

In the Name of God Amen. I, Henry of the  
County of Henrico being of perfect and sound memory do give  
do make this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following  
(that is to say) I do give and bequeath unto the hands of Blanchette Lyons  
who gave & raised my body to be buried in Christ and Christian like  
manner, with the descenture of my Executors, and unto my Estate both  
real and personal, or of what nature kind, I do hereby dispose of the  
contents following: I give and bequeath unto my wife Blanchette  
during her natural life, the use of that part of the tract of land  
wherein I now live beginning about fifty yards above the Spring at the  
following place and the same running up the hill to a large white oak  
thence down the bottom the Spring run thence up the bottom along  
back line, thence along that line joining the land of Thomas Stanton  
and thence down that line to the land of Colo Thomas Stanton Stanton  
and down that line to the river, as also the plantation of Lyons Stanton  
purchase of Edward Stanton Stanton Stanton together with the following  
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I do give and bequeath unto my dear wife, one third part of all  
my house hold stuffs and goods and chattels and real estate and personal estate



as soon as conveniently may be, out of the Sales of my Crops, or otherwise, and if  
I shall think fit after my decease, but if it shall so happen, that the said  
Child should be a male, then it is my intent that she receive no further or other  
part of my Estate, than what is before already given. And to the intent  
that I may be able the better to make provision for the said Child, I is my  
desire - that in case it should be a male, that there all the clear profits of  
that part of my Estate, which shall remain after paying off my Childrens  
portions as they become due, with the several Legacies herein by me  
bequeathed, and deducting thereout a sufficient sum for the maintenance and  
education of my Children, be reserved by my Executors, for the use and benefit  
of the said Child, and that within the said profits shall amount to such a  
sum as will be sufficient to purchase a good tract of land, that there the  
same be laid out by my Executors in that manner, and the said land  
permitted to take the use and benefit of my said son and his heirs forever  
unless the said land with the then increase hereof before given to my  
said daughter for her life, in that case yet being done after the death  
of my wife, to have and to have forever. And likewise my two negro men  
the one called Little Will, being in my home plantation, and the other  
Stephen, now at my plantation in America, in like manner. - But  
the said Child should prove to be female, then I give and bequeath  
the said Child, the sum following to wit, £1000. -



I Wm. Lyon and legally to my daughter Elizabeth the following items  
viz. David, Tommy, Dick, James, Sylvia, Anthony, Charles, John, Betty  
little thing, Eggs, Chain, with their increase (and if the said mentioned  
Child should be a Male, the sum of five hundred pounds, but in Case  
it be a female one thousand pounds) to her and her heirs forever, likewise  
my feather bed & furniture, One Side Saddle, and my riding mass, and  
that all are standeth within a twelve month after my decease, then to  
have her Choice of any of my houses, the said sum of money to be paid to  
her immediately, or so soon after the birth of the said Child (which is to  
be determined which ever she shall take) as the said sum conveniently to  
be raised, and the above furniture to be immediately in my decease.

I Wm. Lyon and legally to my daughter Martha and to her heirs  
forever the following items, Cassin, Little John, a Well, Isaac, Betty, Benjamin  
John, Samuel, Jack, Dick, & Benjamin with their increase, and if  
the said Child with which my wife and you have made the sum of  
five hundred pounds, but if it prove a female I give her the sum of  
one thousand pounds, and it is also my desire that if the said Child  
be Male my said daughter Martha do not receive her Estate until she  
arrive to the age of fifteen years or otherwise until that course is made  
to be made the possession of her portion, out of the profits of my estate, but  
if it be a female that she do not receive her portion, including the sum there

I leave my said and legiall & my daughter Martha and to her heirs  
forever the following slaves, Anna, Little Nat., Nell, Jane, Betty, Duff,  
Leis, Sampson, Jack, Dick, & Humphrey with their increase - along  
the said Child with which my wife may give her make the sum of  
five hundred pounds, but if it prove a female I give her the sum  
of one thousand pounds - it is also my desire that if the said Child be  
a Male my said daughter Martha do not receive her Estate until she  
come to the age of eighteen years or thereabouts and in that case to maintain  
all charges, profession of her father, out of the profits of my estate, but  
if it be a female, that she receive and maintain, out of the said three  
hundred pounds, to wit: one hundred pounds, and she be maintained  
of the profits thereof, until she be married, and then she be maintained  
out of her husband's estate, and the two hundred pounds  
I give, Jane, & Betty, my  
said daughter, my  
said daughter, to a  
purpose, by a  
to maintain

2. further use, and maintenance out of the profits thereof. And I have  
said by the will very shortly, my land and plantation in America  
the Stock, plantation utensils, and all the slaves then in with them  
except the Negro man sleeping given to the Child, my wife now given with  
cannot be a son, but if it proves a female, I give her the said sleeping  
leave the said Anne & Slave, as also that tract or parcel of land in Chesapeake  
which I purchased of John Peter Tamm, and the River side of that other tract  
called Cox & Dale, which I have given to my wife for life, and three other my  
Slaves, I want: shall, Tench & Wife, and her issue, to have my said Son by  
this be my issue. And it is likewise evident out of the said Will  
with which my wife now given a male, that the my son George be my  
issue, and at the Charge of my estate, till he comes of age, or dies, be  
if it be a female, that then the estate so given be my issue, to be divided  
out apart for his use, and to be maintained out of the profits thereof.  
And whereas I have a considerable Stock of Cattle and Horses, the Stock  
of Cattle, and Horses, and the aforementioned land, I give  
all the said Stock unto my said Son, and I likewise give unto my said  
Son all the Town of Yorkville, to have and to have, but if it be a  
female, it is my desire that the said Stock be equally divided among  
all my Children. I have also my desire that all my Debts be paid  
before my decease, and that I shall have of my said estate, to be paid

of it being found, that then the whole so given to him, he is  
set apart for his use, and to be maintained out of the profits thereof.

And whereas I have a considerable stock of leather and skins, the  
of Cox, & Co. now should be a reasonable & useful for a state.

All the said stock, and any and every other stock, and any other  
the City of London, to be a stock, but if it is

then it is my desire that the said stock be equally divided among  
all my children, & I have the opinion that all my children, and  
Cox, & Co. should have an equal share of the same, as if it  
were a stock.

And I have the opinion that the said stock should be divided  
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of paper without issue, in that case I give the Estate allotted my  
son George, to the Child my wife survives with of a State to him  
and his heirs forever, And the Estate given to the said Child to be  
equally divided among all my Children Sons and Daughters or if the  
said Child happen to die being a Male, before I am of age or otherwise  
or happens to be female, then it is my desire, that all the Estate of my  
said wife, be equally divided among all my Children Sons and  
Daughters, And it is further my desire, that if all my Children before they  
come of age, and without issue, and in that case I desire the  
plantation where I now live, containing about 200 hundred acres  
and one hundred acres of land I bought of another Estate, to my  
daughter Elizabeth, and  
William Clarke, or  
daughter Martha  
and the heirs  
and of the said  
plantation

the plantation I bought  
of another Estate, to my  
said daughter  
County of Chester  
Virginia



with my own and that of the said George Washington with a  
great deal of other papers and documents which I have  
with the day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred  
and seventy three.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
In presence of us  
John Johnson  
John Matthews  
Richard Rowan

George Washington

William Perkins

Henrico County, April Court 1780

The last Will & Testament of George Washington is produced in Court by  
Henry Dutton one of the Executors therein named and Henry Cox Executor  
therein appointed and being fully proved is also read & allowed.

On the motion of the said Executors & Executor, they have entered into Bond  
with Security according to Law, a Copy of which is printed & then following  
signed at this Court.

William White, Clerk

The Court held for Henrico County at the Court House in the City  
on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October 1785.

The last Will & Testament of George Washington (The Record of the Court)

Richard Bennett

William Perkins

Henrico County Court 1780

The Last Will & Testament of George [Name] is presented in Court by Henry [Name] one of the Executors therein named and Alony [Name] Executor therein appointed, and being fully proved is admitted to Record.

On the motion of the said [Name] and [Name], they having entered into Bond with Security according to Law, a Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof.

Witness My Hand, the 10th Day of [Month] 1780

A Court hold for Henrico County at the public Buildings in the City of Henrico the 10th of October 1785.

The Last Will & Testament of George [Name] is presented in Court by [Name] and [Name] Executors therein named and [Name] Executor therein appointed, and being fully proved is admitted to Record.

On the motion of the said [Name] and [Name], they having entered into Bond with Security according to Law, a Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof.

Witness My Hand, the 10th Day of [Month] 1785