

W. J. 1806
In the Name of God Amos J. Melone makes
of the bounty of Providence being in a low state of Health of Body but
of perfect mind and Memory thanks be to God for the same. And
calling to mind the Mortality of this Life and the certainty of Death
knowing it is appointed for all Men once to die Do make and confirm this
my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills heretofore made
by me, this only to be my last Will and Testament, and first of all I
recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it
me and my Body to the earth to be buried in a Christian manner
not doubting but at the General Resurrection of the dead to receive the
same by the mighty power of God through the merits of my dear
Redeemer Jesus Christ and as touching such worldly Estate as
has been the blessing of Almighty God to bestow upon me I give and
bequeath and bestow in the form and manner following. I give
and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Sarah Melone two Negroes named Buff
and Dinah during her natural Life and after her decease I leave the
said two Negroes Buff and Dinah and their increase to be equally divided
among all my Children to go to them and their heirs and assigns forever.
Item I leave all the remainder part of my Negroes that is not

mentioned in this Will and their increase to be equally divided among
all my Children, only my Daughter Polly & Melone to have One hundred
Pounds. the advantage in the said division to be divided after my
Son Thomas & Melone comes of Age to go to them and their heirs and
assigns forever. Item, I leave to be sold as much of my personal
Estate as will pay all my just Debts and Funeral expences by my
Executors and the remainder part as so much of the same as shall be
thought sufficient by Executors to be allotted ^{to my wife} to my wife and support of my
Children until the division among my Children when my Son Thomas
& Melone comes of Age and then the said allotted Estate unto my wife to
be equally divided among all my Children. Item, I nominate and
appoint my Brothers William & Melone, Michael & Melone, Daniel & Melone
and Peter Wyche Executors of this my Last Will and Testament. In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this the twenty
fifth day of May One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Nine.
Signed Sealed declared and
acknowledged before us

Nathaniel Melone (S)

Robert Powell

Thomas Morris Junr

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1 The Court held for Greensville County the 22 Day of February 1704.
The Will was proved by the Oath of Thomas Morris Sen^r a Witness there
James Court held for the said County the 22 Day of March following the
said Will was further proved according to Law by the Oath of Robert
Powell a Witness thereto and Ordered to be recorded And on the Motion
of Michael Malone one of the Executors therein named who made
Oath there to according to Law and together with Robert Powell and
Virginia Plummer his Securities entered into and acknowledged their
Bonds in the Penalty of One hundred and fifty thousand pounds
conditioned as the Law directs Certificate was granted him for
obtaining a Probate thereof in due form Liberty being reserved for
the other Executors to join in the said Probate when they may think fit

Test: Peter Coltham Esq^r Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I Symour Pansome of the
County of Brunswick Esq^r do make and Ordain this my last Will
and Testament in manner following that is to say **FIRST** I give and
bequeath to my good Son Symour Pansome a Negroe Boy named Moses to
him and his heirs forever I also give to Martha Crilly the use of a Negroe
Woman named Fanny for and during the term of her natural life and