

In the Name of God amen I William Thaxter Sen of the County of Stafford
being in a feeble state of health and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die I declare
this my last will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and disavow all wills heretofore
made by me — First I give my soul to God who first gave it to me in hopes that he will
receive the same at the general resurrection of the dead and as to my worldly belongings
I give and bequeath in the manner and form following — Item — To my beloved wife
Lucy Thaxter I lend all the land and plantation wherein I now live during her natural life —
I also lend her six negroes to wit, Kate and Grace and Liza and Sarah and Roger & that I
also lend her one feather bed and ^{Halifax County Virginia Wills 1798-1804} ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} also also I move one little
room, the a bay called Pickett I also lend her twenty head of hogs such as she may choose
I also lend her ten head of sheep I also lend her all my kitchen furniture of all sorts I
also lend her all my tables and chairs to sit on — I also lend her one negro man by the
name of Reuben — Item — To my daughter Matthew DeGrassard I lend 2 negroes
by the name of Lem and Nance during his natural life and at his death for the two
negroes ^{to be} equally divided among the heirs of his body — Item — To my daughter
Elizabeth Thaxter I lend 2 young negroes by the name of Simon and Kate during his
natural life and after his death give them to be equally divided amongst the
heirs of her body — Item — To my daughter Lucy Cowley I lend 2 negroes by the

name of Hon and Manner during his natural life and at his death I give them to be
equally divided amongst the heirs of his body - Item - To my son Charles Shenton
I give one tract of land by estimation one hundred and twenty five acres being the land wherein he
now lives. I also give to him and his heirs forever two young negroes by the name of Robt &
Recher. I also give him one boy man - Item - To my son William Shenton I give one
tract of land that I bought of Wm Good, by estimation one hundred and fifty acres. I also give
him one tract of land in Pittsylvania County which land I am now at law for being by
estimation two hundred acres. I also give him two young negroes by the name of Tutor &
Jon. I also give him one young white horse and one feather bed and furniture - Item - To
my son Valentine Shenton I give one half of the tract of land wherein I now live at the death of
his mother it being the lower end down the Creek. I also give him three negroes by the
names of Anne, Charity and Sam. I also give him one white man by the name of Robt &
also give him one feather bed and furniture - Item - To my son Thomas Shenton I give
the remaining part of the tract of land wherein I now live it being the upper part joining the
state line with the house and orchard at the death of his mother. I also give him two young
negroes by the names of Mella and Partrach. I also give him one boy here called. I also give him
one feather bed and furniture -

negress by the name of Milla and Partack I also give him one bay horse call. I also give him
one feather bed and furniture — Item — To my daughter Mary Bley I give two young negress by
the name of Charlotte and Leeb. I also give her one horse and saddle I also give her one feather
bed and furniture — Item — My will is that all the slaves that I have lent my wife
during life at her death shall be equally divided amongst my legates with all the other property
that I have lent my wife that shall remain at her death is to be equally divided amongst Elizabeth
Thorton Luc Druby, Charles Thorton William Thorton Yelston Thorton, Thomas
Thorton and Mary Bley Thorton My will is that my estate shall remain together
till all my law fees debts are paid — Item — My will is that my estate shall not be appraised —
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands and affixed my seal this twenty second
of April 1803 — I do appoint Mary Bley and Lucy Thorton heirs and sole executors of this my
will and Testament —

Test —
Saml Ward, Francis Ford.
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Peter Ford.

William Thorton L. S.

At

September Court 1803

At a Court held for Halifax County the 26th day of September 1803

The within written last will and Testament of William Thaxton deceased was exhibited in Court, and proved by the oath of two of the witnesses thereto subscribed, and ordered to be recorded - And as another Court held for the said County the 27th day of February 1804 - On the motion of Lucy Thaxton the Executrix named in the said last will and Testament, who made oath according to law - Certificate is granted her for obtaining probate thereof in due form of ^{Halifax County Virginia 1798-1804} ~~the said~~ ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} ~~whereupon she together with~~ William Yancey Jr., Linnich Johnson, Peter Hudson and Charles Thaxton her Executors - intend into and acknowledge their bonds in the penalty of five thousand dollars - Conditioned as the law directs - Liberty being reserved to the Executor therein named, to join in the probate thereof - when he shall think fit -

Teste John Wimbish C. C. C.
Truly Recorded. Teste, Samuel Williams D. C. C.

The Estate of Rich. Carter as executor of John Carter dec'd

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