

Hanover County, Virginia Wills

In the Name of God, Amen, I Patrick Henry, M. A., Minister of the Parish of St. Paul in the County of Hanover, being, blessed be God, in tolerable Health, and of sound and disposing mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following:

First, I declare my body may be buried at the new Church in this Parish, as near to the grave of my deceased wife as may be.

I give and devised to my Daughter, Jane Gilliam, the following slaves, viz: Great Caesar, Old Caesar, little Caesar, Bob, Old Hannah, her daughter Hannah, Beck, Sis, George, Sall, Suke-Beck, Hannah, daughter of Beck Suke, Fanny, Milly, Dick, Alex, Will, Billy, Joshua, Lucy, Charlotte, Nancy and her children which said Nancy and her children, except her daughter Sukie, I give and devise to my grand-daughter Mary Gilliam, to her and her heirs forever, and to dispose of them by will or otherwise as she may think best.

I give and devise to my grandson, Patrick Henry Gilliam, that tract of land on the Branches of Allan's Creek containing about five hundred acres, part whereof is in Goochland County and part in Hanover County to have and to hold the said Tract of Land after the death of my daughter, Jane Gilliam, to him and his heirs forever.

All the rest and residue of my Estate of what nature or kind so ever, I give and devise to my Daughter, Jane Gilliam, and her heirs forever.

I give and devise to my nephew, Patrick Henry, Esq., present Governor of Virginia, the sum of Fifty Pounds current money, and do constitute and appoint him, my said nephew, and my son-in-law John Gilliam Executors of this my last will and testament and I do desire they may not be obliged or required to give security for the performance thereof, or cause my estate to be appraised.

In witness whereof I, the said Patrick Henry, the Testator, have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty-sixth day of February in the year of our Lord, Christ, 1777.

Patrick Henry (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published and declared by the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who signed the same as witnesses at his request.

Thos. Baskin
William Anderson, Junr.
Joseph Thomas

At a Court held for Hanover County on Thursday, the 7th day of August 1777, this Last Will and Testament of the Reverend Patrick Henry, deceased was offered to proof by John Gilliam, one of the executors therein named and was proved by the oath of Thomas Baskin, William Anderson, Junr. and Joseph Thomas, the witnesses thereto and also by the oath of the said Executor and ordered to be recorded.

Teste: William Pollard C. H. C., July 24, 1814.

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