

In the Name of God Amen I John Alford of Frederick County
being very sick & weak of Body but in perfect health of mind
do make constitute & appoint this my last will &
Testament in manner & form following. First & principally
I give my Soul to Almighty God my Body I give to the Earth to be
Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter men-
tioned And for what Worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me
with my Will is that it may be Disposed of in the following Manner
Imprimis I Give to my beloved wife Mary Alford the Use & benefit
of all my Estate during her Natural Life except as is hereafter
excepted and after her Decease to be equally Divided amongst all my
Children Male & female except also the Specific Legacies here-
after mentioned. Item I Give to my son John Alford one Negro Boy
named Cesar my Will with the Appurtenances thereunto belonging
My young Dark Bay horse called Prince & a young Natural
pacing mare with a blaze in her face to be delivered to him
when he shall Arrive to the Age of Nineteen Years unless his Mother
Marry before he arrives to that Age & then my Will is that my
said Son shall be present of the above Legacies Directly on her said
Marriage & also provided that my said wife Mary shall have
& enjoy half the profits arising & accruing by the said Estate
During all the time that she shall remain a Widow & my
will further is that if my said son John should Die without issue
or be otherwise disabled that the above mentioned Legacies

said Son shall be possessed of the above Legacies Directly on her said
Marriage always provided that my said Wife Mary shall have
& enjoy half the profits arising & accruing by the said Still
During all the Time that she shall remain a Widow & my
will further is that if my said Son John should Die without Issue
before his Mother that then the before bequeathed Legacies
shall be equally Divided amongst all the rest of my Children
Males & females & further it is my Will that my said Son John
shall not enjoy or have any other part of my Estate or any share
with my other Children then what was bequeathed by will to
him and further it is my Will that if my wife Mary before
or after my said Son John arrives to the Age of nineteen years
that he after his Arrival to that Age & such her Marriage shall
have & take the Estate belonging to my other Children into his
hands. I then give my first Daughter Mary Alford one
Natural pacing young Bay Mare commonly called her to be
Delivered to her at the Day of her Marriage
I then I Give to my Son Thomas Alford a young black pacing
Mare commonly called her to be Delivered to him at the Day
of his Marrying. I then I Give to my Son William Alford
a young Dark Bay Yearling pacing horse commonly called her
to be Delivered to him at the Day of his Marrying
I then I Give to my Daughter Priscilla Alford one Negro Girl

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called I own to be delivered not after the change of my wife
also one share told that came of a black mare called Thowen
to be delivered to her at the Day of her Marriage
Item I Give to my Daughter Aquilla Alford a young horse
which came of my Roan Mare to be delivered to her at the
Day of her marriage. Lastly I nominate & appoint
my Loving Wife Mary Alford my Sole Executrix of this
my Last Will & Testament hereby Revoking all other Wills
before by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & seal the 13th day of November 1748.
Signed Seal & published
in the presence of

John Alford

Thos. Starman
John Peverly
Richard Robinson
mark

At a Court continued & held for Frederick
County on Wednesday the 4th day of January, 1748.
This Will of John Alford Deceased was presented into Court
by Mary Alford the Executrix therein named who in Open
Court refused to abide by the 1st Will. John Starman & John
Peverly two of the witnesses thereto having on oath proved
the same & John Peverly on his oath declared that he saw
Richard Robinson the other Witness sign the same this Will
is admitted to Record.

Jst Wood

When allowed to be in arrears the 1st of May 1748