

November Court 1773

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In the Name of God Amen

Joseph Dodson of the County of Hallifax and Colony of Virginia being ~~in~~ such an
Weak in body but of perfect mind and Memory. Thanks be given to God calling
unto mind the Mortality of my body and knowing that is appointed for all
Men once to die do make and assign 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 that goes it, and my body I recommend to the Earth
to be buried in decent Christian burial at the direction of my Executors nothing
doubting but at the General resurrection I shall receive Mine again by the mighty
power of God. And as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it pleased God
to bless me in this life, I Give devise and dispose of the same in the following
manner and form.

Joseph Dodson's
Will.

As first I devise my well beloved Wife to quietly possess all my moveable Estate
together with the plantation I now live on during her life or Widowhood.

Item I Give and bequeath to my son Caleb Dodson one hundred and fifty Acres of
Land on the west of the North end of a tract lying on Tobacco Creek.

Item I also give and bequeath the remainder of My said tract to be divided
between my two sons Joshua Dodson and Elias Dodson equally.

Item I also give and bequeath My said Land and plantation I now live on to my
son Joseph Dodson at his Mother's death.

Item I also give and bequeath the remainder of my Estate to be equally divided
to my four daughters Rhoda, Elizabeth, Anne and Mary.

I ordain also my sons Joshua Dodson and Caleb Dodson Executors of this my last

Will and Testament, and all and singular my Lands and Moveables and I do
hereby utterly revoke and disannul all and every other former Wills and

Testaments Legacies and bequests and Executors by me in any ways before
named Wills and Bequests, Ratifies and Confirms this and no other

to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this Twelfth day of April in the year of our Lord One
thousand seven hundred and seventy three.

Joseph Dodson

Signed

Signes Seales published pronounced
and declared by this say Joseph Dodson
as his last Will and Testament in the
presence of us who in presence and in the
presence of each other have hereunto subscribed
our Names

George Dodson

Caleb Dodson

his
Mary X Edwards
attest

At a Court held for Halifax County the 18th day of November 1773
This Will was exhibited in Court by the Exors herein Names who made tests and
being proved by the Oathes of two of the Witnesses tests was ordered to be Recorded
and on the Motion of the said Exors Certificate was granted them for obtaining
a Probate thereof in due form, giving security whereupon George Dodson and
J^{no} Frederick Miller became their security and they entered into and Acknowledged
Bonds according to Law

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P. Farrington att.

P. Farrington Es.

In the Name of God Amen

John Jones of the Parish of Abstrin in the County of Halifax, being weak of body but of sound
and perfect mind and memory (Says he God for this sake) do make and publish
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (that is to
say) I Give and devise to my eldest son David Jones one Shilling
Sterling, also I Give and devise and bequeath unto youngest son Sol Jones
one Shilling Sterling, Also I Give and devise unto my Daughter Susanna
Jones one Shilling Sterling, Also I Give and devise and bequeath unto my
Daughter Margret Jones one Cow and Calf at the day of her Marriage,
Also I Give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Jane Jones all my Goods and
Chattels of every kind and degree whatsoever I have during her Widowhood and

John Jones's

Will.