

Specified joining
this 4th day of January 1785

Ed. d
Jas. Jones jr
Philemon Gatewood
Richard Banks

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappanhamock on the 21st day of February 1785 This Settlement of archdeacon Ritchies administration of the Estate of John Gordon deceased being returned is Ordered to be Recorded.

Test of
Hancock Lee Clk

Truly Recorded Test
Hancock Lee Clk

x In the name of God amen I Mary Coates of Essex County, being of disposing sense & memory, do make & ordain this my last will & testament, 1st I bequeath my soul to almighty God my heavenly Father, in hopes of pardon & forgiveness of all my sins & wickedness, in and through the merits of my blessed Lord & Savior Jesus Christ and my body to the earth to be decently buried and my worldly Estate I dispose of it in manner & form following. 2^{dly} I give & bequeath

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unto my Daughter Mary Coates a negro boy by name's Mummam to her &
her heirs lawfully begotten of her body, for ever, but for want of such
You, I Give & bequeath, the said boy Mummam unto my daughter
Ann Sherwood, to her, and heirs for ever, & Lastly I nominate & appoint
my Daughter, Mary Coates & Heritage Howerton Executors to execute
this my last will & testament, as Witness my hand & seal this 3 day of
November One thousand seven hundred and Eighty three

Signed Sealed & acknowledged
in presence of - - -

John Taps
William Taps
Thos. Crutcher

Mary ^{her} Coates 
mark

At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 21st day of
February 1785 This last Will and Testament of Mary Coates deceased
was presented into Court by Heritage Howerton the Executor therein named
& sworn to by the said Mary Coates as the testatrix directs and the same being also

C. d

my daughter, Mary, to have
his my last will & testament, at Witness my hand & seal this 3 day of
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At a Court held for Essex County at Tappahannock on the 21st day of
February 1785 This last will and Testament of Mary Coates deceased
was presented into Court by Heritage Howerton the Executor therein named
who made oath thereto as the Law directs and the same being also
proved by John ^{Taps} and William Taps two of the Witnesses thereto is ordered
to be Recorded.

Jess Hancock Sec^{ly} Clk

Truly Recorded Jess
Hancock Sec^{ly} Clk

KNOW all men by these Presents that we Heritage Howerton & Richard S. John

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