

The 27 day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven
 hundred twenty and four I Laurence Catlett of the County of
 Virginia, being in perfect memory and understanding repaired to the almighty
 God, do make ordain & appoint this my Last Will & Testament in manner
 & form following. I bequeath my soul to God & my body to the Earth.
 I give to my Loving wife Alice Catlett during her natural life eight
 negroes to wit Robin, Tom, Sambo, Quay, Bore, Briny, Andatt, Tom the
 younger, and my will is that the aforesaid Negroes be equally divided
 between my two Brothers John & Thomas Catlett at the death of my aforesaid
 wife. I likewise give to my Loving wife Alice & her heirs for ever
 three Negroes, viz. Hercules, Peter & Venus. I give to my Loving wife
 all my Household Goods that I am possessed with at this time. I likewise
 give to my Loving wife all my Store of Horses, Cattle, Hogs & Sheep
 and I do appoint my Loving wife Alice Catlett & my Father in Law
 Mr. Francis Thornton my Executors. In Witness that this is my will
 have hereunto put my hand and seal the day and year before written
 Signed & sealed in presence of

In a Room
 No. Smith

Laurence Catlett



At a Court held for the County of Tuesday the 19th day of January 1724.
 This will was produced in Court by Francis Thornton one of the Executors within named
 who made oath thereto, & being further proved by the oaths of the witnesses
 thereto is admitted to record.

(Left) W. Beverley Clerk

In the name of God amen I John Catlett of the County of Virginia being
 very sick & weak of body but in perfect sense & memory thanks be to God, do
 make and ordain this my Last will & Testament in manner and form following.
 I bequeath my soul to God hoping through the merits death & passion
 of my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ to have his free pardon & forgiveness of
 all my sins & my body to be decently buried by my Exors after
 named and for the buriall charge I will please God to bestow upon me I give
 and bequeath as followeth. First I will that my Debt be justly paid by my Exors.
 I give to my two Sons John & Thomas & my Daughter Mary Catlett 1800 Acres of
 Land in the County of Stafford in the County of the State of Virginia. I give to my Son
 John & his heirs the land he has on & is divided from the other part of the aforesaid

tract of Land as followeth beginning at the corner tree of the hundred Acres of Land I had
 in exchange of Charles Smith a little below the road in the Line of Gillels gotten thence South
 West up to the top of the first Edge of Hills thence along the said ridge to the rolling road &
 along the said road to the bare Norwest line thence up & along the said Norwest line to the said
 of Evans so with the Land of Evans to the road then down the road to the beginning Line I have
 I give to my Son Thomas and his heirs that part of the aforesaid tract of Land that lyeth on the
 South side of Bear Creek main branch & up & along the said branch to the second branch that
 issues out above the hills & with the said branch & the Butternut point thence to the
 the road then shall up to the rolling road then up the said ^{road to the} Norwest Line of the aforesaid tract
 of Land thence South East to the beginning thence North East to the Line of Salisbury
 & and thence with the main branch of Bear Creek I give to my Daughter Margaret
 During her natural life my dwelling plantation and the Land adjacent being part of my
 aforesaid tract of Land as also the Land I had of Charles Smith thence to the beginning being all
 bounded by the Land before given to my Son John & Thomas I give to my Son
 Thomas all my part of the Land purchased by me and Jonathan Merton of Maryland and
 Richard Perry being part of a Mortgage from Charles Smith to Jonathan Perry Thomas Evans
 & Richard Perry and by the Deeds will appear I give to my Son Thomas the
 part of his said purchased Land to him & his assigns I give to my Son Thomas the
 hundred Acres of Land lying in Annapolis County on the South West Mountain run and being the
 hundred Acres of Land being part of the same tract I give to my grandson which can be
 lying under a Survey in the office of the Secretary in my name to them their heirs & assigns
 I give to my Daughter Margaret & her heirs a Negro Slave, Twenty Charles County
 and all her Children & likewise her share of my father's best beaver blankets & a pair of
 four pair of Shells one Diaper Table Cloth & a Doz of napkins a great kins & several
 other things & rather five, a Looking Glass, fifteen head of old & young cattle half my hoggs
 and half my corn one old feather bed & covering that is rugg & blankets & my mare &
 Colt & the old horse Dull; I give to my Grand Daughter Martha Salisbury of the
 lives to the age of sixteen or marriage to her and to her heirs a Negro woman named Sus
 and all her Children & fifteen barrels of my corn for their use & all the Negro working tools
 and I also appoint my Son John Catlett Trustee for my Grand Daughter Martha & the people
 of the Negroes so long as they live with him under his care for their maintenance till my aforesaid
 Grand Daughter shall arrive to the age of sixteen or day of Marriage I give to my
 Daughter Margaret half my powder, tinpans & Earthen Ware & three minding & large
 Iron pots, Shells & two saying gaws and a parcel of goods I have out for I give the said
 half to her & particularly the goods I have out for for her use & the half of the same goods & the other

half to my two sons John & Thomas, I then I give to my Daughter in Law
 Mrs. Catlett all my Land in the fore of Bowman's during her life or day
 of Marriage, & also four Negroes to wit Hambro & Jonny & the two youngest
 Children provided she make no claim or title to these negroes given by her
 husband so long as she lives, but in case my said daughter in
 Law Mrs. Catlett shall pretend to make any claim to these Negroes as given to her
 by her husband that then & in such case, I give all these said Negroes to be
 equally divided between my five Children John and Thomas & Mary & Elizabeth
 & Rebecca and all what other negroes I have not given already to be equally
 divided between my said five Children excepting the share of two negroes which I
 give to my two sons John & Thomas due and above their shares and what negroes
 I have formerly given to my aforesaid Children I give to them & their heirs,
 then I give to my son John a negro man called Joe Jonny & my eldest daughter
 and my eldest son's share which I give to my daughter Elizabeth & my son's share
 I give to my son Thomas my share, then I give all my other personal estate money
 & lands & what negroes now for keep and whatever else I have not already given
 to be equally divided amongst my said five Children John & Thomas &
 Mary and Elizabeth & Rebecca. Lastly I nominate & appoint my two sons John
 and Thomas Executors to this my Last Will & Testament. All which witnesses
 I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of November 1724

Signed sealed & delivered to be his last
 Will & Testament in the presence of

Wm. Ellis

John Evans

John Catlett

Wm. Catlett & Co. Seal

At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday the 19th day of January 1724.

This Will was presented in Court by John Catlett & Thomas Catlett Executors within named
 who made oath thereto & being further proved by the oaths of John Evans &
 John Ellis two of the witnesses thereto is admitted to record.

Test. Wm. Beverley Clerk

In the name of god amen I Susanna Wives of
 the County of Essex in the Colony of Virginia being sick & weak but in perfect sense
 & memory thanks be to God for it do make this my Last Will & Testament
 in manner & form following viz^t first I give my Soul to God that gave it,