

The Honorable (Clerk)

In the name of God Amen I Robert Taliaferro of the parish of Saint Pauls in the County of Stafford being sick and weak of body but of sound mind & memory doe make this my last will and Testament in manner & form following I bequeath my soul into the hands of my mercifull God who gave it in hopes of a joyfull Resurrection at the last day my body I commit to the Earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Ex^{rs} hereafter named Item I give and bequeath to my Loving brother John Taliaferro three negroes by name George, Sampson, & Will., to him & his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my loving brother William Taliaferro that tract or parcell of Land lying upon Pannonsend Swamp in Essex County containing four hundred acres which I lately purchased of my brother John Taliaferro to him & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. & if the said William should die without such heirs then I bequeath the said Land to my loving brother Richard Taliaferro and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. & for want of such heirs to my loving brother John Taliaferro and his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my aforesaid Brother, William Taliaferro two Negroes named Issey and Robin to him and his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my loving brother Richard Taliaferro that tract or parcell of Land which I lately purchased of Mr. Francis Hagg situated lying & being in Essex County on the branches of the mount and golden vale Swamps containing three hundred & thirty acres to him & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten. and if the said Richard should die without such heirs then I bequeath the said Land to my aforesaid brother William Taliaferro & the heirs of his body lawfully begotten & for want of such heirs to my loving brother John Taliaferro & his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my aforesaid Brother, Richard Taliaferro three negroes by name Bristol Harry and Sarah & two thousand five hundred pounds of tobacco to him & his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my loving sister Elizth the wife of Thomas Stripling three negroes by name Cussey Tom & Tommy for and During the term of her naturall life and after her decess my will and desire is that the said Negroes with their Inward be equally divided Between Francis William Taliaferro Stripling (Sons of the aforesaid Elizabeth) or the Survivor of them to them & their heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to Francis Stripling the Choice of any young horse belonging to my estate Item I give to William Taliaferro Stripling to each of them a young mare Item I give to Francis & John Taliaferro sons of my brother John Taliaferro to each of them ten pounds Sterling to be paid when they come to the age of one & twenty years. Item my will and desire is that my brother John Taliaferro be fully acquitted and Discharged from all debts and Demands whatsoever that is any ways due from him to me. Item my will and desire is that my Ex^{rs} do as soon as convenient ly may be send for a tomb Stone with some proper inscription thereon as to their discretion shall seem meet and the same to be placed on my grave Item I give to my sister Agatha Taliaferro twenty Shillings to buy her a mourning ring Lastly I nominate constitute and appoint my Loving brothers John Taliaferro William Taliaferro & Richard Taliaferro Executors of this my last will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seale this third day of December, one

thousand Seven hundred & twenty five.
Signed Sealed & Delivered to be his last
will & Testament in presence of us

Catesby Locke
Rich: Tunstall,
Wm Liguorish

Robert Taliaferro Esq^r

My will and meaning further is that all my estate be it of what nature or kind soever, not
in this my will before disposed of be equally divided Between my two brothers William
Taliaferro & Richard Taliaferro to them & their heirs for ever, any thing herein contained
to the contrary notwithstanding

Signed Sealed & Delivered

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Wm Liguorish

Robert Taliaferro Esq^r

At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday the 21st day of June the 17th 1726.

The above last will and Testament with the Cogitall of Robert Taliaferro deceased was proved
by the oaths of all the witnesses thereto

Test Wm Liguorish Esq^r

At a Court held for Essex County on Tuesday the 19th day of July 1726.

This last will and Testament with the Cogitall of Robert Taliaferro deceased was proved by
the oaths of John Taliaferro & William Taliaferro two of the Es^{rs} therein named and
admitted to record.

Test Wm Liguorish Esq^r

Know all men by these presents that we John Taliaferro William Taliaferro
Francis Conway & John Taliaferro of Snow Creek are held & firmly bound unto John
Lemay William Daingersfield Benjamin Robinson & Francis Thornton, gent Justices
of the County of Essex in the sum of five hundred pounds sterling to the which payment well &
truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs &c. and adm^{rs} jointly & severally to the said
Justices their heirs and Successors firmly by these presents witness our hands & seals this
19th day of July 1726.

The condition of this obligation is such that if the above bound John Taliaferro &
William Taliaferro Es^{rs} of the last will and Testament of Robert Taliaferro deceased do make or
cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular, the goods chattels & credits