

John Ellis

Returned into Henrico County Court the 15 day of February 1782
and ordered to be Recorded.

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Testes

James B. Cary

May 11

John Kay of the County of Southampton Virginia in

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consequence of this my last will and in order that when

that event happens my estate may go to my wife and to my

dear Son in this my last Will & Testament

my own

hand as follows to wit These are my

Wills very uncertain as the reason of my

will to be no heirs of my own

anytime since I entered myself would have been convenient.

Nevertheless it is my desire to leave my family in a situation as easy to them as I can and productive of the greatest concord possible.

I therefore give and bequeath to my good Wife and best friend

Betty Hay the use of my whole Estate of whatsoever nature

(exclusive of what is hereafter excepted to be occupied for the

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benefit of my Family by my Executors) for the sole purpose of

supporting her and of supporting and educating my darling

Children Peggy and so soon as either of my

Children are of legal age I desire a division of my Estate

to be made by my Executors without a sale, in manner following.

To wit: my loving wife Betty to have one third part of the whole

to be enough to have the remaining two thirds to be

equally divided between (Carrington) my children Peggy
to them and their heirs forever. I desire my Executors to take an
Inventory of my Estate, but not to appraise it. I appoint my beloved
Wife my Executrix and my affectionate brother Peter, James
and William May and my worthy and respected Friends James
Baird, James Mangis and George Hudson to be my Executors
entirely discharging all their known and unknown debts and liabilities for the

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time of my decease and their consented dispositions in the case

of my children, which I request may be liberal
interpretation of them, and I desire and

request that they act as true and faithful guardians to my

children and I desire that they be true and faithful

my Stock in Trade, in what part thereof can be spared for the support of my
Family, in what manner they may think most advantageous for my wife
and Children, still keeping them properly supplied with the necessaries
and as many of the conveniences of life as they may judge proper,
and my Estate can procure. All this trouble I don't rest my Executors

will take and discharge the trust in the same manner as they believe
I could have done for them in the case aforesaid. In Witness whereof

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I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this
of one thousand, seven hundred & seventy eight. day

John Hay

Bless'd January 10th 1779.

This my last Will and Testament was made in September last when my wife
was pregnant, she has the misfortune to lose a boy. Since in case she
neglect to make another I desire this may be taken as my last Will and
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At a Court held for Henrico County of the Court House in Richmond the 17th day of March 1782
Andrew Ronald, James Buchanan & John Barrett being sworn depose that they
are well acquainted with the hand writing of the within names John Hay and
sincerely believe the Will & his name is subscribed to be written by him by the said

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Testator's own hands. www.virginiahistory.org James to be the executor of the will in
motion of William Hay Sherriff, the son of the said John Hay in name who
was Oath according to laws forth with. Andrew & James Buchanan their

Securities entered into and acknowledged the Bonds in the penalty of twenty
five pounds and pounds for damages as the law directs to be paid for
for obtaining a Marshal there of in due form and the
Executors named in the said Will to be put in the Will.

James