

James

Teste Asm George C. C.

In the name of God amen, I Charles Matthews
Well of the County of Henrico being in perfect sound mind
Memory, do make and ordain this my last Will
Testament in manner following that is to say
I Give to my Loving Wife Sarah Matthews during
her natural life one half of the Negroes that comes
to my Share in the Estate of Thomas Matthews
Estate. I Give her my personal and natural
Lifes. I Likewise give my
furniture of my house

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when he arrives to the age of twenty one the other
half of those Negroes I get by the division of
Thomas Williams Estate to him this I give forever -
I likewise give him when he comes of age, all
the money that is owing to me, which I beg my
Executors would collect as soon as possible & put
out to Interest. I desire my Est. maybe sold,
on six Months Credit. The money collected, one
half put out to Interest for my son John, & the
other half I give to my dear Wife - should my
son John die before he arrives to the age twenty one,
I give all the Estate both real & personal before given being
to my dear wife if she is living - I desire my dear Wife
may have the use of all the Negroes till my son arrive

to my dear wife & children - I desire my dear wife
may have the use of all the Negroes till my son arrive
to the age of twenty one. When they must be equally
divided between them - I do hereby constitute & appoint
my dear wife Executor & Bowler Cooke Executor of
this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal
this fourth day of February 1784.

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in presence of us

Charles Matthews

Bowler Cooke, Mary Williams, Richard Sharp

At a Court held for Henrico County at the Courtroom
on the 14th day of July 1786. This Will was proved by the
Oath of Richard Sharp one of the Witnesses thereto &
the Court do hereby allow on the motion of
Bowler Cooke the Executor herein named who made
the Oath together with Richard Sharp his Security
the said Will to be admitted to probate in the County of Henrico.