

(70) We all men by these Presents that we James Aldridge
and Rachel his wife of the County of Giles and State of
Virginia for diverse considerations and good causes when
Aldridge understanding having made and made and appointed
and by these Presents do make and make and ap-
point our son William Aldridge in the County and
State of said our true and Lawful attorney for us in
our names and our use to ask Demand Recover or Receive
of and from Henry & Jesse Belcher of the County of Page
and State of said a Legacy Descending from John
Belcher to said James Aldridge and Rachel his wife
Given and by these Presents granted to our said attorney
our sole and Lawful power and authority to take pursue
and follow such legal courses for the Recovery Recovering
and Recovery of the same as we ourselves might or could do
were we personally Present and upon the Receipt of the
same acquittances and other sufficient discharges for us
and in our names to make sign seal and deliver as also one
or more attorney or attornies under him to substitute or
appoint and appoint as his Pleas and Pleas and further
to do perform and execute for us and in our names all and
singular thing or things which shall or may be
necessary touching and concerning the Premises as
fully thoroughly and entirely as if the said James Aldridge
and Rachel my wife in our own persons ought or
could do in and about same Ratifying allowing and
confirming what so ever our said attorney shall Lawfully
do or cause to be done in and about the Execution of
the Premises by virtue of these Presents in which behalf
we him herunto set our hand and seals this 25th day
of December in the year of our Lord one thousand
Eight hundred and ten and of the Commonwealth
the thirty fifth
Jas. Aldridge
Rachel his wife

(71) At Giles Court 1810
This Letter of attorney from James
Aldridge and Rachel his wife to William Aldridge
was acknowledged in Court the said Rachel being
Privately Examined Retinguesed his Right of Name
which is ordered to be Recorded
Jas. Aldridge

Mitchel In The Name of God Amen I Mitchel Blay
Days last Sir of the County of Giles and State of Virginia
well and being very sick in body but of perfect mind and
testament Memory thanks be given unto God calling into mind
the Mortality of my body and knowing that is
appointed for all men Once to die do make and
ordain this my Last will and testament: That is to say
Principally and first of all I give and Recommend my
Soul into the hands of almighty God that gave it
and my body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried
in decent Christian burials at the discretion of my
Executors nothing doubting but at the general
Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the might
ly Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate
where with it has Pleased God to bless me with in this
life I give demise and dispose of the same in the
following manner and form first of all I give and
Bequeath to my dearly beloved Daughter Patience
Chapman one Dollar to be Raised and Lived out
my Estate, Secondly I give and bequeath unto my
dearly beloved Daughter Rebecca Pearis one dol-
lar to be Raised & Lived out of my Estate
Thirdly I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved
daughter Obedece French one Dollar to be
Raised and Lived out of my Estate

Fourthly I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Daughter Polly Stuart one Dollar to be Raised & Lived out of my Estate, Fifthly I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Daughter Sally Pelton one Dollar to be Raised & Lived out of my Estate Sixthly I also give and bequeath to Each of the Children of David Clay Decd one dollar to be Raised and Lived out of my Estate, Seventhly I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Son Mitchell Clay the younger one negro girl named Lidy to him & his heirs for ever. Eighthly I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved son William Clay one negro boy named Ned to him and his heirs forever Ninthly I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved son Charles Clay one negro boy named May to him and his heirs forever Tenthly I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved son Henry Clay one Negro girl named Rachel together with all and singular the tract of Land whereon it now lies siting on the North east side of New River adjoining and below the lands of Mitchell Clay (the younger) with all its appurtenances milluages tenements dwelling house and out houses. Also all my stock of horses, cattle hogs and stock of every kind household and kitchen furniture unto him and his heirs forever. Excepting three cows of my average value which I give and bequeath unto my son Charles Clay. Also I give and bequeath to my two sons Mitchell Clay (the younger) and Henry Clay the tract of Land I bought of Reuben Roberts and was by the heirs of Reuben Roberts conveyed to be one to them and their heirs forever

73. Proved the Said Mitchell Clay and Henry Clay do pay unto Reuben Roberts about the sum of one hundred & sixteen dollars or thereabouts with ^{the} interest on the same which sum I am owing to the Said Estate of Roberts and in case they the Said Mitchell Clay and Henry Clay fail to make the payment aforesaid then It is my will and desire that the said tract of Land be sold and the money arising therefrom to be appropriated to the payment of the debt aforesaid. Also It is my will & desire that a tract of Land I own on the five mile fork of Elk River of about one hundred acres shall be sold to pay my debt.

I also give and bequeath unto my four Sons Mitchell Clay the younger Charles Clay William Clay and Henry Clay one negro woman named Phoebe and her two children named Jack to be Equally divided ^{between them} that is to say that either two of my sons may keep the said two negroes and pay the other two of my sons their share of their value and in case they cannot agree Then the Said two negroes to be sold and the money divided between my four sons aforesaid Equally, also It is my will and desire that my four sons to witz Mitchell Clay Charles Clay William Clay and Henry Clay do pay all my Just debt that may remain unpaid after the payments are made hereafter provided for and in case they fail to pay the Remaining debt aforesaid Then the negro woman and her children Jack to be sold & the Remaining debt paid and the Residue of the money if any Equally divided amongst my four sons aforesaid.

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Now It is my will and desire that my Executors collect all the debts that are coming to me and appropriate them in the payment of my debts and I do hereby utterly disallow revoke and disannul all and every other former testament wills Legacies and bequests Ratifying and confirming my this and no other to be my last will and testament, and I do hereby ordain constitute and appoint my four sons Mitchell Blay Charles Blay William Blay & Henry Blay my Executors of this my last will & testament in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of July 1810

Signed, Sealed and
Delivered in Presence of

Mitchel + Blay
Mark

A. Johnston

John Brown
Joseph Glover
Henry Kellan
Mark

Codocell

Mitchel Blay Senr of the County of Giles and State of Virginia being in perfect health of body and of sound mind and memory do make ordain & constitute the following Codicil as part of my will made and acknowledged the twenty sixth day of July 1810 That is to say that so much of the said will and devise as bequeaths one negro girl named Liddy to my son Mitchell Blay the younger I do hereby revoke and disannul and enjoin thereof I give and bequeath unto my son Mitchell Blay my black woman named Phoebe and her boy behind named Lock to him and his heirs for ever ratifying and disannulling that part of said will here referred to as gives the said Phoebe and her child Lock to my four sons Mitchell Blay Charles Blay William Blay & Henry

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2nd by I give and bequeath unto my son William Blay one negro girl named Liddy to him and his heirs for ever in lieu of a negro boy named Ned as mentioned in my former will to which this is a Supplement revoking that part of the said will as bequeaths the said Ned to my son William Blay & do in my former will to which this is a Supplement I give and bequeath unto my son Charles Blay three Cows of an average value and since the making the said devise I have give him two of the cows therein mentioned therefore I now give and bequeath unto the said Charles only one Cow agreeable to the terms in the said will mentioned

4thly. It is my will and desire that my negro boy named Ned shall be sold and the money applied to the payment of my last debts in case the provisions made in my former will to which this is a Supplement proves insufficient to the payment of my debts, but in case the provisions therein mentioned be found equal to meet my debts or in case there should be a surplus of the price of the negro boy after paying the debts in either case my will is that the money be equally divided between my four sons Mitchell Blay Charles Blay William Blay and Henry Blay and I do hereby disannul all and every part of my former will to which this is a Supplement that came within the purview of this Codicil Ratifying and confirming this Codicil to gather with my former will to which this is a Supplement so much thereof as is not altered nor changed by this Codicil to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal this twentieth day of month in the year of our Lord 1811

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged

Mitchel + Blay
Mark

The following is before
 c. & Johnston
 Daniel Brown
 Wm. Chapman
 D. Johnston
 At Giles & Price Court
 1811 this last will and
 testament of stretched Collyer
 was proved in Court by the oath
 of Andrew Johnston John Brown
 and Henry Williams also the
 Codicil was proved by the oath
 of Andrew Johnston & David Johnston
 two of the witnesses thereto subscribed which Codicil
 together with the original will is ordered to be recorded
 Test David French Clerk

Stuart
 to walk
 the power
 of attorney
 To all whom it may concern
 Know ye that I Alexander Stuart
 Junior of the County of Augusta and State
 of Virginia for divers good causes and considera-
 tion me therunto moving have nominated
 constituted and appointed & do by these presents
 nominate constitute an agent Thomas Walker
 & Benjamin Hall of Monroe County and State of
 Virginia my lawful attorneys for me and in my
 name to sell four Plantations in the County of
 Fagwell five in Giles County the Land of
 Lewis on in Monroe the place where wheeling penning-
 ton lives an also two other places in the same
 County I direct that my said attorneys or either
 of them make deeds in general warranty for the
 land they sell also for what I have sold that is
 yet unsold I also direct that my attorneys
 lease out my land while unsold collect the rents
 and do what they think needful about the house
 repairs & I do hereby declare that the acts of my
 said Attorneys in pursuance of the authority
 hereby granted and given shall to all intents
 and purposes be as binding on me and my heirs
 as if they were my own proper acts in which
 whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and
 affixed my seal this 30th day of June 1812

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 Thomas eight hundred & twelve
 Test
 Jacob Park
 J. P. Smith
 A. Johnston
 At Giles June Court 1812
 This Power of attorney from Alexander Stuart
 to Thomas Walker and Benjamin Hall was actu-
 ally acknowledged in Court by the said Stuart and
 ordered to be recorded
 Test David French Clerk

Mr Boyle
 The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of
 Giles County Greeting we command you to summon
 and impound twelve fit Persons freeholders to
 meet upon the 2nd person by William Boyle
 on Linking Creek for the Establishment of a water
 great mill on the 2nd day of June and to James
 the Lord above & below of the property of others which
 may probably be overflowed and to say what da-
 mage it will be of to the several proprietors
 and whether the mention house of any such prop-
 erties or the offices cartage or grounds therunto
 immediately belonging or the orchards will be over-
 flowed to inquire whether and in what degree fresh
 of passage and ordinary navigation will be obstruc-
 ted whether by and by what means such obstruction
 may be prevented and whether in their opinion
 the Health of the neighbours will be annoyed by
 the stagnation of the water &c and have them
 there their writ witness David French Clerk
 of our said Court this 28th day of May 1812
 and of the Commonwealth the 36
 David French Clerk