

August 1783

A Court held for Halifax County the 21st day of Aug^r 1783
This account Current of the Estate of Michael Matthews deceased
was returned by the Person appointed for settling the same. and the
same was passed & ordered to be Recorded.

Ee

Test.

Geo. Carrington. Ck.

Truly records

Test Geo. Carrington Ck.

H

In the Name of God Amen. I Stephen Towns of Halifax
County being in a low state of health. but of perfect mind and
memory. I pray you God for the same. do make Constituted and
ordain this and none other but this to be my last Will and
Testament in manner & form following. Viz

My Will and desire is that all my lawfull Debts to paid by
my Ex^{rs}. Item. I bequeath to my will beloved Wife Lucy Towns
during her natural life or widowhood the Land & Plantation
whereon I now live containing four hundred Acres. with the
benefit and labour of the following Slaves. Viz. Benjamin,
Tom, Frank, Jacob, Bantony, Betty, Pegg, Eliza. for her
use. and the bringing up & educating my Children.

Item. I give and bequeath to my dear and will beloved
Children Viz. Sarah, Annia, & Lucrosia Towns. with my
beloved wife Lucy Towns. the above mentioned Land & Slaves
And in case my Wife Lucy Towns being now in a State of pregnancy
when Delivered of son or Daughter, it should survive my Will
and desire is that, that with the rest of my Children and my
wife aforesaid, should share an equal part of my Estate, be it
what it may. And in case it should die, which I desire, I desire
to be made at the coming of age of my youngest Child, by an and
equal Division as can be made among them. of the above mention
Estate. And lastly I do appoint Constituted and ordain my brother
Caleb Towns, William Watkins, Executors, with my beloved
wife Lucy Towns. Executor, of this my last Will & Testament.

Hoping they will see the same duly performed, as my Trust is in the
Reposed. and confirming this & none other but this to be my last Will and
Testament. In Witness whereof I have set my hand & affix my seal
this 21st April 1783

Test.

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A Court held for Halifax County the 21st day of Aug^r 1783
This last will & Testament of Stephen Towns Deceased was exhibited in
Court by the Executors herein named. and the same was proved by the Oaths of
two of the subscribing Witnesses, and ordered to be Recorded.

And on the Motion of the said Executors who made Oath here to according to
Law. Certificate was granted them for obtaining Probate hereof in due
form. They giving security whereupon they together with James Coleman,
Geo. Hilly, James Le Grand, & Richard Carter their Securit^{ys}. entered
into and acknowledged Bond for the same according to Law.

Ee

Test Geo. Carrington. Ck.

Truly records

Test

Geo. Carrington Ck.

H

In the Name of God Amen. I Joseph Street of Halifax Co. North
County being in good health, prayed be God. Do make this my last Will
and Testament as follows. Item I give to my son John Street all the
tract of Land whereon I now live containing three hundred & 13 Acres
after the death of his Mother. Item my wife is that all my just Debts
shall be paid and the residue of my estate to be equally Divided between
the rest of my Children and my son David Street whom I make sole
Executor with his Mother. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & seal this 2^d of July 1781. Sealed and declared by the
above named Joseph Street for and as his last Will and Testament
In the Presence of us.

John Bodrich, Moses Bodrich,
John Richardson

Joseph Street. Ls.

A Court held for Halifax County the 21st day Feb^r 1782
This last will & Testament of Joseph Street Deceased. was exhibited in
Court by the same was proved by the Oaths of two of the subscribing witnesses
and ordered to be Recorded.

Test Geo. Carrington. Ck.

A Court held for Halifax County the 21st day of August 1783
David Street. one of the Executors herein named Came into Court & desired to take
on him the burden of the Execution hereof. And on the Motion of James Street. the
Executors herein named, who made Oath here to according to Law. Certificate

August 1783

Scrip
of
Baker

D^r Fred^d Carter. Baker in debt with Ben. Sankford. his Guardian.

1783. To 1 Butt 10^l. 1 pair of shoes 10^l 17^l

To 1 pair of Paper 10^l

To paid the Coyer at living your Negroes 5^l

To paid 10^l for his wife's part. decesses on the Division of the Negroes 6^l 5^l

To paid for coats & half sealing 2^l 10^l of shoes 4^l

To 2 yds of Double wave Cloth for a pair Breeches 7^l 6^l

To 3^l yds fine Ring Cloth for a shirt 9^l

To paid for making your Breeches 3^l

To 1 pair of silver knee Breeches 11^l

To 1 pair of shoes 1^l 10^l. paid for mending 2^l 10^l 3^l 10^l

To 3 yds. D. wave Ring Cloth for Close 1^l 12^l

To paid the Matter for a fine Wall 2^l

To Cash for Pocket Money 1^l 3^l 6^l

To paid the Taylor for making your Close 1^l

To 7 yds of fine Lining Shirts 1^l 4^l 6^l

To 2 pair of shoes bought at Richmond 11^l

To 3 yards of cloth for jacket & Breeches 10^l

To 4^l yds. narrow Cloth for a coat 2^l 5^l

To 15 Coat Buttons of 13 jacket 8^l 2^l 7^l 6^l

To Trimming for the Coat 7^l 6^l

To 1 pair of Thread stockings 5^l

To 1 pen knife 1^l 10^l. Thread to make shirts 1^l 2^l 6^l

To 1^l 10^l Quire of Paper 3^l 9^l. 1 Mail £30 20^l 3^l 9^l

To paid the Clerk of Halifax County 20^l 10^l 3^l 9^l

To paid the Tong. 2 young Negroes for 1783 1^l

To paid the school master 1^l

1783. To 17^l 6^l 9^l

1783. Contra

Aug 21 By Account rendered last year 57^l 8^l 3^l

By Josias Bullock 29^l

By Jacob Kilbey 15^l

By John Rainey 15^l

By William Short 18^l 15^l

By James Taylor for the 8^l part Rent of the ferry 6^l 5^l

1786. 18^l 10^l 3^l

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A Court held for Halifax County the 21st day of August 1783

This account of Benjamin Sankford. Guardian to Richard Edward Boker was by the d^r. Guardian returned & admitted and the same was paid and ordered to be Recorded.

See

Jas. Carrington. Clerk

Truly recorded Test

Jas. Carrington. Clerk

D^r Amisead Watlington son of Francis Watlington Decd. of Contra Co^r

1783. 21st August.

To 5^l yds Cotton Cloth 2^l 10^l 9^l By the Hire of your wench 1^l 3^l 0^l

To 1^l 10^l stockings & one pair of shoes 10^l Dinah & 2 children 1^l 3^l 0^l

To 1^l 3^l yds. Cloth 3^l 6^l

To 1^l 10^l Board from 1st Aug 1782 until April 28th 2^l

Quoted excepted for Ben. Shelton 3^l 7^l 3^l

D^r Edward Watlington, son of Francis Watlington Decd. of Contra Co^r

21st Aug 1783.

To 5^l yds Cotton Cloth 2^l 10^l 9^l By the Hire of your Negroes Girl and child for their Taxes and clothing 1^l 3^l 0^l

To 1^l 10^l stockings & one pair of shoes 10^l

To 2 yds Cotton Cloth at 2^l 10^l 9^l 4^l 6^l

To 1^l 10^l Cotton 10^l

To your Board 12 Months 3^l

Quoted excepted for Ben. Shelton 1^l 11^l 3^l

21st Aug 1783. Francis Watlington D^r

To 1^l 10^l shoes 10^l 5^l 0^l By the Hire of your Negroes woman Betty & child 1^l 3^l 0^l

To 2 yds Cotton Cloth at 2^l 10^l 9^l 7^l 6^l

To 1^l 10^l stockings & one pair of shoes 10^l

To 1^l 10^l Cotton Cloth 2^l 10^l 9^l 3^l 6^l

To your Board for 12 Months 3^l 0^l 0^l

Quoted excepted for Ben. Shelton 1^l 11^l 3^l

A Court held for Halifax County the 21st day of Aug 1783

These accounts of Benjamin Shelton & Rebecca his wife Guardians to Amisead Edward & Francis Watlington. Orphans of Francis Watlington Decd. were by the d^r. Guardian returned & admitted and the same was paid and ordered to be Recorded.

October 1783.

And my Daughters Mary Stokes Executors of this my last will
and Testament do Witness my hand & seal this thirteenth day
of November in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand seven
hundred & Eighty two

Signed Sealed . . .

Silvanus Stokes. Ld.

In the Presence of us

William Stone, Sarah Stone

Sarah Brooks.

A Court held for Halifax County the 17th day of July 1783
This last Will & Testament of Silvanus Stokes Deceased. was exhibited
in Court and the same was proved by the Oaths of two of the subscribing
Witnesses hereto & ordered to be Recorded.

Test Geo. Canington M.

A Court continued this for Halifax County the 19th day of September 1783
This Will being further proved by the Oaths of two of the subscribing Witnesses hereto
was ordered to be recorded and was on the motion of James Brooks and William Jones
the Executors who being first sworn on the Law do this Certificate is granted them
for obtaining probat hereof in due form they giving security whereupon they
together with Coll Towns their security entered into and acknowledged
Bonds for the same amounting to Lxxv.

Truly read Test Geo. Canington M.
Geo. Canington M.

Dr. The Orphans of George Smith Deceased. in acct. with:
Sally Smith their Guard.

To Bond William Smith 2 Years old. 3 L. 6
To do Astoria Do 2 Do 6
To Do Jacob Do 2 Do 6
To Do Benjamin Do 2 Do 6
To Do Sally Do 2 Do 6
To Do Mary Do 2 Do 6

C. C. Sally Smith

L 36.00

A Court held for Halifax County the 16th day of October 1783
This account of Sally Smith the Guardian to William, Astoria, Jacob, Benjamin, Sally, Mary

October 1783

An Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Joseph Street
Deceased taken this 27th day of Sept. 1783.

Jos. Street
Est. Goods

1 Horse	L 6.00	1 Table	3.00
1 Feather bed furniture	9.00	1 Chair	6.00
1 Do	9.00	2 Smoothing Irons	5.00
1 Do	7.00	1 Cow	2.15
1 Pine Chest	7.00	1 Cow & Yearling	3.15
1 Do	3.00	1 Cow & Calf	2.10
1 Tub	4.00	1 Cow	2.10
1 Crop Cut saw	12.00	1 Stuffer	1.10
Carpenters Tools	1.19	4 Sheep	1.10
Puter	1.13.6	17 Head of Hogs	5.00
1 Hogs Head & dock	7.6	1 Fat hog	1.00
3 Iron Poles	1.10.6	6 Saw files	5.00
1 Flying Pan	5.00	2 Plain & Square	5.00
1 Spoon	1.5	1 Saddle & two Bridles	1.1.6
2 Spinning Wheels	8.00	1 hoe	3.00
1 Chest	8.00		

Plantation Tools 2.12.6. John Richardson.
Thomas Keeling.
John Boslick.

A Court held for Halifax County the 16th day of Oct. 1783
This Inventory & appraisement of the Estate of Joseph Street
Deceased was returned. and the same was ordered to be Recorded.

Test Geo. Canington M.

Truly read

Geo. Canington M.

In the Name of God Amen I Alexander
Jesse of Halifax County Virginia being of sound sense
mind and Memory blessed be God and Calling to Remem-
brance the Transitoryness of this Life, and that it is
appointed for all men once to Die, I do Make & Ordain

A. Jesse
Will &