold to the highest bidder and the money thence arising from such sale to be equally divided between them, to them and their Heirs forever.

Fifth, I give and bequeath unto my said Grandson John Valentine my young mare after the Death of my said Wife, to him and his Heirs forever.

Sixth, I give and bequeath unto my said Grandson John Valentine and Grand daughter Betsey Bibby all my stock of Cattle at my Wife's death, to be equally divided between them, to them and their Heirs forever.

Seventh, My Will and desire is that all the residue of my Estate not already given away, shall (at my Wife's) Death be sold to the highest bidder, and the money thence arising be equally divided among my three Children (to wit) Mimy Nancy and Jimmy Valentine which I give to them and their Heirs forever.

I constitute and appoint my two Friends Nathaniel Dabney and James Hargrave whole and sole Executors of this my last will and testament disannul[ing] and making void all other Wills made be me heretofore. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and seal the twenty ninth day of December in the Year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Sign'd, Seal'd & Deliver'd Howard (X) Valentine
In presence of (Seal)

[]
James Hargrave

[On reverse:] Jany. Court 1809 prov'd by Hargrave and Contd.

REBECCA SCOTT

In the name of God Amen. I Rebecca Scott of the County of Dinwiddie being of sound Mind and memory do make Constitute and ordain this instrument of Writing to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following.

First, I give to my son Thomas G. Scott a young bay colt called Rock to him his heirs & assigns forever.

Secondly, my will and desire is that the land conveyed to me by my son Edward Scott being his part of the land left by his Father, may go and descend to my four youngest

sons namely Thomas G. Scott, Peter Scott, Joseph L. Scott & William B. Scott in Equal porpotions to them and their respective heirs forever.

Thirdly, My will and desire is that all the rest and residue of my estate of what nature or kind whatever, may be equally divided among all my Children share & share alike to them and their respective heirs forever.

Lastly, I hereby Appoint my Father Edward Pegram executor to this my last will, and desire there may be no appraisement of my estate in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this eighteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Signed Sealed and acknowledged Rebecca Scott
as her last will and testament
in presence of us who subscribed
our Names as Witnesses at her request

Cincinnatus Stith

Benjamin Hardaway

[]ne 21st Ct. 1813 provd. by C. Stith [an]d Contd.
Edwd. Pegram Exor. [qu]alifd. & gave bond in the penalty
of 2500 John Pegram secy.

(To be continued)

UNRECORDED WILLS OF
DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Contributed by Mrs. Sallie E. H. Short
Dinwiddie, Virginia

(Continued from V. 16, p. 172)

THOMAS STEWART

In the Name of God amen. I Thomas Stewart of the Count of Dinwiddie, Being of sound mind and memory but callin to mind the uncertainty of this mortal life, do make an ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following

Imprimis. I give and devise unto my three sons to wi Charles Stewart, Joseph Stewart and Armstead Stewart, the tract of land whareon I now live to be equally devi between them to them and their heirs forever but where my said two sons Charles and Joseph Stewart have moved to the Western Country and may never more be heard of, If after my death they do not return, them or their immediate child or children to receive their proportion of the said land hereby given before my grand son Henry Armstead Stewart arrives to the age of twenty one years then it is my will and desire and I do he[re]by give ea of their parts vizt. Charles's and Joseph's [] pro- portion hereby willed them to him the said Henry Armste Stewart to him and his heirs forever and it is my Will that my executors indeavour to let my said sons Charles and Joseph know by duly advertising the same.

Item. It is my will a desire that my beloved wife if she survives me may hold the one half of my land, with the mantion house during her natural life, and the balance I lend also to my son Armstead Stewart and afte her death to be devided as above directed between my sa sons. I also lend my Wife Winny Stewart Joe a man ser vant and one named Miles and two women to wit Dinah and Abby, Six hea[d] of cattle and six head of sheap, ten head of hogs and choise of two horses and my stage wagg two beds and furniture, half a do[zen] chairs, a table, one third of the chainny and kitching furniture and one year's provisions to be laid of to her, by my herin named execut[ors]

Item. I give to my son Charles to him and his heirs upon the terms before stated if to be found &c a negroe boy Burrel and one named Nelson.

Item. I give to my son Joseph to him and his heirs

upon the same terms before stat[ed] if to be found &c a Boy name Elick But if neither of my said son[s] return as before stated nor their children before my before menti[on]ed grandson Henry Armstead Stewart arrive to the age of twenty one years of age then as I have given the land, I give him the said negroes to him & his heirs forever.

Item. I give unto my Son Armstead Stewart a boy named Frank and a girl named young Dinah, two beds and furniture.

Item. It is my Will and desire that my two negroe men Peter and Bob may be sold to pay my debts, except my said son Armstead Stew[art] will pay the value of them to be applyed in payment of my de[bt]s then and in that case I give them the said Peter and Bob to hi[m] and his] heirs for ever and I also give to my said Son Armstead the proper land excepted which I have lent my wife after her death to him and his heirs for ever as it is my wish that the land may be divided as above directed after my wife's death.

Item. I give unto my grand son Henry Armstead Stewart a woman named Judith & her youngest child (named) Judith, a boy named Jack, a negroe man named Len.

Item. I give unto my grand son John Day a girl named Thody.

Item. I give unto Tempy Boyd, wife of Capt. Boyd of Portsmouth, a negroe girl named Lucy to her & her heirs for ever.

Item. I give unto my grand Daughter Eliza Deen a negroe Boy named Jessee to her and her heirs for ever.

Item. I give unto my son William Stewart fifty pounds.

Item. I give unto my daughter Mary Stewart a negroe woman named Dol to her heirs for ever.

Item. I give unto my grand Son Richd. Deen son of my daughter Sophy a negroe Boy named Joshua.

Item. I give and devise after all my Just Debts are paid and legacys also all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal to my son Armstead Stewart to him and his heirs for[ever].

[Las]tly I hereby nominate and appoint my friends Henry Causins and Samuel Hinton executors to his my last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day May one thousand eight hundred and eight.

Signed sealed and declares in the presence
of us Thomas Stuart

Richd. C. Claiborne

George Booth

Cliff Haselwood

In addition to my last Will & Testament made and

acknowledged on the 18 day of May one Thousand Eight hundred & Eight.

Item. I lend unto my wife Winney Stewart one Negro woman named Sally during her life.

[Item] I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Nancy Stewart (of Mecklenburg) one Negro woman named Daus to her and her Heirs forever.

By this codicil I now revoke the last Item in my will of the above date where I gave the residue of my Estate after my debts are paid to my son Armstead Stewart.

Item. I give and desire after all my just debts are paid & legacies that the residue of my Estate not willed away shall be equally divided between my sons Charles Stewart, Joseph Stewart & Armstead Stewart to them & their Heirs forever but in case either Charles or Joseph Stewart should not return to claim their proportion, I then give the proportion not claimed to Henry A. Stewart.

Thomas Stuart

[On reverse:] January Ct. 1810 provd. by Cliff Haselwood & Contd. Orderd. the Codicil thereto annexed to sd. Will proved by Thomas Rogers & Jas. Reese. Winney Stewart wid. renounces the benefit of the bequest of the testator.

July Court 1810 this Will was presented into Court for proof where upon Richd. Claiborne Geo. Booth Nathl. Manson Thos. Rogers, Danl. E. Elder & John Abernathy were sworn & examined. It is the opinion of the Court because the said Stewart was not of sound mind & for other reasons that it was not the true last Will & Testament of the said Thos Stewart and that the said Will ought not to be admitted to record.

ELIZABETH CRYER

In the name of God Amen. I, Elizabeth Cryer of the County of Dinwiddie feeling the infirmities of old age tho Sound in mind do make this my last will and testament and hereby do revoke all other Guift or will made by me heretofore.

I give and bequeath unto my husband Stephen Cryer my lot of Ground where on I live with both my houses attaced [?] thereto.

2 I also give unto my Husband Stephen Cryer two feather beds with all their furniture, two tables, fore cher[] p[er]ts one tea ketle one spider one spinning whele and two flat Irons with all my weareing apparell. This September 23th in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eleven.

Elizebet Cryers X mark

William Hubbard
Jacob Kirkham
Aaron Grainger

FRANCES HARDAWAY

In the name of God Amen I Frances Hardaway of Dinwiddie County of sound mind and lawfull age do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in the following manner to wit

Item. I give to my son James M. Hardaway one negro woman named Bibb and her increase to him and his Heirs forever.

Item. I give to my two sons Grief Hardaway and Markham Hardaway the whole of the remainder of my Estate of every description to be equally divided between the two to them and their Heirs forever.

I hereby constitute and appoint my son James M. Hardaway my only Executor to this my last Will and testament hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Frances Hardaway

Sign's Seal'd and acknowledged

in presence of

R. Pegram Marston Abernathy

Daniel Manly

[On reverse:] 1818 October 19th Proven by one witness & Contd.

CHARLES STEWART

In the name of god amen I Charles Steward of dinwidy County being in good helth at this time and of sound mind and memory praise be given all mighty God for the same, do make this my last will and testament in maner and form as following

Item 1st I give unto my beloved nephew Field Perkinson of Chesterfield County all my Land or freehold where on I now live to him and his heirs and assigns for ever with all stock of every kind with all utensils belonging to the same at my decease.

Item 2d I give and bequeth unto my beloved nephew as before said all my negres or slaves, names as follows one negro fellow Ned one negro woman Nancy and her four Children viz Nat Charles Uriah and Stott with all her in Creace to him and his heirs for ever.

Item 3d I give unto the aforesaid neffue Field Perkinson one old negro woman named Chloey to him and

his heirs for ever will all the in Creace of my persinal and real estate which I may die posest of in witness whereof I here unto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of february one thousand eight hundred fifteen.

Witniss Charles (X) Stewart (Seal)

Henry Cousins Pleasant Hobbs

Wm. B. Wilson

[On reverse:] 1831 August 15th Proved by Wm. B. Wilson & Contd. for further proof.

JOHN ALLGOOD

In the name of God amen. I John Allgood of Dinwiddie County and State of Virginia Calling to mind the mortality of my body and being in perfect sence and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all other wills heretofore made by me.

Imprimis. my will and desire is that my wife Martha Allgood remain on the plantation where on I now live; and be supported out of my Estate, during her natural life and keep my children with her. I give unto my son Edward M. Allgood my lower tract of land whereon Mr. Simon C. Jackson now lives containing one hundred and ninety five Acres. I give unto my sons John William and Henry Stith the tract of land where on I now live containing four hundred & seventy nine acres more or less, to be equally divided between them my will is tnat of either of my three sons die before they come to the years of twenty one, or have a lawfull heir, that land will'd them be equally divided between the other two. I give unto my Daughters Martha Ann Jones Barbara Harrisson Polley Gibs Allgood my tract of land bought of Wynn, containing two hundred acres more or less, to be sold when the first one comes to the age of twenty one years. Will is that if either of my Daughters die before they come to the age of twenty one or have a lawfull heir that the proceed from the aforesaid tract of land be equally divided between the other two. The ballance of my estate after paying all my Just debts I give to my six Children Edward M. Martha A. J. Barbara H. John W. Polly G. and Henry S. Allgood to be equally divided between them. Lastly I nominate and appoint William H. T. Harper and my son Edward M. Allgood executors of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twelvth day of March one thousand eight hundred and twenty three.

John (X) Allgood (Seal)

Sign'd seal'd and acknowledged
in the presence of
William Featherstun
Clement Eckles
Goodwyn H. Harper

[On reverse:] 1823 September 15th produced in Court
for probat, and for reasons appearing to sd. Court it
is ordered that the same [] in the Office for that
purpose.

RICHARD GOODE

In the name of God amen. I Richard Goode of the
County of Dinwiddie being in sound mind and health do
make and ordain this my last will and testament in form
& manner foll:

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Ma[]
all my estate of every description, both real & persona[l]
except a half stock gun, which I bought som[e] time since
in Petersburg, which I give to my friend John H. Davis.
In witness where of I hereunto set my hand and seal
this the 4th day of Sept. [in] the year of our lord
eighteen hundred and twenty four.

Test Richd. Goode (Seal)

John (X) Thrift
Lorenzo D. Harmon
Benjamin Jolley

[On reverse:] 1825 April 18th Proved by Ben: Jolly
& Contd.