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James Clay  
Will.

In the Name of God Amen I James Clay Senr of the County of Halifax and State of Virginia being in perfect sense and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following that I do give, best of all I give my soul to God that gave it and my Body to be buried in christian like Manner, that is to say In private I did long wife my plantation whereon I now live During his Widowhood also when my son Elkanah Clay should be come of lawful Age that I give & Bequeath unto him my said son the above mentioned plantation and land to him his heirs and assigns forever and that my wife and said son both might enjoy the Benefit of the said plantation and land as long as she lives my Widow, Then I did unto my Loving wife during her widowhood One Negro woman Named Elsieley together with all my household Furniture and Stock Then I give and bequeath unto my son James Clay fifty Acres of land adjacent to the same plantation above mentioned to him and his heirs forever Then I give and bequeath unto my son James Clay fifty Acres of land adjacent to the same plantation above mentioned to him his heirs forever Then I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Bethe Munnally five shillings and no more she having received of me already what I think sufficient as she is to have nothing more of my Estate Then I desire That all my personal Estate best of what nature or Quality so ever not herein particularly Before Given or mentioned to be given away it is my Will that all my children under the age of Bethe Munnally shall be Equally Divided after my Wifes Widowhood. Lastly I do point Constituted and a Doer my son William Clay to be my whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set and affixed my hand and seal this eighth day of February one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine  
Signed Sealed & Published

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Witness here for Halifax County the 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1791 The last will and Testament of James Clay Senr Deceased was Exhibited into Court and Read by the Oath of one of the Witnesses. I was Ordered to be Recorded And upon the motion of William Clay Senr of the Co who made Oath according to law forth Bedford Sheriff & Robert Esley his Deputies introduced and Acknowledged there and in the Penalty of \$1000 - as by Law Prescribed Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining probate of the same in due form

J<sup>r</sup> Truly RecordedTest Geo Cunningham Clerk  
Test William Thompson D<sup>c</sup> R

A true and perfect Inventory & Appraisement of the Estate of James Brandon decd.

Ditto 25 head hogs

Ditto 15 head sheep

Ditto 11 head Cattle

Ditto 14 head Sheats

Ditto 1 Colt

Ditto 1 Saddle mare

Ditto 1 Bay Ditto

Ditto 1 Dark Bay horse

Ditto 1 Black Steer 4 years

Ditto 1 Duck Pond

Ditto 1 parcel of land 1/2 Acre

Ditto 1 Sunday Tool

Ditto 1 Smooth Gun 1/2 pound

Ditto 1 Saddle &amp; 2 Bridles

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James Brandon  
Deceased

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