

In the Name of God under his Trinity. Second day of May in the year of our Lord God one thousand  
seven hundred forty & seven Edward Taskins of this County and Parish of Tonito planke being sick  
of body but of good and perfect memory thanks be to almighty god & calling to remembrance the uncertain  
estate of this transitory life & knowing that it is ordained for men unto to die when it pleaseth god to  
call them constitutes ordaine & declareth my last will & Testament in manner and forme following. week-  
ing and am being by these presents all and every Testament & Testaments will & wills heretofore by me  
made & teste & either by word or writing. This is to be taken for my last will & Testament & no other  
according to y<sup>e</sup> true & literal reading of the words herein written. In primis & first of all I give &

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I give & commit my soul to almighty god my saviour & redeemer & my body to be buried w<sup>th</sup> decent Christian burial as it shall please my Executor hereafter mentioned & as for my temporal estate after my debts  
and funeral charges are paid I give and bequeath in manner & forme following. Item I give & bequeath to  
my son Edward Taskins & his heirs for ever one hundred and fiftyness of land being that whereon he now  
liveth lying & being on y<sup>e</sup> North side appanatior river & taken out of a Survey of Robert Hamotka Item  
I give & bequeath to my son Robert Taskins & his heirs for ever one shilling. Item I give and bequeath to my  
son Aaron Taskins and his heirs for ever one shilling. Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah  
Taskins & her heirs for ever one shilling. Item I give & bequeath unto my son Fred Taskins & his heirs for  
ever all that tract or part of land called Shill Quarter with all the improvements theron made being three  
hundred acres more or less lying and being on the north side of appanatior river & forming y<sup>e</sup> Ham-  
otka Survey. Item I give & bequeath unto my son Fred Taskins all the rest of my estate both real &  
personal he being to allow my beloved wife Martha four pounds f. annuall reddit in a Rose and her  
board during life to him y<sup>e</sup> Fred & his heirs forever. Item I constitute and ordaine my P<sup>r</sup> son Fred  
to be his whole & sole Executor of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand & affixed my seal the day & year first above written.

Edward Taskins Seal.  
Scri<sup>r</sup> in her hand

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I give & commit my soul to almighty god my saviour & redeemer & my body to be interred w<sup>t</sup> decent Christian burial as it shall please my executor hereafter mentioned & as for my temporal estate after my debts and funeral charges are paid I give and bequeath in manner & form following. Item I give & bequeath to my son Edward Taskins & his heirs for ever one hundred and fiftyness of land being that whereon he now liveth lying & being on y<sup>e</sup> North side of Appomattox river & taken out of a Survey of Robert Hanrocks I give & bequeath to my son Robert Taskins & his heirs for ever one shilling. Item I give and bequeath to my son Aaron Taskins and his heirs for ever one shilling. Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sarah Taskins & her heirs for ever one shilling. Item I give & bequeath unto my son Fred Taskins & his heirs for ever all that tract or part of land called Shinn Quarter with all the improvements theron made being three hundred acres more or less lying and being on the north side of appamattox river & joining y<sup>e</sup> S. Han-rocks Survey. Item I give & bequeath unto my son Fred Taskins all the rest of my Estates both real & personal he being to allow my beloved wife Martha four pounds £ annuall credit in a box and her board during life to him y<sup>e</sup> S. Fred & his heirs for ever. Item I constitute and ordain my S<sup>r</sup> son Fred to be the whole & sole Executor of this my last will and Testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal the day & year first above written.

Attest, Thos Hough

Edward Taskins Seal.

Eliz<sup>a</sup> <sup>her</sup> Lapthorn

At a Court held for Henrico County January 1: 1727

Sarah <sup>meat</sup> Taskins

This will was proved by the oaths of Elizabeth Lapthorn & Sarah Taskins  
and was thereupon admitted to record.

Test. Henry Wood Jr.

In the name of god Amen I Christopher Branch of the County of Henrico being sick of body but of sound and perfect mind and memory praise be therefore unto almighty god do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner & form as followeth that is to say first & principally I commit my soul into the hands of almighty god hoping through his merits Death & passion of my saviour Jesus Christ to have full & free pardon & forgiveness of all my sins & to inherit everlasting life and my body I commit