

Phelps Esq

Will

In the Name of God since I John Phelps of Eastern parish of the County of
Halifax being Weak in body but of sound perfect sense and Memory knowing that it is
God appointed for all men to die I do make and Declare this my Last Will and Testament
first I Recommend my soul to almighty God who gave it to me Trusting in the
merits of our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to Receive it again at the last
day in a Joy full Resurrection my Body I desire may be Buried in a decent manner at
the Discretion of my Executors and as for what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless
me with I do Give and bequeath off to witt, John I give and bequeath unto my son
William Phelps the Land and plantation whereon I now live and one Negro Girl
named ⁺ Hanner and one cow and calf and two ind pigs to him and his heirs forever.
Item I give and bequeath unto my son John Phelps the Land and plantation whereon
he now lives and one Negro boy named Stephen to him and his heirs forever.
Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Betty Farr two hundred Acres Land
and Plantation whereon she now lives and one Negro Girl named Mary Coker &
her heirs forever. Item I give ^{to bequeath} unto my Daughter Ann Byers the Land and plantation

whereon she now lives and one negro man named Moses and one negro Girl named
Winnif for services done in Working for me to her and her heirs forever.

I then Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Abby Rayette two hundred Acres Land
and plantation whereon she formerly lived one negro Girl named Bet to her and
her heirs forever. I then Give ^{I bequeath} unto my Daughter Melley Pitty the Land and
plantation whereon she now lives and one Negro Woman named Carter and Child named
Richard to her and her heirs forever. I then Give unto my Daughter Fanny Johnson
one hundred and fourteen Acres Land whereon she now lives one negro Woman
named Rachel and one negro Girl named Fila during his natural life and then to
be divided amongst her Children. I then Give unto my Daughter Patsy Walter one
negro boy named Reuben and one negro Girl named Washett during his natural
life and to be divided amongst her Children. I then Give and bequeath unto my
young Daughter Esth Annas Phelps one negro Girl named Chelasia to her and her
heirs forever. If my son John Phelps does not get a Deed to the land that was James
Mearns's he is to have Forty pounds out of the income of my Estate. If he get
a Deed to the above Land he is to have ten pounds. The above in full of my Estate

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I do unto my beloved Wife Drusilla Phelps During her life what is my negroes and
my household furniture and Stock my son William Phelps is to pay all my last debts
and to pay to the Use of my Children as follows "to wit" to my son John Phelps fifteen pounds
to my Daughter Sally (see her portion) to my Daughter Jane Byrnes her portion to my Daughter
Betsey Angster fifteen pounds to my Daughter Abigail Petty her portion to my Daughter
Fanny Johnson her portion to my Daughter Pally Walter fifteen pounds after my son William
Phelps has paid my last Debts and the sums above mentioned he is to have the negroes
and household furniture and Stock. I do Appoint my son William Phelps Executor to
my last Will and Testament do Witness my hand and seal this fourth day of September 1793

Signis Sealed & Delivered
In presence of

Geo Phelps

James Dixon John ^{his} Barley
mark

Ambrose Hunt ^{his} Smith & Barnes
mark



At a Court held for Halifax County the 27th day of January 1794

The within written Last Will and Testament of John Phelps deceased is filed in Court by William Phelps the Executor therein named and the same was proven by the Oaths of three Witnesses thereto Subscribed to be the Act and Will of the said John & Obedient to be proved and On the motion of the said Executor whomade oath thereto According to Law Certificate was granted him for obtaining probate hereof in due form he gave security whereupon he together with Henry Bass Hawkins Landon and James Mcraughers Secures entered into and Subscribed their Bonds in the penalty of £3000 conditioned as the Law Directs.

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W. Thompson D.C. Clerk