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To

Bryman Green D 186.

In the name of God amen I William Vance of the Parish of Antioch County of Halifax & State of Virginia being weak in body but of sound mind & memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same. Do make this my last Will & Testament, that is to say first of all I recommend my Soul to God that gave it & my body to be buried decently and in a Christian like manner secondly my will and desire is that all my last debts & funeral charges be paid by my executor hereafter to be mentioned. I then bequeath unto my Son Thomas Vaughan Vance during his natural life for his and family's maintenance one Negroe man named Joe. One horse call'd & known by the name of Prince also all the Stock & Furniture now in his possession. My Will and desire further is that all my land whereon I now live be sold by the Trustees hereafter to be mentioned and the money arising from the sale of said land to be laid out in land by the said Trustees, where they shall think proper. For the use & benefit of my Son Thomas

his Wife & six youngest Children during his & her natural life & after his & her Death.
I give & bequeath the land so purchased by the Trustees. To my two grand Sons William Nance
Son of Thomas & James Nance son of Zachariah to them and there heirs for ever. My will
& desire further is that all the residue of my Estate lent to my son Thomas after his and
Wifes Death be equally divided among his six youngest children to them & there heirs for ever.
I also Constitute and appoint my son Zachariah Nance & Daniel Palmer Trustees to the
Estate lent, my son Thomas, to sell my land as before mentioned & apply the money arising
from such sale as before directed & see that the Estate so lent is not wasted or taken away
from the use & benefit of his children or self by any Judgment whatever or any other
ways but that it be kept by the said Trustees to maintain the said family as is
directed. Item I give & bequeath ^{Halifax County Virginia Wills 1798-1804} ~~to my son Zachariah Nance~~ ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} a negroe man named
Julius & one negroe woman named Julia the latter now in his possession & his Increase
from the year 1791 to him and his heirs for ever. Item I lend unto my Daughter Elizabeth
Palmer one negroe woman named Lew now in his possession with his Increase from the
8th of May 1787 during his natural life and after his death to be equally divided
among his children except the two Eldest, to them & there heirs for ever. Item I give &
bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Tucker one Negroe man named Charles & one Negroe
woman named Betty now in his possession & all his Increase to her & her heirs for ever.
Item I give & bequeath to my Grand Daughter Levina Francis Bates one negroe
woman named Charlotte & his Increase from the year 1794 also one feather bed
& furniture with all the stock & house hold & kitchen furniture now in his possession

to him this heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Son William Vance
Son of Thomas Vaughan Vance one feather bed and furniture and one mare Colt
that was got by the horse Garnick. To him & his heirs for ever. Item I give & bequeath
to my Grand Daughter Mary Vaughan Winters Tucker one negro woman named -
Rachel (alias Frosty) this child Matt with his future Increase one feather bed
and furniture. Two cows and calves some sow & pigs. To him & his heirs for ever. Item
I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Mary Vance one Negro Girl named
Rhoda & his Increase also one feather bed & furniture now in his possession to
him & his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Son William
Palmer one negro boy named Abian now in his possession to him this heirs
for ever. Item I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Kitty Palmer one
negro Girl named Nelly Halifax County Virginia Wills 1798-1804
www.virginiapioneers.net also one Feather bed & furniture
to him & his heirs for ever. Item I give and bequeath to James W. Bates Son of
James Bates one negro boy named Elisha. Son of Charlotte to him this heirs
for ever. Further my will and desire is that all the remainder of my Estate that is not
already given. such as horses. cattle. Sheep & hogs, crop of every kind and all kinds
of house hold and kitchen furniture with every article of my Estate not already
given, be sold by my Executor hereafter to be mentioned at twelve months credit and
the money arising from such sale after paying all my just debts I give & bequeath
one half to my Grand Son William Vance Son of Thomas, to him & his heirs for ever.
& I give the other half to be equally divided between my Grand Daughter Martha
Vaughan (now Deceased) two infant children to them & there heirs for ever my
Will

Will & desire is that the hands be kept together till the crop is finished. Further my Will
& desire is that two of my Negroes (to wit) Lewis & Puff be free to act & do for
themselves, I also desire that only that part of my Estate be appraised that is to be
sold. Lastly I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friend Peter
Barksdale Executor of this my last Will & Testament hereby revoking all others
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 28th day of
October 1801.

Signed Sealed and
acknowledged in presence of

William ^{his} X Nance L. S.
mark

William Lynam, Anthony Lyman, Josiah Clay

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At a Court held for Halifax County the 28th day of December 1801

The within written Last Will & Testament of William Nance deceased was exhibited in
Court & proved by the oath of two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed & ordered to be recorded.
and on the motion of Peter Barksdale the Executor therein named whom made oath according
to law. Certificate is granted him for obtaining probat thereof in due form he giving
security whereupon he together with John Light his security entered into & acknowledged
a their bond in the penalty of five thousand dollars conditions according to Law.

Teste John Winnish Ck

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