

In the name of God, Amen. I John Thompson of the Parish of St. Paul in the County of Hanover, being of perfect sense and memory, praised be God for it, do make this present writing to be my last will and testament in manner following, that is to say.

Imprimis

I give, desire and bequeath unto my son Joseph Thompson and to the children of his body lawfully to be begotten are to have the same equally amongst them, be they son or sons and daughters, or daughter, after the decease of the said Joseph, all of my houses and land with the appurtenances wharsoever that are situate. being and lying in the said County of Hanover and also the following eight negroe slaves and their future increase to be annexed to the said lands and to be intailed therewith in manner aforesaid, which said eight slaves are called and named as followeth, to-wit: Sulley, Affy, Venus Lury (?) Suk, daughter of Bess, Hannah, Cupid, Moore and Tom which said houses, lands and appurtenances and the said negro slaves thereto annexed, I desire and give to him my said son Joseph & to his children lawfully to be begotten in manner aforesaid (save only the reservation thereof herein after mentioned) and I also desire, give and bequeath unto him my said son Joseph and to the children of his body lawfully begotten, to be divided in manner aforesaid my land and plantation that has a mill thereon with the appurtenances situate lying and being in the County of Louisa to him and them forever.

Item: I lend unto my wife Kerchuhappt (?) (1) my manor house and plantation whereon I now live with about eight hundred acres of land adjacent thereto and the appurtenances thereunto belonging during the term of her natural life, it being part of the land given to my said son above mentioned.

Item: In lend unto James Brown and his wife Mary, (my daughter); the use of the plantation whereon they now live and two hundred acres of land thereto adjoining including the place called Bryant's and that I bought of Falmill (?) Hill (it being part of the above mentioned lands given to (1) Keren-happuch --- (?) third daughter --- 42:14 my said son as aforesaid) which said plantation and two hundred acres of land is to be laid off for them which I purpose so to do that they may know the bonds thereof which said two hundred acres of land the said James and Mary, his wife, are to occupy and possess during the natural lifetime of the said Mary and no longer.

Item: I give, desire and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Thompson my tract of eleven hundred and ninety-five acres of land in Albemarle County called Meadow Creek with six negro slaves, annexed to the same by name Rose, Lucy, Mary, Peter, Doll and Bartlet and the future increase of the said slaves, which said land with the appurtenances and slaves annexed thereto I desire, give and bequeath to the said Elizabeth and the children of her body to be lawfully begotten forever (which children of her body lawfully to be begotten are to share the same equally amongst them be they son or daughter or sons and daughters after the decease of the said Elizabeth) saving only that the plantation on the said land with the one hundred acres adjacent thereto shall be reserved to the use of my above said wife during her lifetime.

Item: I give, desire and bequeath unto my daughter, Elizabeth, a tract of two hundred and sixty-six acres of land and appurtenances lying in Albemarle County, the same that I purchased of Thomas Wenton, which said land and appurtenances I give to her my said daughter, Elizabeth, and her heirs forever another tract of four hundred acres of land and appurtenances lying in the said County of Albemarle and taken up by me in partnership with one Charles Lynch the patent for which remains at present in the Secretary's office to be taken out.

Item: My will and desire is and I order it so that my said wife shall have the use and benefit of all the lands and slaves herein before given unto my said son Joseph and daughter Elizabeth for and in their behalf until they the said Joseph and Elizabeth come of age or marry the use and benefits which are to be applied for and the care the bringing up education and maintenance of the said Joseph and Elizabeth in



their minority and that my said son Joseph be kept at school until he is eighteen years old.

Item: I give desire and bequeath unto the children of my daughter, Mary, the wife of James -----(?), now of her body that are born and likewise the children of her body that shall hereafter be born lawfully divided amongst them and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten forever, one tract or parcel of land and appurtenances containing eleven hundred and sixteen acres lying in the County of Albemarle on Beaver Creek part of the tract of land taken up by me in partnership with the aforesaid Charles Lynch the patent for the same remains in the Secretary's office, now to be taken out and also I give and bequeath to the said children now born and to be born of the body of the same in the same manner six negro slaves and their future increase to be annexed to the said eleven hundred and sixteen acres which said slaves are called and named as followeth to wit Lucy, a woman, her two children Tom and Peter, Sall, Judy and Frank to go and be with the said land unto the said children now born and to be born of the body of the said Mary to be lawfully divided between them and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten forever, save only that the said six negroes in this bequest named and the profits thereof shall be to the use of my said daughter Mary for her support during her natural life, and after her death immediately then to go to her said children without the control or hindrance of him the said James Brown but that my Executors shall take charge and care of the same for the said children.

Item: My will is and I order it so that my goods left in my store and what other personal estate I have that my said wife hath not occasion to use shall be sold and the money arising by said sale together with outstanding debts due to me when -----(?) be put out on interest and be applied (after my debts and charges are paid) and go to the use and benefit of the legatees in the manner following, that is to say, I order and will that the same money so raised shall be divided into four equal parts and are part thereof I give to my said son Joseph; and the part thereof I give to my said daughter Elizabeth; another part thereof I give lawfully divided amongst the children now born and to be born of the body of my daughter Margaret, the wife of the Revd Mr. Todd (2); and the other part thereof I give to be equally divided amongst the children now born and to be born of the body of my said daughter Mary, the wife of James Brown; and that my Executors take charge and care of the part that is for the said Mary's children so that the same may not come into the hands of the said James Brown.

Item: I lend unto my said wife during her natural life time all the rest of my estate (not hereinbefore mentioned under the restricture, to wit: if in case she should marry, then and in that case she is to have only such a part thereof as hereinafter is mentioned in case she should marry and after the decease of my said wife I give the same remainder and rest of my estate in this bequest mentioned to be equally divided into four parts and my said son Joseph to have one part thereof; my daughter Elizabeth to have another part thereof; the children now born and to be born of the body of my daughter Margaret to have another part thereof equally amongst them; and the children now born and to be born of the body of my daughter Mary to have the other part thereof equally amongst them, and that my Executors take charge and care of what goes to the children of the said Mary in the manner as aforesaid and in case my said wife should marry then she shall have only twelve of my negroes (not herein before named such of them as she shall choose and one third part of my personal estate (not including that part of any personal estate that herein before is ordered to be sold and outstanding debts during the time of her natural life and the rest and remainder to be taken care of for the legatees in the same manner as if my wife was deceased.

My will is that if the profits of my said son Joseph's part be not sufficient to maintain and educate him, then the deficiency shall be made out of my personal estate.

Item: My will and I order it so that after my wife her decease what negro slaves not herein particularly named that shall be allotted and divided amongst the said legatees shall be annexed to the land hereinbefore given them and to and remain with the said lands in the same manner as hereinbefore mentioned to every legatee respectively.



Item It is my will and I desire that the legacies herein mentioned that the under  
age may receive their portions as they come of age I) survey respectively as soon as  
can be then estimated what their parts may be.

My will is that my said son Joseph shall be put to such employment as his father  
(?) most leads him to.

Lastly I constitute, appoint and order my said wife Elizabeth Kellelland Brown and  
William --- (Hill?) Executors of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and  
making void all other wills and testaments heretofore by me made and confirming this  
and none other to be my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set and affixed my hand and seal this thirty-  
first day of July in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and fifty-  
eight.

John Thomson (seal)

Sealed and published in the presence of Bartolot Anderson, Roger Kellelland, Robert  
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At a Court held for Hanover County on Thursday the 7th day of June 1759. This  
last will and testament of John Thomson dec'd was offered to proof by Larenthappich  
Thomson Executor thereof named and was proved by the oath of Bartolot Anderson and  
Roger Kellelland and two of the witnesses thereto and also by said Executor who took  
the oath of and Executor thereto and attested to record.

Teste William Kellelland W. C. R. C.

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