

jointly these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 29th day of March 1844

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above named Isaac Blake appointed constable for the county of Giles to wit in the western & Loos district now of the said Isaac Blake shall well and truly execute his said office of constable in all things appertaining thereunto according to Law then this obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue given under our hand and seal the day and year above written. Isaac Blake Esq

acknowledged in court

Peter Blake

William Blake

At Test
Wmico

In the name of god Amen I Matthew French of the county of Giles and State of Virginia being sick of body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be to almighty God for his mercies and calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye do make and ordain this as my last will & testament vizc Principally and first I recommend my soul into the hands of almighty God that give it and my body to the grave to be buried in decent Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting that at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and touching those worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this world I demise give and bequeath in the following manner & form (viz) I have and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Sarah my negro woman fanny & her girl child & Nancy to be for her reward use during her natural life and then to be appropriated as is here in after mentioned. I also give to my wife all my stock of horses & cattle hogs & sheep together with all my house hold & kitchen furniture during her natural life as also to have a sufficient support of provision of all

my land that I have after devise during her natural life 2^d I have and bequeath to my son John French one hundred pounds out of my Estate to be here after mentioned 3^d I also give and bequeath to my Daughter Martha Straly thirty three pounds one third out of my Estate as here in after mentioned 4th I give and bequeath to my son James French the upper part of my plantation beginning at a division fence between the said James French & myself and running with course of the same to the backline of the new Survey on the hill to include all the lands in the upper end of the old & new Survey 5th I also give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Hatfield thirty three pounds one third to be paid her as is here in after directed 6th I also give and bequeath to my son Isaac French the hollow on which he lives on provided that he said Isaac French pays to John French fifty pounds as also to pay to my three daughters Martha Straly Mary Hatfield & Ann McComas fifty pounds to be divided among them 7th I give and bequeath to my son David French the Land whereon I live including all the lands in the old & new Survey from the division fence & line above devised to my son James French and running down to the lower end of both provided that he my son David French do pay John French fifty pounds as also to pay my three daughters Martha Straly Mary Hatfield and Ann McComas fifty pounds to be Equally divided among them 8th I also give to my daughter Ann McComas thirty three pounds and one third out of my Estate where the sum to my three daughters is to be paid by my two sons Isaac & David French as also the sum mentioned to my son John French of one hundred pounds to be paid to the said John French by Isaac French & David French in Equal manner

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of both. It also is my will that if the sum
 of one hundred pounds to my son John French & my three daughters
 Martha Shaly Mary Hatfield and Ann Williams
 is not paid to them in six months after my decease
 then & in that case the land devised to my two sons
 Isaac & David French be sold my Executor herein
 of us mentioned & the sum of one hundred pounds paid out of the
 proceeds of sale & I also give to son John &
 James French the tract of land that hath now
 depending for between Joseph Hair & myself the
 same should be recovered it also is my will
 that after the Decease of my wife that all my
 property that should be left & remain with my
 wife together with my negro woman & child be sold
 by my Executor and the money to be equally
 divided among all my children sons & daughters
 and I do hereby appoint my four sons John
 French James French Isaac French & David
 French my Executors to this my last will & tes-
 toment and it is further my will that my two
 sons James and David French in consequence
 of the land willed to them they are to convey
 the Land I formerly devised to them that part where
 Isaac French lives which they are to do in consequence
 of receiving the Land devised to them of one hundred pounds
 and confirming this and no other as my last true will
 and testament given under my hand & seal this 23rd day
 of June 1812

Matthew French Seal

John Chopman
 his mark
 James Keller
 his mark
 John Thomas
 his mark

At Hills march court 1814.
 This last will and testament of Matthew
 French Deceased was proven in court
 by the oaths of John Chopman and
 John Thomas two of the witnesses thereto
 subscribed & ordered to be licensed

John David French Clerk

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A codicil
 to
 the French
 will

I Matthew French of the county of Giles & State of
 Virginia being in perfect mind & memory do
 make & constitute this codicil to my will made the 23rd
 day of June 1812 as follows in my will made the
 23rd day of June 1812 It is stipulated in that will
 that my son Isaac French was to pay one hundred
 pounds within six months after my death or my Execu-
 tor was to proceed and sell the Land willed to him
 my will therefore is that my son Isaac have
 fifteen months to pay the same in from my death
 and that he pay the same in trade and in my last
 will made the 23rd day of June 1812 to which this
 is a supplement it is therefore stipulated that my son
 David is to pay the sum of one hundred pounds
 in six months after my death my will therefore is
 that my son David have fifteen months to pay the
 same in from my death and that he pay the same
 in trade and further it is my will and desire that
 whereas I had made in my son David if therefore
 the same shall not be paid to me in my lifetime
 my will is that after my decease he is to be dis-
 charged from paying it to my heirs my will further is
 that whosoever hath accounts I have against my son
 Isaac and David they be discharged from paying
 it to my heirs after my death and I do hereby ratify
 Ratify and confirm this codicil and my will to which
 which this is a supplement that is not altered & changed
 by this codicil to be my true last will and testament
 disannulling all other wills & bequeaths whatsoever
 given under my hand & seal this 18th day of Dec in the
 year of Christ 1812

signed sealed and acknowledged
 in the presence of

John Thomas
 his mark
 John Thomas
 his mark
 Richard Chopman
 his mark

At Hills September court 1814
 This codicil to the last will & tes-
 toment of Matthew French Deceased
 was proven in court by the witnesses
 thereto subscribed and ordered to be
 licensed

John David French Clerk

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Appraisement
of the goods and
chattels of
the Estate of
the said Decd.

Agreeable to an order of the County Court, requiring us
to value & appraise the goods & chattels of the said Decd.
We have on the seventh day of December 1815 appraised
all property brought before us of which the following is a true copy

One Horse	\$ 75 00
one Mare	60 00
one filly	56 00
one do.	52 50
one do.	52 00
two axes	53 00
three Hoes	52 50
23 Shears	253 00
4 do.	24 00
one Rull	12 50
8 Coors	96 00
two Stairs	18 00
two small Rulls	11 00
five Calves	12 56
two Hogs	15 00
7 do.	59 00
one Saddle	12 00
one do.	14 00
one breeding box	54 50
one Gun	13 00
one Leather	53 00
20. of Scabbies	10 00
4 Hets	59 50
Doors	10 00
one Saddle	53 00
4 Chairs	52 00
one trunk	52 00
3 Bins	75 00
one Iron safe & Grindstone	51 00
20 Guss	10 00
one hand saw	52 00
three axes	51 50
two chisels	51 00

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- 1 Box of Tools
- 2 Books
- one base of Razors
- 50 Bushels of Corn
- 180 do.
- one Negro Boy
- one Bole
- one Shear
- one Haystack
- Gooder & Hay
- Horse Gears & Barrels
- one box of Glass
- one Spinning Wheel
- one Saddle & Saw
- one Smoothing Iron
- one Pair of Sheetanchors
- Bulletins & Blivins
- one B. ale
- 4 Shears
- one Sickle
- one Bole

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250 00
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09 90
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12 34
02 00
03 25
00 50
02 50
01 50
02 50
08 00
00 75
4 30

Joseph Perry
David J. Miller
John Cook Junr
Appraisers

Inventary and
Appraisement
of the Estate
of the said Decd.

On Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of
Matthew French Decd. taken this 3rd day of June
1815 as follows to wit
one Spidie Cow with a bell and spidie yearling
one do with a bell white face and back
one black spidie Heifer
one Red calf with a white face
one Grey Mare
one Grey Calf
six hags of Shit
ten Shells 10 one Saw 1/2 3 Bushels 1/2 25
one brown Cowhide 1/2 2 Old Wagon 1/2 25

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10 0
15 0
7 50
15 25
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10 Cows & Cattle \$10.25	hacksuplaid 75	11 75
one black mare \$1.25	do do do do do do 50	1 75
Old Smith tools \$8	nine ducks \$1.12	one doll \$50
2 Hogheads \$1.50	three crabs \$1.25	paid off 75
one horse & carting bars \$9	five bags \$2	11
one old sh. Gun barrel 25	at big pot blocks \$4	4 25
one pot with a piece out \$1.50	two Old Souths shoes 50	2 00
one Old wheel \$1	one half bushel of peck. Measure 2 1/2	1 04
to Cooper more \$2	bucket 25	do do 1 04
one pair of Iron Chain link & piece 75		75
cutting knife & Mill \$1.54	table 40	at to Wash \$3.50
some leather \$2.50	Red tick & feathers \$7.50	
One gun & shot tools \$1.75	Sunday Iron tools \$2.50	4 25
Old Saddle Bags 50	at two bags 50	at Sittards 2 75
three boxes of one Red Head & furniture \$28.50		24 50
one do. Red & furniture \$28	one do. \$25	Waters \$8
Coffee pot 75	at candlestick & pan & tin \$1.50	2 25
Carthen ware \$1	two pairs 67	at leg chain \$2
Auger gimlets 26	\$1 bucket \$1.50	Old saddle 50
one tub 50	at wheel \$3.50	one do saddle \$5
one Chain 50	at wheel \$2	Shillet 75
Chain 75	at one piece of knife \$5	one do. \$4
one yearling \$3.50	one cow \$10	Pradefor yearling \$8
one Nino woman \$200	one girl \$150	
by the Dea. church		\$767 97

John French
James French
Isaac French

Edward Hall
Wm Tracy
Joseph Hair
John Chapman

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Attest November Court 1818
This Inventory & Appraisement of the estate
of Matthew French Deceased was returned into Court
by the Ex. & ordered to be recorded
Jesse Davis French Clk

Inventory of the
personal property
of Matthew French
Dec 2

Inventory of the personal property of Matthew French Dec 2	Dec 2	Inventory of the personal property of Matthew French Dec 2	Dec 2
Sarah French to leather	1 25	Isaac French some sole leather	30
William Tracy to five inkstands	33	John French one drawing knife	98
Isaac French two horse collar	83	Robert Wilburn one axe	12 1/2
Joseph Hair sickle & gimlet	1 50	John Chapman Colter gun & stick	1 6
John Thomas Colter gun & stick	2 90	Do. one leg chain	45
William Flower Iron Mace	30	Reuben French Shof Gun barrel	51
David French harness plain	1 50	Isaac French Shovel plate	1 50
John French of place & Springfield	1 75	James French cutting knife & stick	75
William Flower Saddle 1 pair	1 80	Robert Wilburn auger & chisel hammer & Knappe	18
James Capica Smith tools	26 5	John French one old Wagon	5 51
John Chapman 2 pair of hind gun	2 99	Isaac French 2 pair of hind gun	38 35
James French one old	1 51	Thomas Hale 2 hogheads	52
Reuben French one hoghead	1 00	one do.	80
John French one tile Barrel	30	William French one Barrel	32
Beny Blankinship feet trap	27	Wm Blankinship Sattin, Wagon & B	40
William Clay one cow & calf	12 50	Nimrod Smith one do. & calf	12
one do. barren cow	12 25	Robert Wilburn one cow	8
David French one knife	8 75	one do.	7 37 1/2
William French 2 yearlings	3 50	David French 9 shot	60
James French 1 pair			