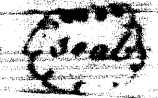


Melton will
In the name of God Amen I John Melton of Frederick County in the
Colony of Virginia being weak of Body but of sound and perfect mind & memo-
ry thanks be to Almighty God for it and casting to mind the mortality of my
body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die and after that
the Judgment Do therefore make and Ordain this my last will and Testament
in manner and form following that is to say principally and first of all
I Recommend my Soul unto the hands of god who gave it me nowise
doubting but that through the merits and Intercession of my Lord and
Saviour Jesus Christ I shall at the Resurrection Receive the same and be received
into Eternal Glory and my body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a
Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and
Touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased almighty god to bless me
with I give and Bequeath in manner and form following ^{first} ~~and my will is~~
that all my Funeral Charges and Debt which I owe with in Law or Equity
should be paid by my Executors after my decease ^{Imprimis}
then I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Catharine all and singular
my moveable Estate to be freely possessed and enjoyed by her her Lifetime
and also my plantation and Improvements that Lye in Fairfax County
and adjoining to the Land or plantation of Colonel Henry Fitchew to be hers
her life time ^{then} I give and bequeath unto my Brother Michael Mellons
all and singular my plantation that Lye in Fairfax County ^{among}
plantation to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife Catherine all and singular
certain inalienable Estate to be fully possessed and enjoyed by her her Heirs and
also my plantation and Improvements that Lycen Fairfax County
and adjoining to the Land or plantation of Edward Henry Fitchew to be hers
her life time. Item I give and bequeath unto my Brother Michael Melton
son John all and singular my plantation that Lycen Fairfax County long
formerly known by the name of Leeslis plantation to him and his Heirs forever
he paying to my wife five pounds of current money of Virginia.
Item I give and bequeath unto my God Daughter Anne Stephens one Town
and lot to be for her use immediately after my decease. Item I give and
bequeath unto Catherine Melton one Cow and all her Increase from my
decease. Item I give and bequeath unto my Brother Michael all and singular
my wearing Apparel. Item my will is that all the Estate which shall be
left remaining after my wife's decease shall be equally divided between my
Brother Michael three Daughters to wit Abigail Sarah and Mary and my
Wife's Daughter Mary Stephens the wife of William Stephens excepting the
Land and plantation left to my wife as aforesaid and that shall be left unto
my Brother son John Melton and his Heirs forever.

do hereby constitute Melton my sole and sole executor to have
my last will and Testament and desire William Stephens to be
assistant to my wife in the execution of this will and I do hereby
utterly revoke disannul and disallow any other or former wills
and Testaments legacies or grants heretofore by me made in given
and I do allow this and no other to be my last will and Testament
Signed Sealed Published and
pronounced by the s^d In^o Melton
to be his last will and Testament

John Melton 

in the presence of the fifth day of
Aug^r in the year of Our Lord god one
thousand seven hundred & fifty

Patrick Casey
Nathaniel ^{his} Pasley
^{mark}
Abraham Anderson

~~At a Court convened and held for the County of Med.~~

Monday the 11th and Friday the 16 days of November 1750

This last will and Testament of In^o Melton decd was proved in open Court
by the Oaths of Nath^l Pasley and Abraham Anderson two of the subscribing
witnesses thereto who also made Oath that they saw Pat Casey sign the

same as a witness Ordered that it lay for the Ex^r to enter into bond
the next Court

Assistant to my wife in the execution of this will and I do hereby
Wholly Revoke Disannul and Disallow any other or former Wills
and Testaments Legacies or grants heretofore by me made in person
and I do allow this and no other to be my last will and Testament

Signed sealed published and
promounced by the said John Melton
to be his last will and Testament

John Melton 

in the presence of the fifth day of
Aug^r in the year of our Lord god one
Thousand Seven hundred & fifty

Patrick Casey

Nathaniel ^{his} V Pasley

Abraham ^{mark} Anderson

~~At a Court convened and held for Frederick County on Wed.~~

Thursday the 14th and Friday the 16 days of November 1750

This last will and Testament of John Melton deed was proved in open Court
by the Oaths of Nath^l Pasley and Abraham Anderson two of the subscribing
Witnesses thereto who also made Oath that they saw Pat. Casey sign the
same as a witness ordered that it lay for the Rec^d to Enter into bond
the next Court

Teste

Moore

At a Court held for Fred^d County on Tuesday the 14 day of May 1751

John Melton the said within named having Entered into bond