

I John Colbs of Halifax County in bad health but of sound mind and disposing memory do make constitute and
ordain my last Will and Testament in the following manner and form. First My debts and funeral expences must of
course be adjusted and honestly paid, and to that end deduct that such of my slaves and other Estate personal as my dear
wife may advise and direct be sold for that purpose. — 2. I give and devise to my dear beloved wife during her life the
tract of land plantation and houses whereon I dwell, together with all my negro slaves, household goods, stocks and all other
chattels for her support and for the support and education of her and my children. — 3. In the sale of slaves for payment
of my debts I desire that a woman named ^{El} En may have ^{cl} her full value. 4. I have entitled to a slave named Isaac in possession of my
nephew James Colbs of South Carolina I direct that he be sold or not as my wife and Executors may think ^{most} proper, or
that his labour may be otherwise applied as may be judged most to the advantage of my family. 5. I have a joint right
with two brothers, to a tract of land in the State of Kentucky located in the name of my late Father James Colbs.
I direct that my part or share of that tract be sold and conveyed by my Executors and the produce be applied with
the general mass of my Estate. 6. I desire and request of my dear Wife that, at her discretion she will accommodate
my children as she may think proper with such parts of my Estate as she may think she can spare as they may respectively
come of age or marry. And finally at her death I direct and desire that my lands and dwelling be sold to my
my Executors — and that the proceeds as well as all other intents be equally divided among all my children.

or their legal representatives, so that including donations by their mother finally each child or the representatives of each standing as one, may receive and enjoy an equal part. 7. But the last devise must be subject to the following

exception - In order the better to secure to my wife the duty of her children, I give to her my said wife the following twelve slaves by name Bob, Betty, Mary, Lewis, Dick, Clo, Fanny, Franky, Mel, Sophia, Tom and Polly - to be disposed of by her to such of my children as she may think proper at any time she may choose - and if it shall so happen, that she shall fail to make disposition of any of these slaves, they are to be in equal division as before devised - but if she chooses to dispose of them or any of them the donee shall hold such donation without being accountable on an equal division of the remainder. - I have an undivided

interest in the estate of my late father Halifax County Virginia Wills 1798-1804
www.virginiapioneers.net James Cole of North Carolina - I desire that my executors may have that interest adjusted, make necessary conveyances of lands and do every other thing necessary so as to bring the value of such interest to the aid and support of my family - to be applied as before directed. - I do nominate and appoint my wife Executrix, my brother in Law Willis Lewis and my friend Isaac H. Coles Executors of this will, declaring it to be my last. Signed Seal'd publish'd & declared this 23rd day of February - one Thousand eight hundred and then.

Signed Seal'd publish'd & declared
by the Testator to be his last will

Wm Cole

In presence of

P. Carrington, Wm Norton, John Leyscomb, Robert Hudson, Delany P. Lewis, William Britton

Sign'd & seal'd publish'd & declared
by the Testator to be his last will

Wm. Cobb, L. S.

In presence of
P. Carrington, Wm. Morton, John Lipscomb, Robert Hudson, George P. Innes, William Britton

At a Court held for Halifax County the 27th day of June 1803 —

The within written Last will and Testament of John Cobb deceased was exhibited in Court — and proved by
the oaths of two of the witnesses therein subscribed — and ordered to be record — and Isaac H. Cates, one of the
Executors therein named — Came into Court — and refused to take upon himself the further of the Execution thereof —

Whereupon — on the motion of Ann Cobb the Executrix therein named — who made oath according to Law: —

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Certificate is granted her for obtaining probate thereof in due form — She giving Security — Whereupon she

together with Isaac H. Cates her Security — entered into — and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of
fifty thousand dollars — conditioned as the law directs. Liberty being reserved to the other Executor —

therein named — to join in the probate thereof — When he shall think fit. 1803, May 28th adon
— instruction Granted John Cobb in due form —

Truly Recorded.

Teste John Wimbish C. H. C.

Teste, Samuel Williams D. H. C.