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Will of
John Early
Esq

I John Early of the County of Franklin, in perfect sense and memory do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament. Item first I ordain and require that all my just debts shall be paid; I then will and bequeath all the rest of my real and personal Estate in the following manner: Item I give and bequeath to my two natural Children Sally and Polly all the Land I hold in Henry County at the confluence of the horse Pasture Creek & the Mayho River containing nine hundred acres be the same more or less, together with the following Slaves to wit Lewis Absalom, Lucy, Ginney, Delcey, and Poll, also two feather Beds and furniture, two horses at twenty five pounds each to be valued by my Executors. Item I will and bequeath to my natural Daughter Ginney and her mother Elizabeth in the following manner, to wit, my mansion house on Gill's Creek near Capt. Sketton Taylors, together with all the Lands I hold on the South side of said Creek, adjoining the Lands of Sketton Taylor, Amos Ellison, Jubal Early's orphans and James Baras, and within lines so as to intersect with Pikes Survey, thence north to Gill's Creek, and down as it meanders to John Hales line, thence south to the Beginning. I also will and bequeath to my said natural Daughter Ginney another mother Elizabeth, the following Slaves to wit, Negroe Price and his wife Winny & their three children, Poll, Solomon and Charles, also one negroe Woman named Sall. Item the said Land and negroes and also on I will and bequeath to my natural Daughter Ginny and her mother Elizabeth for ever, also two feather Beds and furniture, two Brute Chairs to be valued by my Executors at the price of twenty pounds each, also thirty Barrels of Corn, two milch Cows, one thousand pounds of mott pork, also a Sufficiency of Plantation utensils to carry on the farm. Item I will and bequeath ^{and} James Callaway Early, all my right, title, and interest that I hold in copartnership with James Callaway on Pig river ⁱⁿ Franklin County State of Virginia, he being my natural Son. Item I give & bequeath to my three natural Sons, Samueh, Jubal, and Melchizedek all the residue of my Estate both real and personal, to be equally divided to them by my Executors, except the following negroes to wit Hannah and her six Children, namely, Beccah, Ruth, Countess Betty, James, and Sam, who it is my last Will and desire shall be free, as Hannah was born free, the Children consequently are. Item, I do hereby appoint and ordain James Callaway Sr. James Callaway Jr, Abner Early, Henry F. Callaway, William Callaway, William Crump and John Callaway Jr son to James Callaway Jr, as my lawful Executors to this my last Will and Testament. Item it

is my Will and desire that — they do, or any two of them shall be binding to me or my heirs for ever. Item I do ordain and desire that my Executors shall only return an Inventory according to Law, and that they shall have all privileges to make any contract that the Laws of my Country would give me in my life time. Item, I do further ordain that James Callaway Sen. James Callaway Jr. Abner Early, Henry Callaway, William Callaway, William Crump and John Callaway Jr. Son to James Callaway Sen. or any two of them to be — my within named natural Children. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, this the ninth of April one thousand eight hundred and four.

Teste

Guy Smith
John Hall
James Mills }

John Early (Seal)

At a court held for Franklin County September 3rd 1804

This Last Will and Testament of John Early deceased was exhibited in Court, and proved by the oath of Guy Smith, John Hall and James Mills, the subscribing witnesses, it appearing to the Court from the Testimony of Guy Smith who wrote the Will, that it was the intention of the Testator to appoint James Callaway Jr., James Callaway Jr., Abner Early, Henry Callaway, William Callaway, William Crump & John Callaway Jr. Son to James Callaway Sr. Guardians of his Children, and that the word "Guardians" was inadvertently omitted by him in writing the Will; Whereupon it is ordered that the same be recorded.

And at a court held for the said County November 7 1804. Henry Callaway and William Callaway two of the Executors named in the said Will qualified according to Law, liberty being reserved to the other Executors herein named to join in the Executorship when they shall think fit.

Teste,

James Callaway & Co.

Eliza Early
Renunciation

Ex?

This Indenture made this 4th day of September 1804 maketh known that I Elizabeth Early Widow and relict of John Early deceased of Franklin County Virginia, who has departed this life within ^{the} than one year from the date hereof, not satisfied with the Provision made for me by my said Husband in his last Will and Testament do hereby declare that I will not take or accept the

The provision made for me by such Will, or any part thereof
 and do hereby renounce all benefit which I might
 claim by such Will - and that I will and take such part
 of the Estate as by the Law of the Land I am intitled to
 take, have and receive. In Witness of all which I do
 hereto set my hand and Seal at Franklin Courthouse
 the day and year above written
 Signed, Sealed & delivered in our presence, Elizabeth Early (Seal)
 Nathl McClaborn, Patrick Hix

At a Court held for Franklin County September 3^d 1804
 This declaration of Elizabeth Early Widow of John Early
 deceased was proved by the oath of Patrick Hix and Nathaniel
 McClaborn the witnesses hereto and ordered to be recorded
 Wm. James Gallaway & Co

John
 Bowman
 Will
 &c?

I John Bowman of Franklin County in the State of Virginia
 do hereby make my last Will and Testament in manner &
 form following that is to say 1st I desire I bequeath
 unto my wife Elizabeth for the period of ten years from my
 decease the Plantation on which I now reside, also the sum
 of two hundred pounds Virginia currency as her own absolute
 property, together with one horse to be chosen by herself from
 my Stock of horses, two cows to be chosen in some manner
 four head of Sheep, the third part of the Kitchen furniture,
 two Beds and furniture, one Chest containing her wearing
 apparel, also my family Bible; also two hogs the choice of
 my Stock, and to leave the Plantation at the expiration of
 Ten years as nearly as possible in the same manner that
 she receives it, wear and Tear excepted, also it is my Will
 that my wife Elizabeth should occupy and have the benefit
 of all the improvements comprehended in my Tract of Land
 containing five hundred acres. 2^d I desire that at my
 decease that all the rest of my moveable property be
 appraised, and that my wife Elizabeth may, if she chooses it
 retain in her possession for the period of ten years, said
 property, at the appraised value, returning property of the same
 kind to the same value at the expiration of Ten years, if
 my wife Elizabeth should choose to sell the above moveable
 property then the money arising from such Sale to be
 equally divided amongst all my Children. 3^d It is
 my Will and desire that at the expiration of Ten years
 from my decease all my property real and personal be
 sold by my Executors and equally divided amongst all my

Inventory
of John
Early's Estate

In pursuance of an order of the Worshippful Court of Franklin We
Shelton Taylor, Alexander Ferguson, and Robert Whitcomb commis-
sioners, being first sworn to take an Inventory & make appraisement of the
Personal Estate of Col. John Early deceased have proceeded to the
same, and Report as follows

1 Gray Horse	100 Dollars	\$30.00
1 Bay Mare Colt with white face		25.00
1 Bay Horse (Shaver)		9.00
1 Bone mare & Colt		22.00
1 Black Mare		18.00
1 Young Bay Horse		22.00
1 Sorrel Mare Colt		15.00
1 Young Black Horse		15.00
1 Sorrel Mare with white face		7.10
3 Waggon Horses	@ \$25	75.00
1 B. B.		15.00
1 Waggon Gear complete for 4 horses & Jack screw		22.00
6 two year old cattle	@ 18¢	5.80
3 three year old D.	@ 20¢	3.00
4 two year old D.	@ 18¢	3.12
2 Steers and 2 cows	30¢	6.00
3 three year old cattle	24¢	3.12
3 cows	48¢	7.40
2 Heifers		3.60
5 cows	48¢	12.00
4 cows & one steer		13.40
4 cows & one steer		15.00
3 two year old cattle	18¢	2.14
15 calves	10¢	7.10
7 Sheep	8¢	2.16
1 Horse a Regilon		10.10
1 cow half		3.00
1 Pised steer		3.12
1 Black Bull		2.14
		381.12
1 Negroe man named Absalom		120.00
1 B. B. Allen		125.00
1 B. B. Meshack		130.00
1 B. B. Jim		132.10
1 B. B. Jack		135.00
1 Woman named Delpha ther 3 children		
trust William		
Talbot & Andrew		175.00
Carried Forward		

250	1 Negroe woman named Lucy their child named Davy		} = £130 ..
	1 Negroe Woman named Diley their child named Wiker		} 120 ..
	1 Negroe Girl named Polley		90 ..
	1 B ^o B ^o named Junney		90 ..
	1 " Woman named Polley Chambers their 3 children, to wit, Daniel Elijah & Lewis		} 140 ..
	1 " Woman named Saw & 2 children to wit, Ben & Ruth		} 140 ..
	1 " Woman named Minney & 3 children to wit, Pall Solomon & Charles		} 190 ..
	1 Woman named Anneca		60 ..
	1 Boy named Buck		80 ..
	1 Girl named Milley		60 ..
	1 Negroe Boy named Solomon		50 ..
	1 " Woman named Sally		100 ..
	27 Sheals	(@ 3f	3 4 ..
	25 Large Hogs	10f	12 10 ..
	1 Large Blue Sow Pigs	20f	1 ..
	1 Waggow	66f 8	3 6 8
	1 Cart Wd.	120f	1 ..
	1 Old Waggow Tire		" 3 ..
	1 Wheel Beare		" 10 ..
	1 Grind Stone	40f	2 ..
	6 Grubbing Hoes	6f	1 16 ..
	11 Hilling Hoes	3f	2 2 ..
	4 Iron Wedges		" 9 ..
	10 Axes	6f	3 ..
	Castings &c		" 6 ..
	Swing Trees & Irons		" 18 ..
	8 pair Nails	116	" 12 ..
	1 Rake & Shovel	15f	" 15 ..
	1 Old Cutting Box		" 6 ..
	3 Colled Pliers	6f	" 18 ..
	4 Dutch B	12f	2 8 ..
	10 " Moles and Bar Shear		3 ..

2 Steel Traps	15/8 10	1 5 "
1 Iron 2/6 - 1 Iron Bar 6/8		" 9 2
Smiths Tools - to wit 2 Anvils 1 Bellows - Vice &c &c		18 " "
35 th Bar Iron	4 ²	" 11 8
6 Raw Hides	6/	1 16 "
93 th Bar Iron	4 ²	1 11 "
22 Sickles		3 " "
3 Old Sythes		" 12 "
Coopers Tools		" 10 "
Joiners Tools (plain) &c		1 10 "
Carpenters Tools Saw &c		1 19 "
1 X cut Saw		1 10 "
1 Whip Saw		2 8 "
5 Augurs &c		1 " "
2 Bells Hammers		" 6 "
1 Millers Oven		" 12 "
1 1/2 Kegs White Lead	30/	2 5 "
1 Spanish Brown		1 " "
1 Gallon Linseed Oil	6/	" 6 "
2 Sugs	2 7/6	" 15 "
1 pair Steelyards		" 15 "
2000 4 ² nails	6/	" 12 "
300 - 10 D ^o	1/6	" 4 6
1 Salt Tub	3/	" 3 "
1 Barrel	3/	" 3 "
1 locking Glasp		1 4 "
1 Candle Box		" 3 "
1 pair Taylors Shears		" 6 "
1 Bed Furniture		15 " "
1 D ^o D ^o		15 " "
1 D ^o D ^o		13 10 "
1 D ^o D ^o		9 " "
1 Bed & Furniture		10 10 "
1 D ^o - D ^o		7 10 "
1 D ^o - D ^o		4 10 "
1 pair Saddle Bags		7 10 "
1 port Mantel &c		" 18 "
1 Old Sword		2 8 "
1 Roman Saddle		" 3 "
1 Clock		3 " "
1 Sugar Can	25	" 1 6
1 best H Bowl		" 15 "
1 Keg		" 6 "
1 Mouse Trap		" 1 "

1 pair Copper Scales	1. 10. "
1 Peggiv	" 3. "
1 Case (no Bottles)	" 1. 6
1 Walnut Chest	" 18. "
24 Chairs @ 9f	10. 16. "
1 corner Cupboard	3. " "
2 large Bnap handle Sticks	1. 10. "
1 Walnut Table	" 15. "
1 Iron handle stick & Snuffers	" 1. 6
1 Small Carpet	1. 2. 6
1 pair Fire Doggs	1. 4. "
1 plate Warmer	" 4. 6
1 Oak Table	" 12. "
1 Cherry Desk	2. 2. "
1 Horn	" 4. 6
1 Case Razor	" 1. 6
1 Desk Book Case	15. " "
1 Small Trunk bound with leather	" 12. "
1 " " Bound with ⁶ skin	1. 4. "
1 " " " "	" 18. "
1 Square Walnut Table	1. 16. "
1 " " " "	1. 16. "
1 Printed Paper	2. 10. "
1 Spice Mortar Brush &c	" 10. "
2 Shot Guns — @ 15\$ & 5\$	6. " "
2 looking Glasses	18. " "
1 Carpet	3. 10. "
3 Window Curtains	1. 4. "
1 pair Money Scales	" 10. "
1 pair pistols & Holsters	3. " "
1 Diaper Table cloth	" 6. "
1 Linnen D ^o	" 4. 6
1 Callico Counterpane	2. " "
1 Coffee Mill	" 7. 6
1 art. Bridle	" 10. 6
6 Silver Tea Spoons	1. 10. "
1 Broken set China	" 10. "
1 large Bowl & Decens Ware	" 4. 6
1 Pewee	" 12. "
5 Earthen Dishes @ 3/6	" 17. 6
4 Plates @ 3/6	" 2. "
2 Mugs 9 ²	" 1. 6
5 Saffaned Cups 6 ^o	" 2. 6
1 Small Tea Canister	" 1. 6
1 pepper Box & tin	" 1. 6
1 " Water pottle	" 7. 6

1. Lanthorn	"	1	"
9 pewter spoons	"	3	"
6 Deep Pewter plates	"	15	"
6 Shallow D ^o	"	9	"
2 th pewter plates (old)	"	3	"
2 Pewter Dishes	"	15	"
2 D ^o D ^o	@ 6/ 14/6	10	6
1 large pewter Basin	"	10	"
3 Small D ^o D ^o (old)	@ 3/	9	"
1 Glass Bowl	"	3	"
1 Stone Butter Pot	"	3	"
1 Cream & 1 Cruet	"	1	6
1 Small 1/2 Gallon Keg	"	1	6
1 Set knives & forks & Box	"	12	"
2 pair bottom boards	"	5	"
1 Flax Wheel	"	9	"
1 Old Cotton D ^o	"	4	6
1 large Water Pitcher	"	9	"
1 " Tea Board	"	12	"
8 Books, to wit, Bible, Dictionary &c	"	18	"
1 Small Pitcher	"	6	"
1 pair fine Doggs (old)	"	9	"
1 Shovel & Tongs	"	4	6
1 Quart Decanter	"	4	6
1 Wheat Fan	"	4	"
2 sets Blow Gear & 2 Collars	"	11	6
1 Glass Spin	"	3	"
1 1/2 Bushel Measure	"	1	6
900 th Parcel of Tobacco	@ 26/ 9	9	"
1- 30 Gallon Cask	"	6	"
1- 50 Gallon Cask	"	6	"
1 pickling Tub	"	4	6
4 Fat Tubbs	2/	8	"
1- 10 Gallon Kettle	"	12	"
1 Large Wash Tub	"	1	6
1 better Bucket	"	4	6
2 large Water Pails	"	6	"
2 Piggins	2/	4	"
1 Candle Mould	"	1	6
1 Grid Iron	"	10	"
1 Roasting Iron Flesh Fork Handle	"	6	"

1 Tying Bar	"	4	"
1 Kitchen Shovel	"	2	"
1 half Gallon Skillet	"	4	6
1 Roasting Spit	"	3	"
1 Damaged 8 Gallon Pott	"	6	"
2- 6 Gallon potts	7/6	15	"
1- 4 Gallon D ^o	"	6	"
2 pair Pott Hooks	1/6	3	"
1 Cleaver Knife	"	4	6
2 pott Racks	4/6	9	"
1 Miller Oven & Bed	"	6	"
1 Churn Staff	"	4	6
2 Flat Irons	2/	4	"
1 Bread Baker	"	1	6
2 Split Bottomed chairs	"	1	6
1 Stone Aug. 10d	"	3	"
1 Bench	"	1	6
1 Water Stand	"	1	6
1 leather binding	"	4	6
12 Bushels Rye	4/6	2	14
12 D ^o D ^o	"	2	14
1 Stacks Tops, Toddy Shucks	"	3	12
90 Barrels Corn	20/	90	"
1 Stack Tops Shucks for fodder	"	7	6
200 Transfer Tobacco	@ 20/	2	"
20 Bushels of Oats	@ 2/	2	"
1 pair of Mill Stones	"	3	"
1 pair of Hinges	"	3	"
1 pair " File Doggs	"	18	"
1 Shovel and Pott Rack	"	10	6
1 Skillet	"	4	6
1 Spice Mortar, Cast	"	4	"
1- 4 Gallon Pott	"	6	"
2 Small Iron Bowls	4/6	3	"
1 Damaged D Oven	"	6	"
1 Hand Iron	"	3	"
1 Hand Saw & Drawing Knife	"	7	6
1 Screw Auger	"	2	"
1 Iron Square	"	6	"
1 Nackle	"	12	"
1 Bread Baker	"	3	"
1 Churn	"	2	"
1 Book Buchans family Physician	"	7	6
1 Cotton Wheel	"	7	6

1 pair Traces and Hames	" 9 "
1 Blind Bridle & Reins	" 12 "
1 Old Saddle	" 18 "
1 Old Bellows	" 2 "
1 Cast Axle	" 2 "
3 Split Bottomed Chairs	1/2 " 3 "
1 Raw hide	" 4 6 "
1 Iron	" 2 "
30 th Bar Iron	4 th " 10 "
1 Lock Chain	" 10 "
1 Sho Ve	" 3 6 "
1 Pair Truck Wheels	" 9 "
8 Milling Hoes	1/6 " 12 "
5 Axes	" 12 "
3 old Plough Hoes	" 9 "
3 old Dutch Ploughs	" 13 6 "
1 Mattock	" 3 "
150 feet Poplar Plank	@ 4 " 9 "
1 25 Gallon Cask	" 6 "
1 Baffle	" 2 "
1 Grind Stone	1 4 "
3 three year old cattle	42/ 6 6 "
3 two year old ditto	24/ 3 12 "
7 cows and calves & a Bull	60/ 21 " "
2 cows and calves	@ 54/ 5 8 "
3 cows	@ 54/ 8 2 "
25 Head Hogs	@ 12/6 23 12 6 "
Fooder Shooks	5 " "
60 Barrels New Corn	@ 20/ 60 " "
10 " old	@ 18/ 9 " "
1 Old Waggon Body	" 6 "
1 half Bushel Measure	" 2 "
1 Armchair	" 6 "
200 feet of Plank	" 12 "
1 Table	" 10 "
50 feet of Plank	" 3 "
2 Old Axes	3/ " 6 "
1 50 Gallon Still	15 " "
6 Still Tubbs	3/ " 18 "
2 Barrels	3/ " 6 "
1 Set Fire Dogs	" 10 "
1 Negro Man named Tony	70 " "
1 Negro Woman named Ann	150 " "
1 Negroman named Lewis	

Skellton Taylor
 Alex. Ferguson Senr.
 Robt. Childers

at the Courtroom the 3rd day of
 11 about held for Franklin County, December 1804
 This Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of John Early
 deceased, was returned and ordered to be Recorded
 Teste. James Callaway C. K. C.

Invent. We the Commissioners in Obedience to an order of the Worshipful
 Court of Franklin to us directed do proceed to lay of and assign to
 Sarah Ann Woods Widow of Hugh Woods deceased her dower of 3rd
 Decedents Estate, and also to divide the Residue amongst the
 Legatees, to wit
 We assign to Sarah Ann Woods the following property, to wit
 Negro Pharon ... @ 90 ... 90 " "
 W^o Belf White ... 90 ... 90 " "
 D^o Milley ... 65 ... 65 " "
 D^o Isaac ... 45 ... 45 " "
 1 Cow Half ... 2 1/2 ... 2 1/2 "
 1 Yoke of Oxen Cart ... 14 8 ... 14 8 "
 1 Sorrel Horse ... 12 ... 12 " "
 1 Feather Bed Furniture &c ... 12 ... 12 " "
 8 Hogs ... 4 16 ... 4 16 "
 Robert Woods, W^m Woods, Polly Woods, John Woods, and
 Bailly Woods R^s each. 17/4 } 4 16 8
 The Widow's part of the Land is the East end of the Tract
 on which the Mansion house is, including the Mill
 and Bounded by the Creek

We assign to Robert Woods the following property, to wit
 Negro Joe ... @ 45 ... 45 " "
 D^o Andrew ... 36 ... 36 " "
 D^o Judy ... 40 ... 40 " "
 37 Hogs ... 11 2 ... 11 2 "
 2 Knives ... 2 8 ... 2 8 "
 1 Bed Stow ... 3 12 ... 3 12 "
 1 Folding Table ... 1 7 ... 1 7 "
 Robert Woods part of the Land is adjoining the Widows
 dower Land on the East and Polly Woods on the West } 250 " "
 by a marked line valued to

We assign to W^m Woods the following property, to wit
 Negro Jim 95 ... 95 " "
 D^o Anne 30 ... 30 " "

Hodges & Richards
Robert C. Jones

Woods
John Martin
Melcher Wagner

Franklin County

I do hereby certify that the within named appraiser
was qualified according to Law as Witness my hand this
10th day of October 1811

R Woods

At a court held for Franklin County December 2^d 1811

This Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of
Henry Kitterman deceased was returned & ordered to be recorded.

Teste James Hallaway C. C. H.

Franklin January Court 1811

on the motion of Henry Hallaway one of the Executors of
J^r. Early dec^d. It is ordered that Samuel Harston Swinfield
Nell & Thomas Tate Jr or any two of them, divide into two
equal allotments, the ^{Slaves} devised by the last Will and
Testament of John Early dec^d to his Daughters Sally and
Dolly, and assign and deliver one of the said allotments to
each, and make report to the Court.

Assign. Caleb Tate. D. C. H.

We the undersigned commissioners have proceeded
according to the within & have assigned the following Slaves.
to wit, Lucy Lewis Polly & her two children Lewis & Penelope
to John Kitcherson who intermarried with Dolly Early.
We have also assigned the following Slaves to wit. Absalom Hamman
Dilcey & her two children Talley & Sam. to Miss Sally Early.
We also direct that Miss Sally Early pay to John

Division of
John Early's
negroes
Examined

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Ritcherson who intermarried with Miss Dolly Early the sum
of thirty Dollars - that being the difference in the lots.
Given under our hands & seals the 7th day of Jan'y. 1811

Saml Bairstow

Thos. Hale

Swinflets Hill

At a court held for Franklin County January 7th 1811

This allotment of Slaves, to Sally & Dolly Early was
returned and ordered to be recorded.

Teste, James Callaway C. H. C.

Sales of
Samuel
Henderson's
Estate
Examined

A list of Property sold at Public Sale of the Property of
Samuel Henderson Dec. this 29th Day of April 1809

Peter Garrison to old Iron 6	0	0	6
do do do do 11 ¹ / ₂	0	1	1
do do do do 4/9	0	4	9
do to 158 ^{to} do	1	19	6
do to 1 Talle 13/3	0	13	3
do to 2 pair plow Shares 10/6	0	10	6
do to 19 hogs at 28 1/2 Dollars	8	11	0
do to 1 heifer @	2	5	0
do to 1 Bull @	1	4	0
do to 1 heifer @	1	6	0
do to 1 heifer @	2	12	6
do to parcel old Iron @	0	7	3
Thos Lettwell to twenty harrow teeth 12/	0	12	0
do to 1 Bell & collar 7/3	0	7	3
Davis Trout to 1 Bar & Share 8/	0	8	0
do to 1 mould & piece Iron 5/	0	5	0
do to 1 Shovel mould & single tree 4/3	0	4	3
Elijah Ellet to 2 Bells & collars 12/	0	12	0