

I Robert Wade of Antioch Parish in the County of  
 Halifax being sick of body but of perfect sound Memory do make  
 constitute and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament <sup>Expressing</sup> making  
 all former Wills by me heretofore Made, I lend to my wife Elizabeth  
 my Tract of Land whereon I now live together with my Tract of Lands  
 and Mill on Dipoult Creek also I lend to her my Wife as much much of  
 my personal Estate as she shall think proper to take During her Life or  
 Widowhood and at her Death or Marriage to be Disposed as hereafter Relieved  
 My Wife to have the Disposal of all the Incomes of Sarah while in her  
 Possession and the Slaves that she shall make choice of to be sold as  
 soon as convenient after her Death or Marriage to the highest Bidder  
 of my sons and Daughters and the rest of my personal Estate that she  
 shall make choice of to be sold to the highest Bidder on Twelve Months  
 Credit the purchaser giving Bond & security to my Acting Executors  
 and the Money arising by such sale after paying my Cash  
 Legacies if any Remains unpaid to be Equally Divided among  
 my sons and Daughters and the sons and Daughters of  
 Robert Wade Jun<sup>r</sup> Deceased to have the same share Equally  
 Divided amongst them as their Father would have <sup>had</sup> were he  
 living to have claimed it, were any other my Children to die  
 before such Division of my Estate that then the parts  
 of my Estate that would have fallen to the Deceased were  
 he or she living shall be Equally Divided amongst the sons  
 and Daughters of that Deceased but if my Wife should make  
 choice of any of the Slaves that I shall Bequeath to any  
 of my Children or grandchildren in this will it is not my intent  
 that any of those should sell that they immediately at the Expi-  
 ration of her Natural Life or Widowhood Descend to such of  
 my Children or grandchildren as they are given to their Heirs  
 and Assigns forever. I now Give and bequeath to my Son  
 John Wade Twenty shillings Current Money to Buy him

aning I have given him the Estate I intended already I am give  
 and bequeath to my son Stephen whose one Negro man named Joe  
 I having given him part of my Estate already to him and his  
 heirs and assigns forever I lend to my son Steven and Juana his wife  
 one Negro named Sarah during their lives and at their Death I  
 give her the said Sarah to my grandson Robert Wade son of  
 Stephen Wade and Juana his wife to him his heirs and assigns  
 I Lend to my Daughter in Law Ann Wade Widow of Robert Wade  
 Deceased During her Widowhood or till her son Hampton Wade  
 comes to lawfull Age to Demand him one Negro man named  
 Jack and as soon as the said Hampton Wade Comes to the age of  
 Twenty one years I give the said Negro Jack to him the  
 Hampton Wade son of Robert Wade Deceased I am give and  
 Bequeath to my son Charles Wade one Negro man slave name  
 Sam to him his heirs and assigns I also lend to him during  
 his life one Negro boy slave named David and at his Decease  
 I give the said Negro boy to Robert Wade son of the said Charles  
 Wade to him his heirs & assigns forever but if the said Robert  
 Wade Die before his Father Charles Wade that then the said  
 Charles Wade may Dispose of the said boy David in any manner he  
 shall think proper I am give and Bequeath to my Daughter  
 Mary Hunt fifty pounds Curr Money I having given her one  
 Negro Woman slave named Nan already to her and her heirs  
 and assigns forever I am give and bequeath unto my Daugh-  
 ter Sarah Stokes fifty pounds Curr money I having given  
 her one Negro woman slave named Tamer one negro boy named  
 Jammy and one Negro boy named Robin already all which I  
 give to her and her heirs and assigns forever I am give  
 and bequeath unto my son Edward Warden my mill and all my  
 Lands lying on the North side of Deepwell Creek Except that part  
 of the Land I purchased of Mathew Mannables lying on the  
 North side of the said Deepwell Creek beginning at the

I am give and bequeath to him the said  
 and lying on the South side of the said

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south of the Branch that crosses the path leading from  
my house to my said mill running thence up the said Branch  
or thence to the head thereof and thence to the nearest of the lines of  
the said Tract, I also give and Bequeath to him the said Edward  
Made one negro Man Slave Named Dick and one negro woman  
Named Molly I having Made him adieu of gift for one Negro  
Girl Named Anna all which I give and Bequeath unto him  
the said Edward his Heirs and Assigns with this Restriction  
that if He the said Edward should die without Lawfull Begotten  
son or Daughter that then the Estate to him hereby Given  
shall be sold, and the money arising by such sale to be  
Equally Divided among my sons and Daughters or their  
Heirs and assigns I also give to him the said Edward Thirty head  
of hogs for the Rebuilding the Mill which is to be Done with  
white oak plank and framing and the Charge of build-  
ing to be paid out of my Estate I also give and Bequeath to  
the said Edward all my Stock of all kind running at the mill  
Item I give and Bequeath to my Grand son Benj<sup>n</sup> Walther four  
pound Curr<sup>t</sup> Money to be applyed in schooling him - Item  
I give and Bequeath unto my Grand son Robert Wade son  
of Hampton Wade & Jean his wife one negro boy Named Swella  
to him his Heirs Assigns forever - Item My Will and desire  
is that my four Negroes (Named Peter Robin Venus and  
Jancy) May each of them have the Choosing Their Master  
or Mistress among my children who May have them at the  
Price they may be appraised to Giving Bond and Security to  
my Ex<sup>rs</sup> for the payment of the Money payable one year  
after they Receive them or any of them and the negroes to  
make choice of their Masters Immediately after apprais-  
ment Item I give and Bequeath unto my Grand son Robert  
Wadeston of Hobbs Decided My Tract of land whereon I  
now live in Mountain View together with that part of the

Land I purchased of Mathus Harrable lying on the North  
 side of Difficult Creek and to joine the tract given to Edward  
 Wade on the South or Lower side Difficult Creek agreeable to Boudin  
 Mentioned Above I also Desire that the Dwelling House should  
 finished and paid for out of my Estate It is my will and Desire that  
 my well beloved wife have possession of the said Land and plantation  
 During her Life or Widowhood and all she shall make or Raise to  
 at her Disposal at the Expiration of Either her Life or Widowhood  
 I Desire my son Edward Wade should possession of the said plantation  
 and Land on his Giving Bond and security to my Ex<sup>r</sup> for giving my  
 grand son Rob<sup>t</sup> Wade six years schooling and for returning the  
 House orchards and plantation in good Repair when my grand  
 son Rob<sup>t</sup> Wade son of Wade Deceased shall Come to The age of  
 Twenty one years I also Give unto my said grandson Robert  
 one Negro boy Named Giles to him and his Heirs forever I  
 Give and Bequeath unto my Nephew Stephen Jones five pounds  
 first money or a house of Value to him and his Heirs my will  
 and Desire is that my Estate should be appraised Immediately  
 after my Deceas and a true and perfect Inventory Taken and  
 Returned, And I do Appoint Edward Wade (my Son) with Remu-  
 chant and William Stokes to be Executors of this my last will  
 and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
 hand and seal this first day of May one Thousand seven  
 Hundred and sixty seven Robert Wade. Sub. Signed Sealed  
 and Acknowledged in presence of Thomas Gibbs, Susan-  
 Gibbs, John Bradley. At a Court held for Halifax  
 County the 19 day of April 1770 This last Will  
 and Testament of Robert Wade deceased was exhibi-  
 ted in Court by Remu-<sup>Remu-  
chant</sup> and  
 of the Executors therein appointed and the same being  
 proved by the Oaths of two of the subscribing Witnesses

was adms to be recorded (William Wade the then  
 a law being present and acknowledging that he  
 had no objections to such proof, and William Pikes  
 the other Executor therein also appeared here in Court  
 refusing the Execution here) the other Executors took the  
 Oath by Law prescribed & having together with the  
 said William Pikes the other James LeGrand & John  
 Wade their Securit in entered into Bond as the Law directs  
 & acknowledged the same Certificate was granted them for  
 obtaining a Certificate of the said William Wade & James LeGrand  
 Cap. John Wade one of the Exors of Paul Chiles decd. D<sup>r</sup>

Wade Rec<sup>d</sup>  
 Chiles  
 Estate

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| To 2510 <sup>th</sup> Tobaccos      | @ 20 <sup>th</sup>          | L 25 " 2 " 0 |
| To 823 <sup>th</sup> do             | @ 2 <sup>th</sup> Transpore | 6 " 11 " 2   |
| To Negro Matt sold for              |                             | 71 " 5 " 0   |
| To Negro Lucey sold for             |                             | 58 " 0 " 0   |
| To Negro Tom sold for               |                             | 85 " 1 " 0   |
| To Negro Daniel sold for            |                             | 22 " 6 " 0   |
| To Negro Eper sold for              |                             | 31 " 10 " 0  |
| To the Hire of three negros 2 years |                             | 45 " 0 " 0   |
| Contra                              | Cr to                       | 364 " 16 " 2 |

By paid William Madlock his part of the crop L 6 " 13 " 10

By paid Paul Chiles for his Attendance on  
 the back surveys 68 Days @ 2 1/2 p Day 16 " 16 " 0

By paid John Thompson Execution in Chiles Cr 74 " 6 " 4 1/2

By paid John Woodsons Ditto " D<sup>r</sup> 3 " 1 " 11

By paid the Sheriff 352<sup>th</sup> J<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Munfords fees 2 " 2 " 3

By paid Ditto 3 times & bar for 1768 2 " 19 " 3

By paid Thomas Duncan his proded Aut 0 " 6 " 3

By paid the debt 239<sup>th</sup> J<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> fees for 1765 &c 1 " 9 " 10 1/2

By paid M<sup>r</sup> Howard 103<sup>th</sup> Ditto for fees 0 " 12 " 10 1/2

By paid the surveyor 1050<sup>th</sup> Ditto for fees 6 " 11 " 0

By 25 days Attendance on the back surveys of 8 " 15 " 0

By provisions found when surveying the land back 1 " 0 " 0

By paid M<sup>r</sup> Dolton for boarding & shooting 2 children 1 " 3 " 0

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| By paid the Chain Surveyor when surveying the back land              | £ 0 0 0   |
| By paid M <sup>r</sup> Sam White her bond                            | 20 7 1    |
| By Expence going W <sup>m</sup> burg                                 | 6 0 0     |
| By paid Joseph Whitehead                                             | 2 1 9     |
| By 5 p <sup>ts</sup> on ready money on bail of Tom. <sup>negro</sup> | 2 2 4     |
| By paid Hendrick Janies on the back Land                             | 1 6 6     |
| By paid Alex <sup>r</sup> Gilbert proved Act                         | 4 0 1 1/2 |
| By paid Henry Chiles                                                 | 0 12 0    |
| By paid M <sup>r</sup> James Lyle for Bumpoff's Ex <sup>r</sup>      | 15 10 0   |
| By paid John Bryant                                                  | 26 0 0    |
| By Bal <sup>d</sup> for Settlement July 1768                         | 221 2 8   |
|                                                                      | 204 8 1   |
|                                                                      | 125 10 1  |

An Obedience to an order of the County Court of Halifax in the  
 Subscribers being there unto App<sup>d</sup> settled the Within Act  
 as is within stated Certified Under our hands this 21<sup>st</sup>

May 1767 Tho. Dilladay Ben Lankford

At a Court held for Halifax County the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1767  
 the within Account current of the Estate of Paul Chiles  
 Deceased together with the Report hereon indorsed were  
 returned which were inserted past and Ordered to be  
 Recorded Test Robert Mumford Clk

Truly recorded Test R. Mumford & Co

A true memorandum or Inventory of the Estate or goods of  
 Richard Griffin deceased of me. Mary Griffin widow and admin-  
 strator sold September 4<sup>th</sup> 22. 1766 First bought my self one  
 bed with some furniture some powder a tin pan some knives  
 and forks a tickler bottle one pair of spectacles a small Iron  
 pot & a pair of spades likewise some lumber £1 12 0  
 William Jermore D<sup>r</sup> 3 hogs 2 11 0  
 Ralph Griffin D<sup>r</sup> 8 hogs 2 0 0  
 Ralph Griffin D<sup>r</sup> 2 hogs 1 7 0

Griffin

Admin<sup>r</sup> Sales

In the name of God Amen of the Parish

of Antrim in the County of Halifax being weak in Body  
but in sound sense & memory (blessed be God for the same) on  
this nineteenth Day of January one thousand seven hundred  
and fifty four make & ordain this to be my last Will and  
Testament in manner & form following that is to say first  
I give to my Daughter Sarah Wade seven hundred and  
fifty Acres of Land lying on Lincolns Creek in the County  
of Bedford the Certificate for which being returned in my  
own name & Edmunds Bakers of Amelia County the  
whole Tract containing fifteen hundred Acres together  
with one Negro Wench named Nan with all and every  
the future Offspring of her the said Nan all which I  
give to my said Daughter Sarah and to her lawful  
begotten Heirs forever. Then I give to my son Robert  
Wade the Land & Plantation whereon my Father lives after  
his decease together with one Negro Man named Sam  
to him & his lawful begotten Heirs forever. Then I give  
to my son Hampton Wade the Land & Plantation  
whereon I reside together with one Negro Man named  
Jack to him and his lawful begotten Heirs forever.  
Then I give to my Daughter Betty Wade one Negro  
Wench named Sarah together with her future Offspring  
to her and her lawful begotten Heirs forever. Then I  
leave unto my beloved wife Ann Wade during her lifetime  
the care of my two Plantations (that is) this where  
on I live or that whereon my Father lives and also my  
two young Negro Slaves whose names are Peter & Rachel  
and at the expiration of which lease I give the disposing  
of the said Slaves to her my said Wife upon condition  
that she gives <sup>them</sup> to my Children or any one of them or  
I do also all my Household Furniture & Stock of Cattle.

202. All other my Lands together with my Stock of Horses  
or any other my Estate not herein mentioned I desire  
may be sold to pay my just debts, and after if any remain  
give it to be equally divided among my Children  
named as above. Item I do hereby appoint Paul  
Carrington Clement Read William Stokes Executors  
of this my last  
Will & Testament disannulling & revoking all other Wills  
& Testaments by me heretofore made. In witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the  
Day and Year first above mentioned  
Signed Sealed & published Robt. Ware Seal  
in presence of N. B. the said  
(Ware) interlined before signed  
Edward Wade Jas. Carrington Wm. Carrington Wm. Wade  
James M. Danville.

At a court held for Holiford County the 20 Day of June 1765  
This will was presented in Court by William Stokes, one  
of the Executors herein named who made oath  
according to Law and the same being proved  
by the oath of two of the witnesses hereto subscribed was  
ordered to be recorded, and Certificate granted the said  
William Stokes for obtaining a probate hereof in due  
form, he having with Clement Read and Hampton  
Wade his Solicitors entered into and acknowledged  
Bonds according to Law. And liberty is given for  
the other Executors to join in the same when they  
shall think fit.

Test

Truly recorded

Robert Warford Clk  
Challenged Clk.