

In the Name of God, Amen. I Job Cotton
of the County of Gloucester & Commonwealth of Virgi-
nia, being of sound & perfect Mind & Memory,
and calling to mind the Mortality of my Body,
do make and ordain this my Last Will and
Testament: That is to say, first of all I rec-
ommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty
God who gave it and my Body to the Earth,
and my worldly Estate, therewith it hath pleased
God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and
dispose of it in Form & Manner following.

In witness

I devise that all my Lands be sold
And the Money be put out at Interest for
the Benefit of the Persons hereafter to be named.
and my devise is that all my just Debts be
paid.

Item,

I give devise and bequeath unto my
beloved wife Ann Cotton, one half of my Estate
for and during the Term of her Natural Life
and at her Death I give the said Estate together
with the other Half unto my son Samuel Cotton
and his Heirs forever; unless I should at my Death
leave more than one Child, in that Case I give
the whole of said Estate (here by given to my said
son) to be equally divided between my said
Children and their Heirs; And should either
of them die, under the age of Twenty one Years
without lawful Issue, I devise the Part of the
Child or Children so dying, unto the survivor
or survivors and their lawful Representatives.
But should all my Children die under the
age of Twenty one Years, without lawful Issue
in that Case I give & devise the whole of my
Estate unto my said beloved wife, for and
during the Term of her Natural Life and at
her Death to be equally divided between my
valued Friends, Robert Brough and his latter

Amelia Brough and their heirs forever
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My Desire is, that particular Attention
may be given by my Executors to the Edu-
cation of my Child or Children as the Case
may be, and that ^{the Money} they have as finished
an Education as the Estate I leave behind me
will permit.

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I do nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife Ann Cotton & my friend Robert Brough Executors of this my last will & Testament, hereby revoking all former wills & Testaments heretofore by me made, ratifying & confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

For Witness where of I the said Jobbston
have hereunto set my Hand and affixed
my Seal at Hampton, in Elizth City County
and Commonwealth afores^d the Twenty
Eighth Day of August, one thousand seven
hundred and Eighty seven.

Signed, Sealed, published
and declared by the said
Job Cotton to be his last Will
and Testament in the Presence
of us who in his Presence and
in Presence of each other
have subscribed our Names
as Witnesses.

John

Hiles King

Charles Jennings

Wm. G. - 1855

Elizabeth County Court February 24th 1796

This will was proved by the oaths of Miles King and William
Kerby witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

Teste

Herriott Moore Ck



1796 This Court proved and
ordered to be recorded

Prosser

The last will & Testament
of Peter Job & Cotton; Peter
King: 28th 1796