

In the name of God Amen I Thomas Stanfield of the County
 Halifax being at present weak in body but sound in judgment Thor Stanfield
 do hereby make my last will & Testament in the manner Will I
 to the Effect following that is to say In the first place I commit
 my soul to god as to being infinitely better in all humble hope
 of its future happiness Then to my Daughter Fanny Wyllie I lend
 the negro wench Rose which I formerly lent her during her life
 after her death to be equally divided amongst her children Then
 I lend to my Daughter Willy Holt the negro wench Lydia which I
 do lend her together with her future increase during her life & after
 her death to be equally divided amongst her children. Then I lend to my
 Daughter Mary Holt the negro Abram during her life & after her death
 to be equally divided amongst her children. Then I lend to my daughter
 Molly Warren a negro fellow named Amp during her life & after
 her death to be equally divided amongst her children. Then I lend
 to my daughter Betty Caldwell the negro Sarah which I formerly
 lent her during her life & at her death to be divided equally amongst
 her children.

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...I give to my son William the negro Frank that
wrote in his possession. Then I give to my son Benjamin
my negro woman named Hannah. Then I lend to my Daughter
Dolly my negro woman named Ester the youngest by that name
during her life & to her children after her death if she should marry & have
any if not to be divided at her death amongst my children. Then
I lend to my Daughter Dolly my negro woman named Nancy
during her life & to her children provided she should marry & have
any if not to be divided amongst my children equally.

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Then I give to my son ~~Thomas~~ the tract land where I now live
my negro boy named Matt. As I formerly gave my children
Milly Scary Molly Fanny Betty & William each of them
a feather bed it is my will that every one of my other children
have each of them a feather bed also. Also it is my will that
all the residue ^{& remainder} of my Estate real & personal be equally divided
at my death amongst my children I have & shall have.
But previous to subscribing these presents it is my will that
as my sons William & Benjamin have each of them had
share that all the rest my children have each of them a share

for each of them at my death then & in that case they shall have the
 value thereof in other property there they are to have out my estate
 previous to a general division. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand & seal declaring this to be my last will & Testament
 & revoking all others and appointing my sons William and
 Benjamin to be my executors thereof this twentieth day of
 December one thousand seven hundred & ninety six
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Alex. Cunningham
 Robert Stanfield
 Martin Turner

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Thomas J. Stanfield
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A Court held for Halifax County the 23rd day of January 1797
 The last will & Testament of Thomas Stanfield Dec^d was exhibited in
 Court & proved by the oath of 3 of the Witnesses thereto subscribed
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discharge of them
Granted them " " " " they taking the oath & giving security
whereupon they together with Robert Stanfield Robert Holt &
Leperme Nagland there securities entered in to & acknowledged
Bond in the penalty of \$10,000 Conditioned according to
law

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Jesse J. Carington C.H.C.

Examined Truly Provided

Teste
Benj. Green D.C.H.C.