

In the name of God Amen I William Mays of Halifax Mays Will
County and Colony of Virginia being very sick and Weak of Body
but in perfect sense and Memory Thanks be to God for the same. First I be-
queath my soul to God that gave it me and my body to be buried as my
executors think proper. And ^{as} for my worldly Goods I bequeath as followeth

Item I lend unto my loving wife Sarah Mays or her certain my home
Plantation & my whole Estate during life or widow hood & at her death
or marriage to be divided as followeth

Item I give unto my Son Drury Mays Eldest Son of Sarah
Mays or her certain my home ^{Halifax County Virginia Wills 1792-1797} ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} and my two hundred ^{and} twenty
five Acres it being at the lower end of the tract to him and his
heirs forever.

Item I give unto my son Beverly Mays or her certain the son of
Sarah Mays or her certain the Remainder of my home tract to him
and his heirs forever.

Item my deed is that my whole Estate should be kept together until
my youngest child should arrive to the years of twenty one I Johannah
my name the Daughter of Sarah Mays Eldest daughter as they They may
have a Maintenance out of the whole Estate

Item I give unto my son William Mays a Live Lamb with
what I has before Received of Me

My desire is that my track of Land called Amysds, should equally be
divided to make two plantations convenient & that Thomas Seallan &
Alexander Withson should adjudge the Redden Specy and give to him
that got the meaneest part, I likewise give the whole track to my
son Gardner Mays and my son David Mays & for they to call Lot
for chances for the track which divided given to them & and their heirs
forever.

Item I give unto my Daughter Eliza Beale and Live Lamb with what she has
Received

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Item I give unto my daughter Winifred Sullivan and Live Lamb with what she has
Received

Item I give unto my daughter Rhodes Mays one cow Half & Treather bed
Item I give unto my daughter Mary Martack Mays one cow Half & Treather bed
Item I give unto Elizabeth Mays one certain one cow Half & Treather bed
Item I give unto Sarah Mays one certain one cow Half & Treather bed
Item I give unto Johannah Mays one certain one cow Half & Treather bed

Now my desire is that the Death or Moring of my above menti-
oned Wife and at the arriving of my young children to the age of

twenty one what ever of my Estate if any remains to be equally divided
amongst my above mentioned children, I do appoint my Wife Sarah May
the bearer of my son Gardner May and my son David May to be my
executors and sole administrators of this my last will & Testament, In Witness
whereof the said William May hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the
19th Day of Decr 1798

Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of
John Gardy Alexander Douglas
Beverly May
William ^{his} May J S
Mason

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At a Court held for Halifax County the 20th Day of July 1799

The within written last will and Testament of William May
was exhibited in Court and proved by ^{the oath of} two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed
to be the act and Will of the said William May. It was ordered to be Read
and on the Motion of Mr. Robert & David May the Executors some of the
Executors therein mentioned, who made oath according to Law certificate for
obtaining probate thereof in due form is granted them they giving security
whereupon they together with William Moore Beverly May and Drury

may their Security entered into and acknowledged bonds for that purpose
in the penalty of their Thousand Dollars conditioned as the Law directs
Reservene Subscribes to Gardner may the other Executor thereon named to
join in the probate when he shall see cause.

Truly Yours

Test

John

William Thompson H. H.

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of Cur

The Estate of Joseph Echols to Obadiah Echols. Administrator of Jeremiah
Echols Dec^d

1792 April 5	To paid Sheriff of Halifax for Said Tax	\$2 15 3
27	To paid ^{Halifax County, Virginia Wills 1792-1797} www.virginiahistory.org Tax of Land in Pitts ^y	2 11 3
	To Expenses & Honor ^{ies} incurred in seeking out lands taking Bonds &c	1 10 0
	To Ballam one as Hunter	2 14 5
		<u>\$ 9 7 1</u>
By Cash of Thomas Whittack		\$ 0 13 0
By Cash of William Brownprop		2 18 11
By Ballam one the Estate of Joseph Echols		<u>\$ 2 14 6</u>

Note

This Acd only Respects the Bonds of Joseph Echols Dec^d a fullness
it is to be made to the Court