

A copy of the will of Robert Bernard is preserved in the Bernard family papers at the Virginia Historical Society and is published with the permission of the Society.

I Robert Bernard of the Parish of Kingston in the County of Gloucester sick & weak in body but of a disposing mind and memory for settling my affairs and quieting my Doubts about the Estate I may leave behind me do make this my last will and Testament. I give my seat of Land near the Mumsan Towne which I purchased of Thomas Johnson to my son Robert to him and his heirs forever. I give to my son Peter four hundred acres land which I bought of John Twilly in Goochland County to him and his heirs forever. All the rest of my land lying in Goochland County upon Willis's River to be equally divided between my sons William and John to them and their heirs forever. I will that my land in Gloucester County in Kingston Parish containing by Estimation Fifty acres be sold by my Exor. hereafter named and that Kemp Plummer have the refusal of the aforesaid Fifty acres provided he will pay for the s^d land the sum of money it cost me. All the rest of my Estate as slaves cattle horses sheep and Inggs household and all other goods and appurtenances together with all moneys bonds bills and accompts that to me may be due and Owning I give the same to be equally divided between my wife and children and to make my wife sole extrx of this my last will and testament and appoint her guardian of all the children till

divided between my wife and children and to make my wife sole extrx of this my last will and testament and appoint her guardian of all the children till they become of age. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale this fourteenth day of October 1742. /s/Robert Bernard (seal). Wit: Jas Symmer, Jas Stuart. At a court held for Gloucester County on the 28th day of November 1742 this will was this day proved in open court by the oaths of John Summer and Bartholomew Blount, witnesses thereunto and by the court admitted to record and recorded. Test: J. Clayton Ct. Court. Copy Jasper Clayton C. C. O.