

Margaret Melson and to my son Tho^r and Robert Melson
the Remainder part of my Estate equally I likewise
constitute and ordain my loving friends W^m Hamblet and
James Devonport ^{to be my} Executors of this my last will and
Testament and I do hereby utterly Disallow revoke and
Disannul all and every other former Testaments wills
and Legacies Requests and bequests by me in anywise
before this time named Will^t and Bequeathed Ratifying
and Confirming this and no other to be my last will
and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the Day and year above Written
signed sealed pronounced In presence of us ^{on} Thomas Melson
John Boyd. Bedford Devonport. Patrick
Fitzgerald

At a Court Held for Halifax County the 21 Day of March 1771
This Will was exhibited into Court by William Hamblet
one of the Executors herein named the other Executor
refusing to take upon himself the Execution hereof
who made oath ^{proves} hereto according to Law and the
same being by the oaths of two of the witnesses here
was ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the
said Executor Certificate was granted him for
obtaining a probate hereof in due form he having
with Edward Wade & Heman Miller his securities
first entered into & acknowledges Bond according
to Law. Test A. Munford Clk

Truly Recorded Test A. Munford Clk

In the name of God Amen the 17 day
of October in the year of our Lord 1770 I Melph
Griffin of Halifax in the County of Virginia being
very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and

memory thanks be given untold for the same and
 calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing
 it is appointed for all men once to die do make and declare
 this my last will and Testament that is to say principally
 and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands
 of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the
 earth to be buried in christian like ^{or decent} manner at the
 discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general
 Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty
 power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherein
 it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and
 Dispose of the same in the following manner and form
 in the first place ^{place} I desire my Debts should be paid " " "
 I lend to my Loved wife my Lands and hool Estate for
 her life or widowhood to raise my children and if not
 enough without to sell that piece of Land on Tobey
 Creek on Halifax County to raise them with and if
 can be raised without selling of the Land I give it
 to be equally Divided between my for eldest wife Per
 Griffin Buckner Griffin Elize Griffin and Elisha
 Griffin to them and their are also I give to my youn-
 ger son Lucas Griffin my plantations whereon I now live
 to himself and his ors but if that piece of Land is abloge
 to be sold to help to raise my children for the plantation
 to be valued and to be equally Divided among the boys
 but for the youngest to have the place and the remaining
 part of my Estate left to be equally Divided among all
 children Ralph ^{his} Griffin signed sealed published
 pronounced and declared by the said as his last will and
 Testament in the presents of us the subscribers viz
 Richard Griffin - John Rogers - John ^{his} Griffin
 Richard Griffin and William Night ^{marriage} Witnesses

At about held for Halifax County the 21st Day of March 1771 his Will was proved by the Oath of two of the witnesses and Ordered to be Recorded.

Test Rob^t. Munford Clk.

And afterward to wit the 20th Day of June in the same Year Administration of the Estate of the Testator was granted to Susanna Griffin with the Will annexed She having made Oath according to Law and entered into Bond with Richard Griffin Richard Jones and Charles Anderson her Securities and acknowledged the same.

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Truly recorded Rob^t. Munford Clk.
Test Rth Munford &

In the name of God Amen the fifth Day of April in the year of our Lord 1770 I James Howell of the County of Halifax, County, being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind & memory — Thanks be given to God therefore calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say, Mainly & first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise & dispose of the same in the following manner I do give & bequeath my Will and Sole heir What in the first place all my

Howell's
Will