

In the name of God Amen I James Purcell of the Parish of Antigua & County
of Halifax being sick and weak in body but perfect in mind and memory do make & declare
this my last will and testament in form and manner following that is to say into the
hands of God I commit my soul hoping for a perfect reception thro' the merits of my
blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ and my body to the Earth to be decently buried at the
discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as to what worldly goods
it hath pleased almighty God to bestow upon me I give and bequeath in
manner following that is to say After all my debts & bills are paid I
bequeath my whole Estate real and personal to my beloved Wife Elizabeth as
long as she lives widow and after her death I bequeath to my daughter Ann
the tract of Land whereon I now live as well as to all the rest of my children
as long as they live single. If they think proper to work what negroes they may have
upon it. I give my daughter Ann fifteen pounds to be raised out of my Estate
I give and bequeath unto my son James Williams my daughter Ann
Margaret Jane Betty Hannah & Polly one feather bed & furniture &c.

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each to them and their heirs forever I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah
five head of cattle and five head of sheep to her and her heirs forever after the
death or marriage of my wife Elizabeth Purcell my will and desire is that my
whole Estate both real and personal may be equally divided between all my
children to wit James William Ann Margaret Jane Policy Hannah & Polly
to them and their heirs forever but if either or any of my children should die without
Issue lawfully begotten ^{Halifax County, Virginia Wills 1790-1797} ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} that they survive or their lawful
Representatives should have an equal share of such Estate in which case separation that
would have been allotted to them I do appoint my son in Law Daniel Roberts
and my sons James and William Purcell Executors of this my last will and testament
Revoking all other Wills heretofore made by me In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and seal this first day of March Anno don One thousand seven hundred &

seventy nine

Signes Sealed & Authenticated

James Purcell Jr

Elizabeth Purcell

Declared before us

John Coleman Thomas Pugh

At a Court held for Halifax County the 20 day of January 1793

The within written last Will and testament of James Purcell was Exhibited in Court by the Executors and Proved by the Oaths of two Witnesses and Ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of James Purcell Jr and William Purcell the Executors in said Will Certificate was granted them for obtaining a probate of said Will in due form they having taken the Oath and given Security whereupon they together with William Purcell & Thomas Pugh their Security entered into & took bond conditioned according to Law

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Examined

John G. Farrington

Truly Recorded

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W. Thompson

Examined