

Day of February 1781

This attested copy of the Last Will & Testament of
James Brown doct^r (The Record & Original of which have been destroyed
by the enemy) was presented in Court & ordered to be
Recorded.

Teste Thomas Craig C.

Witness, I John Pleasant (son Thomas) of Henrico County do make
Will. I and record this my last Will & Testament in manner & form
following - First I give and bequeath unto my wife Elizabeth Pleasant
this house forever all the furniture & personal of household purchase of
John Price, George Gasco & William the father
of four white children as by the
deed appears, also my white children
and appointed them to be the same
behaviors, my white children
the same from the same

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I have and give unto my daughter Hannah with her
marriage in full of a Negro Girl named Betty bought of
Joseph Smith for forty pounds ten shillings being part of the
Money left to him as a legacy by his Uncle James Smith
as by his Guardian Account returned to Court doth appear.
Thirdly I give the Negro Girl unto my daughter Sarah Pleasants
her heirs forever one Negro Girl named Sylvia bought of James
Lyle for twenty pounds ten shillings being part of the
Money left to her by her Uncle James Smith as by her Guardian Account
returned to Court doth appear, Fifthly I give the Negro Girl unto my
son Erasm Pleasants this being forever all the Land I have in
Cumberland County being Land purchased of John Lott and
Thomas Pleasants, as by the respective Deeds for the same
doth appear, as likewise one third part of four hundred sixty
three Acres on Broad Run Creek now in the possession of Robert
Pleasants (son John) with whom I have made an agreement to

have the dispute now subsisting between us relating to the said
Land determined by Charles Woodson, Fleming Peates, & Peter Warren
Whom I desire may end the said difference as soon as can be
after my decease, I also give and bequeath unto my son Edwin
Peates one hundred and fifty pounds current money. Fourthly
I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Peates one
hundred and fifty pounds current money of Virginia. Fifthly
I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Peates the land
laid from the river of James for fifty Acres of land at the
mouth of Pine Mills brook. Sixthly My Will is that
that if either of my two sons John or Edwin depart this life
before they come to the age of twenty one year leaving no issue
of the law then that this land is devised to come by their
issue as before given touch of them &
if he die unmarried he die unmarried to be equally
divided between his children and if both
die unmarried then the land to be divided in

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My Will further is that if any son Thomas
should depart this life without issue that these Lands given by son
John become vested in Exors. Administrors and his heirs forever shall
enjoy and purpases as if the said Lands had been Originally
given him by this Will. Rightly say this and do no farther in that
my Executors hereafter named do sell all the Lands I have in
Bedford, that far, Wilmonting and the money arising therefrom to
be applied towards the discharge of my Debts like the surplus if any
is to be divided between my children. Kindly I give all my Negroes
not herebefore mentioned to be equally divided between my five
Children Viz Thomas, Sarah, John, Elizabeth, & Aaron Pleasant
to them and the Survivors of them and their heirs forever. My
Will further is that all the residue of my Estate not before
mentioned be equally divided between my aforesaid five
Children leaving it discretionally in my Exors to sell what
part thereof they may judge necessary. It is further my Will
and desire that my Estate be not divided before any son Thomas
shall be dead.

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and desire that my Estate be not divided before my son Thomas
arrive at the age of twenty one ^{years} and if he or my daughter Sarah
should marry before that time my Executors may pay them
the Ballance due by their Executors Account as their own Estate
Provides Nevertheless that my son Thomas may take all my
plate or paying the Appraisement to the use of my children
Lastly it appears my son Thomas Mary Brothers Thomas
Robert Charles who were my Executors to his my last
Will and Testament and my two Brothers Joseph & John
my children to do and do by them in Justice, Equity & good Conscience
may direct in their Education to be in the best manner I have
hitherto set my hand and affixed my seal the nineteenth day
of the 6th Month called June Anno Domini 1765
Signed Seal & affixed as before
Testament of the Testator
in presence of
The Reverend Mr. [illegible]
Rev. Mr. [illegible]

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As I have now returned that upon reading and considering the
within Will there were found some provisions which to prevent inter-
ference I hereby make this Will in manner & form following My
Will is hereby further declared that the messuage I have in my Father's
Estate that now is and my Mother which may hereafter be I give
in like manner with the rest of my Estate to be equally divided
between my children ^{Henry Co. Wills Estates, 1790-1787} ~~the said~~ my Estate in London
Luscomb, Halifax Bedford County and the Lands which I have
Ordered to be sold in case either or both of my sons John & Brian should
die in their minority to be sold by my Executors as aforesaid and hereby
ratify & make good any Deed of Conveyance that they may make
for the same to all Effects and purposes as if I myself had done it
Signed sealed & Declared to be
a Will to the within Will

John Manservant

Henry & Brian Manservant

The Overseers, James Williamson
Mary Youngblood and Hannah ^{nee} White
Elizabeth Pleasant, Martha ^{nee} Mathews.

Attest

Wm. L. L. L.

At a Court held for Henrico County at the Court House, the 3^d day of March 1781

The attested copy of the last Will and Testament of John Pleasant

has been presented to the Court and the Original of which having been destroyed by the burning of the Court House is now presented in Court and is ordered to be recorded.

Teste James L. L. L.

William

The undersigned Court of Henrico County, do hereby certify that the above attested copy of the last Will and Testament of John Pleasant has been presented to the Court and the Original of which having been destroyed by the burning of the Court House is now presented in Court and is ordered to be recorded.

Wm. L. L. L.