

J. Randolph In the name of God amen! I, J. Randolph
Will of Wilton in the County of Henrico, do ordain the following
to be my last Will and Testament. I give devise
and bequeath unto my beloved wife Lucy Randolph
my tracts of land and plantations, in the County of Powhatan
known by the name of Fighting-Creek, with all the
Hocks of Horses, Horses, Cattle, Hogs & Sheep & of every
other kind, www.virginiapioneers.net www.virginiapioneers.net utensels & appurtenances,
which may belong thereto at the time of my death
for the life of my beloved Mother Anna Randolph
subject to the conditions and limitations herein after
expressed and if my wife shall actually remove
thither to live in the lifetime of my Mother, then I
do give and bequeath to her all the foregoing Estate
during her life subject to the conditions & limitations

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of Negroes, Horses, Cattle, Dogs & Sheep & of every
other kind, and with all the utensils & appurtenances,
which may belong thereto at the time of my death
for the life of my Son-in-law - Mother Anne Randolph
subject to the conditions and limitations herein after
expressed and if my wife shall actually survive
her to live on the Estates of my Mother then I
do give and bequeath unto her all the foregoing Estates
during her life subject to the conditions & limitations
herein after expressed: That
the want of such remainder
of the same as provided for
Execution for the purpose

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(131) the death of my mother, my wife shall choose to reside
at my present mansion house, called within she shall
be at liberty to do so, and shall enjoy the same
together with all the lands & accounts belonging, which
are all the lands & lots in the County of Henrico, together
with all the stocks of Negroes, horses, cattle, hogs and sheep &
of every other kind, and with all the utensils & appurtenances
which may be necessary for her use, my death & which
may not be herein otherwise disposed of, for and during
her life subject to the conditions and limitations herein
after expressed: and she shall moreover, upon the
event of such a chance, receive one third of the wheat &
Tobacco annually made at Fighting Creek aforesaid,
without regard to stock profits, during her life subject to
the limitations and conditions. Item It is to be

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understood, that the limitations and conditions
herein before mentioned are the following: that is to
say; that if my wife shall prefer Wilton for the place
of her residence, she shall relinquish her right to
Fighting Creek and the property therein devised to her
with the same, except as to those of the wheat & horses
that whatever had been already given herein to her
shall be in full and in lieu and satisfaction

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of my claim in the right of dower or distribution
of personal Estate. and that in case my wife should
accept the Estate of whatever kind herein
except the sum of five hundred pounds
she shall be entitled to
the sum of five hundred pounds
in full and in lieu and satisfaction

such which some of these demands pertain to I charge
upon my whole Estate and direct also to be taken in
aid and satisfaction of her right of dower distribution

Now I give and bequeath to my wife that hereafter
the following Negroes, namely Anthony this Wife
Phoebe, Silas, who came from Fighting Creek, Betty
Rendal, Lucy, Gray, and Sarah. Now I leave

to my wife ^{during her life} the following Negroes, namely Phillis &
Frank a boy. Now I do hereby empower my

Wife during her life, and my Wife during
her widowhood, to demand & have from my

Estate, such provisions and Chariot-horses as
may be necessary for their respective uses in
every year. Now I devise and bequeath unto my

eldest son William Randolph his heirs, Executors,

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Administrators and Assigns forever, upon the
death of my Mother, and the Marriage or death
or removal of my Wife to William as aforesaid, all
my Lands and plantations at Fighting Creek
aforesaid, with all the Stocks of Negroes, horses,
Cattle, Hogs &c. &c. and of every other kind, with
all the utensils and appurtenances thereunto
belonging. I have given and assigned unto my said

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son William Randolph after the death of my Mother &
after the Marriage or death or removal of my Wife
make her election to live at the said lands
and plantations at Fighting Creek aforesaid

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to have the said William Randolph his heirs & assigns
forever. Now I give and bequeath to my son Richard
Randolph all my tract of land & plantation
in the County of Prince Edward known by the name
of Briffale, with all the Stocks of Negroes, Horses, Cattle,
Hogs, Sheep and of every other kind, and with all the
utensils and appurtenances thereto belonging to him
the said Richard Randolph his heirs & assigns

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forever. Now I give and bequeath to my son
Bayton Randolph his heir and assigns forever, all
my tract of land and plantation in the County of
Prince Edward known by the name of Bush River with
all the Stocks of Negroes, Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Sheep
of every other kind and with all the utensils and
appurtenances thereto belonging. Now I direct that
if my daughter should be living; when my son William

attains the age of twenty one years, and my wife should
be a Widow at that time, my said son William shall
have and enjoy one half of the Tobacco and Wheat
made on the plantations herein before given to my
said Richard Riddle Payton without regard to such
profits and also to one half of the Corn, made thereon
and sold as being more than what is necessary for
the said plantations respectively. But this provision of
one half of the Wheat Tobacco Corn, and profits shall

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be in force if my Mother shall die, or my Wife
shall die. And if my Mother shall die, or my Wife
shall die, then my said son William shall have and enjoy
one half of the Wheat Tobacco Corn, and profits, which
shall be sold as being more than what is necessary for
the said plantations respectively.

she shall attain the age of fifteen years then I give
to my said daughter Betty in entirety of one hundred
pounds current money for annum to commence

on her attainment of the age of fifteen years, & to
cease whenever she shall marry or die, whichever
shall first happen, and not before. Now I give to

my said daughter Betty, when she shall marry

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the sum of one thousand pounds, Sterling money of
great Britain, hereby declaring, that let public

events be what they will she shall not suffer in

this sum or her annuity by depreciation, and

that I charge my whole estate with both. Now

I direct that if I should leave my wife with Child, at

the time of my death, and it should prove a male

I direct that if I should leave my wife with Child at
the time of my death, and it should prove a male
I give to him this heirs forever one thousand Acres of
land at Buffalo aforesaid, and one thousand Acres
at Fighting Creek aforesaid, to be laid off as equally
as possible by my Executor, and a fourth part of
the negroes, hereby given to each of my other sons

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But if it should prove a female I give to that
female an annuity of fifty pounds current money
per annum to commence and cease as in this
case of my daughter Betty, and one thousand
pounds current money when she shall marry.
And here also I direct that
shall not
affect my posthumous children
my wife

(138) If either of my younger Sons or a posthumous
son should die before the attainment of the
age of twenty one years, his part of the Estate
lawfully given him shall be divided, so as to give
my son William this heirs forever two thirds
and the other third shall be equally divided
between my other Children living at the time
of such death. And if my Son William should
die before the age of twenty one years, that the
next eldest son then living, and his heirs
shall take two thirds of his estate and the
other Children then living, the remaining third.
I will charge my whole estate with the education &
maintenance of my Sons, until they respectively attain

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Item I charge my whole estate with the education & maintenance of my sons, until they respectively attain the age of twenty one years, and of my daughter or daughters until she or they respectively attain the age of fifteen years. Item I direct, that if any balance remain after paying my debts and Legacies out of

the debts which may be due to me at the time of my death, the same be paid to my daughter or daughters in equal proportions. Item I charge my whole Estate with the payment of my Father's, Mother's, Brothers and my own debts, care being taken to apply the debts due to me to their payment in the first instance, and if there

be any balance my Executors may sell some of my lands to cash of my debts (those

to my Father's, Mother's, Brothers and my own debts) in the first instance, and if there

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be sufficient, then my Executors may sell any part
of my land, which they shall think proper. I do
give and bequeath unto Carter Page the Negro boy
Tom and Parrot this wife which he now takes to
him this bequest from me. I direct that the bond
which he has given me, and which I have in
my possession, shall not be demanded from him,
until the expiration of ten years after my death.
Now I do hereby emancipate and give liberty and
freedom to my Negro man Warwick, and I charge
the Estate hereby given to my son William with
three barrels of corn, three hundred pounds weight
of Irish Potatoes, and five pounds to be paid & delivered to
him annually. Now all the rest and residues of

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him annually. Item all the rest and residue of
my estate of what nature or kind soever, I give
to my son William and his heirs, executors
Administrators and Assigns forever. Lastly I
appoint Benjamin Harrison of Brandon Benjamin
Harrison, the younger of Berkeley and Edmund
Randolph, executors of this my last Will & Testament
and I also appoint the said Edmund Randolph

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Guardian of my sons & daughters. In Testimony
whereof I have hereunto put my hand & seal this twenty
ninth day of February 1784

Witnessed & Published by the
Testator, as the last Will &
Testament in our presence & by
his request & in his presence the
signatures of said the last named
our hands

Edmund Randolph

(B) The depositions of Lucy Randolph & Nancy Harrison purporting
the Municipal Will of Peyton Randolph deceased
Peyton Randolph in his last illness who died the 16th of May 1784
said he desired his real home might be given to his friend
Richard Randolph junior of Charles saying he was then
in his perfect senses and wished the testimony to take
notice of it. These words were spoken in the presence of
May 17th 1784. Lucy Randolph

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At a Court held for Henrico County at the Courthouse the 7th
day of June 1784.

This Will was proved by the Oaths of James Currier
& Anthony Singleton Witnesses thereto, and the depositions of
Lucy Randolph & Nancy Harrison purporting the Municipal
Will of the Testator Peyton Randolph was established by
the Court as a valid and lawful will and with the
said Will, are Orders to be recorded. Also on the motion of
Benjamin Harrison (of Boyle) & Edmund Randolph

The Court was then advised that the
said Will, was Ordered to be Allowed. And on the motion of
Benjamin Harrison (of Berkeley) & Edmund Randolph
Esqrs two of the Executors therein named who made Oath
themselves & together with Bennett Bassetts Secretary for the said
Benjamin Harrison Randolph Secretary for the said
Court entered into and acknowledged their Bonds each
in the penalty of fifty thousand pounds conditioned as the
said direct Commission requires them for obtaining
a probat thereof in due form: Liberty being reserved
to the other Executor named in the said Will to
join in the probat when he shall think fit.

Teste

Adam Craig &c