

Clark David
Will
I David Clark of Halifax County being in a low weak state of health
but of sound & perfect mind & memory do make, publish & declare the following
to be my last Will & Testament. I direct that my books of accounts may be
sorted, debts due me adjusted & speedily collected, That my funeral expenses be paid
and all debts due by me be adjusted & paid with good faith. I direct that my
dwelling house now on hand be fully finished at the expense of my estate, according to the
plan suggested to my workmen & will known to my dear wife. I give and devise
to my dear beloved & faithful Wife Betsy during her natural life - One moiety or
half part of all my Lands in Halifax County, to be laid off in a convenient and equi-
table manner so as to include my new buildings and all other buildings adjacent thereto.
I give and bequeath to my dear Infant daughter Patsy Clark the remaining moiety of
Lands to her & her heirs forever, provided she lives to the age of twenty one years or
shall be lawfully married, also in same manner I give to my said Daughter, the
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at the death of my wife my daughter Patsy become sole & whole proprietor of all my
landed estate (provided she lives or marries as aforesaid) to me belonging or in any
manner appertaining to her & her heirs forever. I give & devise to my Brother Rowson
Clark in Trust Fifty pounds specie to be raised out of my present estate for the
use of an illegitimate female child, known by the name of Phoebe Clark Handwick
daughter of Mary Handwick of which child I am said to be the father, that so
soon as the said Phoebe shall attain the age of Twenty one years or be lawfully mar-
ried the said Rowson my Brother is requested to pay her the aforesaid sum of
fifty Pounds, together with the Interest accruing thereon But it is my express
will & direction that in case the said Phoebe does not live to the age aforesaid
or be lawfully married, that This Bequest with respect to the said Phoebe be
void and that the said Trustee shall account for the said Bequest with the
other of my estate as hereafter directed.

I give and devise to my dear Wife as of her own Right, One half of all the remainder
of my estate, consisting of an equal moiety of my Negro Slaves, live stock, money,
Debts, and every kind of Personal property to which I am or may be intitled, in possession
reversion or remainder, to her & her Heirs for ever.

I give and devise to my
daughter Patsy Clark the other moiety or half Part of all my estate, consisting as
before described of Negro Slaves, live stock money, Debts and every kind of personal
property, to which I am or may be intitled, in possession reversion or remainder to her &
her Heirs for ever, that is if she shall live to the age of Twenty one or be Lawfully

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married. But in case my daughter Patsy does not live to be of lawfull age or marry
as aforesaid, that then in that case this Bequest to be void, and to go as hereafter directed.

It is my Will & direction that the whole of my estate except what may be necessary
for raising the money herein before specified, be kept together, and managed in common
for the use & gentle support of my dear Wife & Child, during the Widowhood of
my Wife, and for the Education of my daughter Patsy, at the discretion of my

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Education of my child Patsy. But if it should hereafter be the choice of my
wife to marry I direct that from thence my estate be divided as before directed, or
at the marriage or coming of age of my daughter. — It is my further will &
desire that at the marriage or death of my wife, in case my daughter Patsy
should not live to be of lawfull ^{age} or marry as aforesaid, that that moiety devised my
daughter Patsy of my negro Slaves and all other personal property be equally divided
between all my Brothers & Sisters. Halifax County, Virginia Wills 1792-1797
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this heirs forever. For him the said Howson to take possession of that moiety of
Lands devised my daughter, immediately at the intermarriage of my wife & the other
moiety at her death, That is in case my daughter Patsy does not live to the
aforesaid Periods of age or marriage. — I do here by appoint my Brother Howson
Clark, Sole Executor to this my last will & Testament, hereby revoking all other
or former wills & Testaments by me heretofore made, Relying with confidence, that
my other Brothers and all other friends will be aiding and assisting to him in the
execution

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execution of this Trust, and further that they will finally be friendly to my little family
so long as they ^{may} stand in need of assistance. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & affixed my seal this eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord One
Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety seven

Signed, Sealed, published & declared as, and for
the Last Will & Testament of the above named
David Clark in the Presence of us

David Clark - L.S.

Philip Rowlett

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Thos. Beough

James Shaw

At a court held for Halifax County the 25th day of September 1797

The within written last will and Testament of David Clark dec^d was exhibited in
Court and proved by the oaths of Two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed and sworn to be true
And on the motion of Henson Clark the executor therein named who made oath according to law
Certificate is granted him for obtaining Probate thereof in due form, he giving security -
Whereupon the said Henson Clark with George Camminton James A. Green & J. H.

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Whereupon the said Houson Clark, George Carrington, James A. Glenn and John Clark Gent: his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the Penalty of Twenty Thousand dollars Condition'd according to Law for that Purpose.

Es^c Truly Recorded

Teste Geo. Carrington C.H.C.

Teste Henry Green D.H.C.

An Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Richard Parker deceased, the 25th day of September 1797. Vist

Richard
Parker

Geo. W. Haff