

In the name of God Amen, I William Chapell of the State of Virginia
and county of Halifax, being Sick & weak of body, but of a Disposing mind & memory
do make this my last Will & Testament, in manner & form following, to wit,
after my Just debts and funeral expenses are paid, I give and bequeath unto my loving
wife Elizabeth Chapell during her natural life or Widowhood, my whole estate
both real & personal, ^{but} my desire is that Didsbury should be sold, & another negro
or negroes purchased at the discretion of my executors hereafter named, - & for them
to make sale of any thing else as they may see necessary for the advantage of the estate,
also to make purchases if they see it convenient for the benefit of said estate,
Now at the death or marriage of my said Wife, I give and bequeath unto all all my
Children and their Heirs, my whole estate both real and personal to be equally divided
amongst them that is to say David, Sarah, William, Decker, John Watkins, Elizabeth,
Robert & Alexander Chapells, and in case my loving wife should be with child,
then and in that case I give and bequeath unto said Child and to its heirs & equal propor-
tion with the others & in case any of them should die before they arrive to lawful age,
or marriage, then it is my will & desire, that their proportion given in the Event
and manner above described, to be equally divided among my surviving Children, but
in case my wife should marry, then it is my will & desire that she should

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and manner above described, to be equally divided among my surviving Children, but
in case my wife should marry, then it is my will & desire that she should enjoy
one third of my estate during her life, and at her decease to be equally divided among
my surviving Children, which I do give and bequeath unto them and their heirs.

I do hereby appoint my Brothers Robert & John Chappell's & my friend Edwin Garlington
Executors (and Guardians of my Children) of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness

whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal This first day of November 1798
Signed, Sealed, published & Delivered

To be the last will & Testament of the

said William Chappell in presence of

William Dickie

Nancy Chappell

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At a court held for Halifax County the 24 day June 1799
The within Written last will and testament of William Chappell dec'd was in-
troduced in court, and proved by the oaths of the within subscribers. Subscribed and ordered to
be recorded; and on the motion of John Chappell and Edwin Garlington two of the executors
herein named who made oath according to law, certificate is granted them for obtaining
probate thereof as due from them giving security where upon they together with

June Court 1799

John Ragland and Robert Chappell their guaranties entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of twenty thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs
 Wholy reserved to the other executor to join in the protest when he shall think fit
 Teste John Wimbish C. H. C.

Truly Recorded

Teste

Bryan Green W. H. C.

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D^r The Estate of Stephen Towns

In Acc^t Current with Caleb Towns

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1792	Paid Isaac Medley Dr^h for Taxes &c. M^o 1st 3 13 2 Paid C. H. Halifax 10th Feb^r at 1/4 M^o 2 0 1 0 1/2 Paid do. do 2nd 78 cents. M^o 3 0 16 8 Paid John Vaughan for his attendance as a Witness. 0 8 4 Paid W^m Yancey for his Ticket 42 cents. M^o 4 0 2 6 Paid John Vaughan for his attendance as a Witness. 0 7 4 Paid Francis Carter his attendance as a Witness. 2 15 1					
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