

Clark's
Will, 26

In the Name of God Amen, I John Clark of the Parish of Tuckahoe, and County of Fairfax, being sick in Body but of a good and sound Memory and understanding Thank to be to god for it, and calling to Mind the uncertainty of this Life, and that it is Ordained once for all Men to die when it Pleaseth God. I do declare and Declare this to be my Last Will and Testament, in manner and Form as Followeth, In the first place; I Commit my soul into the Hands of a heavenly God, who gave it to me, and my Body to the ground from whence it was taken, to be Buried in a decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors, whom I shall Hereafter Mention, and as for my worldly Estate which I shall Pleaseth God to Bestow and bestow me with, I do Dispose of in manner and Form as Followeth, *Imprimis* I give unto my Loving Wife Barbara Clark the use of all my whole Estate during her Natural Life except Two Negroes hereafter Mentioned, and one Feather Bed which I give to my son John Clark aforesaid, and after his Mother's Decease I give and Bequeath the same Estate unto my children whom I shall Mention as Followeth. *Item* I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Pitcher one Negro girl named Jenny and her Increase for ever, *Item* I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Winney Pitcher one Negro girl named Jemima and her Increase for ever, *Item* I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Simpson one Negro girl named Nan and her Increase for ever, *Item* I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Susanah Moore a Negro girl named Fanny and her Increase for ever, *Item* I give and Bequeath to my son John Clark Two Negroes one named Pat and her Increase for ever, also a Negro Lad named Sam, and one Feather Bed which he is to Receive at my Death, and at his Mother's Decease the Remains part of my Estate, that is to say all my House hold goods of all kind, and all my Stock of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, and Hogs, and I do give my Slaves their, same as Followeth, old Nan, a young Harry, George, Ben, Lucy, Hannah, Thom and their Increase to him and her Children for ever. My further Will is that they shall be no appraisement, or Security given in the Estate after my Decease and I do hereby Nominate and appoint my Dearly Beloved Wife Barbara Clark my Executor, and also my Dear son John Clark Executor of this my Last Will and Testament, and I do revoke and Revoke all former Wills by me made Herebefore and Declare this only to be my Last Will and Testament, *In witness* whereof I have Hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 19th Day of June 1772

John Clark

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of William Turner, Mary Elzey, Sarah Turner, At a Court hold for the County of Fairfax 17th April 1775 This Will was presented in Court by Barbara Clark and John Clark Executors herein named who made oath thereunto and the same being proved by the oath of William Turner and Sarah Turner two of the Witnesses is admitted to record

And the said Executors having performed what the Law Requires a Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due Form. Took P. Hogeni et al

In the name of God Amen. I Richard Lasko of the County of Fairfax in the Colony of Virginia being in my perfect Senses do make and constitute and appoint this to be my Last Will and Testament, utterly revoking any Wills or Wills heretofore by me made. First I desire that my Just Debts be fully paid and Funeral Expenses. *Whereas* I am Indebted to my Sister in Law Mary Saunders eighty pounds Virginia currency, my will and Desire is that she may Live in a convenient manner in my House during her Life in Satisfaction of the said Debt of which she chooses to do, without any Hindrance whatsoever, But in case she shall rather choose to receive the said eighty pounds, then my Will is that she shall not be Intitled to any part of my said House. *In witness* whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 3rd Day of March 1775

Richard Lasko

Signed Sealed published and Declared to be the Last Will and Testament of Rich^d. Lasko in presence of the John Allison, Martha Hay, John West Jun^r.

At a Court hold for the County of Fairfax 17th April 1775 This Instrument of writing was proved by the oath of John Allison and Martha Hay to be the Last Will and Testament of Richard Lasko Deceased which is ordered to be Recorded. Took P. Hogeni et al

In the name of God Amen. I Nigel M Clifton, of Fairfax County in the Colony of Virginia Widow and Relict of William Clifton, late of the same County Deceased, being of perfect Senses and Memory and of a sound and disposing mind, do make, constitute and declare this writing to be my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and cancelling all former and other Wills by me made. *Imprimis* I give and resign my soul to almighty God in full hope and confidence of a joyful reception through the merits of the Blessed Jesus Christ, and my body to the earth, to be decently Interred at the Discretion of my Executors. *Item* I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Ann Slaughter, one Tract of Land lying in Stafford County and also a Tract of Land lying in Fairfax County, containing by patents Six Hundred and Fifty acres, for and during her Life. *Item* I give and Bequeath after the Death of my said Daughter Ann Slaughter, One moiety of the said Tract of Land lying in Fairfax County, unto my grand Daughter Elizabeth Bront Slaughter and the Heirs of her Body lawfully Begotten, and in Default of such Heirs, I give and Bequeath the said moiety or half part to my grand Daughter, Eleanor Clifton Slaughter and the Heirs of her Body lawfully Begotten, and in Default of such Heirs, to the next child that may be born of my said Daughter Slaughter and the Heirs of the Body of such child, lawfully Begotten, and in Default of such Heirs, to the

children will Next child that may be born of my said Daughter and the Heirs of the Body of such Child and of such child to child and to the Heirs of their Body according to the seniority of such Children of my said Daughter which may be born after born, and in Default of such Heirs, to my Cousin Henry Bront, and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten, and in Default of such Heirs, to Ann Bront and the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten; **and** the other moiety or half part of the said Tract of Land, after the Death of my said Daughter Ann Laughter, I give and bequeath unto my grand Daughter Eleanor Clifton Laughter and the Heirs of her Body, lawfully begotten, and in Default of such Heirs, to my said grand Daughter Elizabeth Bront Laughter and the Heirs of her Body, lawfully begotten, and in Default of such Heirs, to the next child that may be born of my said Daughter and the Heirs of the Body of such child lawfully begotten, and so from child to child and to the Heirs of their Body according to the seniority of such Children of my said Daughter Ann Laughter which may be hereafter born, and in Default of such Heirs, to my Cousin Henry Bront and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten, and in Default of such Heirs to Ann Bront and the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten. — **Item**, I give and bequeath after the Death of my said Daughter Ann Laughter, one moiety or half part of the said Land I have in Stafford County, to my grand Daughter Elizabeth Bront Laughter and the Heirs of her Body, lawfully begotten, and in Default of such Heirs, I give and bequeath the said moiety or half part of the said Land, to my grand Daughter Eleanor Clifton Laughter and the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten, and in Default of such Heirs, to the next child that may be born of my said Daughter Ann Laughter and the Heirs of the Body of such child lawfully begotten, and in Default of such Heirs, and in Default of such Heirs, to the next child that may be born after of my said Daughter and the Heirs of the Body of such child and so from child to child and to the Heirs of their Body according to the seniority of such Children of my said Daughter which may be hereafter born, and in Default of such Heirs to Robert Bront son of Robert, the son of George Bront, and the Heirs of her or; **And** the other moiety or half part of the said Land in Stafford County, after the Death of my said Daughter Ann Laughter I give and bequeath unto my grand Daughter Eleanor Clifton Laughter and the Heirs of her Body, lawfully begotten and in Default of such Heirs to Elizabeth Bront Laughter and the Heirs of her Body, lawfully begotten, and in Default of such Heirs to the next child that may be born of my said Daughter Ann Laughter and the Heirs of such child, and in Default of such Heirs, to the next child which may be born of my said Daughter Ann Laughter and the Heirs of the Body of such child, and so from child to child and the Heirs of their Body according to the seniority of such Children that may be born hereafter of my said Daughter Ann Laughter and in Default of such Heirs, to Robert Bront, son of Robert, the son of George Bront, and the Heirs of her or. — **Item** I give and bequeath unto my Cousins William Bront and Robert Bront of Stafford County and the Survivor of them and the Heirs of the Survivor of them, the following thirty one Slaves viz. Robin, Aaron, Harry, Seth, Jack, Judy, Betty, Henson, young Betty, Hannah, Abraham, Amey, Ben, Nari, Giles, Lucy, young Anthony, young Henry, Solomon, Henry, Dorothy, Alkiday, Kitty, Sarah, Tom, Adam, Winney, Nell, Will, Jacob and Julian and their future Increase, together with all and singular my Stock, House hold Furniture, goods and chattels, except such as are

Hereafter given away, **To Have and To Hold** the aforesaid Slaves their Furniture and Furniture, Goods and Chattels, except such as are hereafter given away to them the said William Bront, and Robert Bront and the Survivor of them and the Heirs of the Survivor of them, in Full and sole use, and to and for the several uses, intents and purposes hereinafter expressed and Declared, viz. that immediately after my Death my daughter Ann Laughter may and shall elect and choose, any Trustee of the above mentioned Slaves, and after such election and choice made, that they the said William Bront and Robert Bront and the Survivor of them and the Heirs of the Survivor of them, shall have, hold, ^{enjoy} and employ the Trustee Slaves so elected and chosen with their Increase born after such election and choice, and the said Stock, House hold Furniture, goods and chattels for the sole separate and particular use, profit, advantage, maintenance and support of her the said Ann Laughter during the continuance of her Marriage with her Husband Thomas Laughter, and in case that the said Ann Laughter should die before her said Husband Thomas Laughter, that they the said Trustee and the Survivor of them and the Heirs of the Survivor of them, shall have, hold, use and employ the said Trustee Slaves and Increase, Stock, House hold Furniture, Goods and Chattels, to and for the use, Benefit and advantage, of such of the said Ann Laughter, her Child or Children, as she by her Last Will or in any other manner may give the same to, or any part thereof, the part or parts of the said Slaves and Increase, Stock, Furniture, goods and chattels with the profits of such part or parts, to be delivered and paid to the Child or Children, to whom the same may be given and appointed at their coming of age or day of Marriage, which may first happen; **But** in case the said Ann Laughter should survive the said Thomas Laughter her Husband, then and in such case, the said William Bront and Robert Bront and the Survivor of them and the Heirs of the Survivor of them, shall deliver unto the said Ann Laughter, the said Trustee Slaves their Increase the said Stock, House hold Furniture and goods and chattels and profits thereof, from thence forth to be bestowed in her and to be her absolute right and property for ever; **Secondly** that they the said William Bront and Robert Bront and the Survivor of them and the Heirs of the Survivor of them, shall immediately after my Death, have, hold, put out and employ the Residue of the said Trustee Slaves and increase after such choice and election made, and the profits thereof for the following uses, intents and purposes, viz. for the Benefit, profit and advantage of the Children of the said Ann Laughter, provided a lawyer, that the said Ann Laughter, shall have full power and Authority to Direct and Declare at any time during her Life, what part or proportion of the said Remaining Slaves and Increase with the profits thereof, shall be given and allotted to each of her Children, and that the part so allotted, given and Declared, shall be paid and Delivered to the Child or Children, as they shall come of age and attainments of Full age respectively or marriage which shall first happen to be their absolute right and property; **And** in case that the said Ann Laughter shall die without Declaring and Directing what proportion of the remaining Slaves and Increase and profits shall be for each child, then the said Trustee and the Survivor of them and the Heirs of the Survivor of them shall make an equal

Division

of such Remaining Slaves and Increase among the said Ann Laughter children together with the profits thereof to be paid to them at the Times aforesaid. and Further that in case the said Ann Laughter shall die before her Husband Thomas Laughter, without making a Disposition and Division of the said Tenement Slaves and Increase among her children together with the Stock, Furniture, Goods and Chattells, that in such case the said Trustees and the Survivors of them and the Heirs of the Survivors of them, shall Decide the same equally among the said Ann Laughter children to be paid and Delivered with the profits thereof to the said Children at the Times aforesaid. And that the profits arising from the said remaining part of the said Slaves and Increase shall be put out by the said Trustees from Time to Time as they shall be received, at Interest upon good Security for the Benefit of the said Children. Item I give and Bequeath to my grand Daughter Elizabeth Bront Laughter her Heir and Assigns for ever, Two Slaves, Old Tony and Franky, a boomy Gold Slave Buttons and one half of my Gold Rings. and to my grand Daughter Eleanor Clifton Laughter, the other other Half of my Gold Rings. Item I give and Bequeath unto my Beloved Couson Ann Bront one Negro Girl named Mary and her future increase to her, her Heir and Assigns for ever, and a boony Feather Bodanet & Collet. and Lastly I make, ordain, constitute and appoint my said Cousons William Bront and Robert Bront of Stafford County Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 26 Day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Two.

Elizabeth Clifton

Signed Sealed, published and Declared by the said Elizabeth Clifton as and for her Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have set our names as Witnesses in the presence at her request and in presence of each other Mary Peake, Robt M. Harrison, Humphrey Peake. And the above named Elizabeth Clifton do make, add and appoint the following writing as a Codicil and further part of the above my Last Will and Testament, That if my said Daughter Ann Laughter, shall survive, shall survive her Husband Thomas Laughter, that then the said William Bront and Robert Bront and the Survivors of them and the Heirs of the Survivors of them, shall have, in and to the said remaining part of the said Thirty One Slaves and Increase and the profits thereof, shall cease, Determine and be void, and that they the said William Bront and Robert Bront and the Survivors of them and the Heirs of the Survivors of them then and in such case, shall Deliver and pay to the said Ann Laughter the said Remaining part of the said Thirty One Slaves and Increase with the profits thereof, to be vested in her the said Ann Laughter in Trust for the use and Benefit of her children, Subject unto the beforesaid Division and appointment thereof, that she shall make among her said children. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 26 day of November Anno Domini 1772.

Elizabeth Clifton

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the said Elizabeth Clifton as and for a Codicil and further part to and of

The foregoing Last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto set our names as Witnesses in the presence and at her request and in presence of each other Mary Peake, Robt M. Harrison, Humphrey Peake. And the said Elizabeth Clifton do make, add and appoint the following writing as another Codicil and further part of the above my Last Will and Testament, In the first place I do hereby make, nominate and appoint George Washington Esq. another Trustee and Executor of the above my Last Will and Testament with Messrs William and Robert Bront therein mentioned, for the same Trusts uses and purposes that are in the said Will and Testament expressed and Declared, hereby giving and granting unto the said George Washington the same power and Authority over the several Trusts in the said Will mentioned that are thereby given unto the said William and Robert Bront as Trustees and Executors. And I do give and devise unto my Couson Ann Bront a Legacy mentioned in my aforesaid Last Will and Testament, a further delay of Fifteen pounds Virginia currency, to be paid her annually During the Term that she shall live unmarried and then to her issue and Heirs forever, to be paid to her out of the profits of the labor of the several Slaves devised and mentioned in the aforesaid Last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 27 Day of March in the year of Christ 1773.

Elizabeth Clifton

Signed Sealed, published and Declared by the said Elizabeth Clifton as and for a further Codicil and part, of and to the foregoing her Last Will and Testament hereby amended in the presence of us who have hereunto set our Hands as Witnesses in the presence and at her request, and in presence of each other Mary Peake, Geo. Bront, Wm. Rumney, Robert Harrison Harrison. At a Court Held for the County of Fairfax 17th May 1773 This Will was presented in Court by Robert Bront one of the Executors therein named and was proved by the Oath of Mary Peake, Robert Harrison Harrison and Humphrey Peake Witnesses thereto also a Codicil annexed was proved by the Oath of the same Witnesses and another Codicil thereto annexed was proved by the Oath of Mary Peake and William Rumney and Robert Harrison Harrison three of the Witnesses thereto and was admitted to Record.

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Additional Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Mary Johnston Decesed taken and made September the 26th 1774.	
For a Negro Woman named Mervia do. and her son Tom do.	90.00
For a Negro Woman named Ann do. and her Daughter Moll do.	90.00
For 1/2 China Wholes 5/ 1 Feather Bed, Furniture and Carbine &	8.45
For 1 Feather Bed and furnished A. 1 Damask Table cloth 20/ 1 Do. Napier 15/	5.15
For 1 Longwood ch. 20/ 1 Seal Skin Trunk 8/ 1 old Book 25/	3.35
For 1 old Chain 6/ 1 Longway Chain 50/ 1 new Table 7/6	3.12.6
For 1 small Looking Glass 2/6 1 Waxing Can 6/	0.8.6