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In the name of God amen, I John Peter
Baker of the City of Richmond being sick and
weak of body but of sound mind and disposing mind do hereby
testify and declare that my last Will and Testament
is in manner following: I desire that all
my last debts be paid and discharged. I have given
to the little girl, Betty, now of my family, one tenth
part of my ~~estate~~ ^{Henrico Co. Wills, Estates, 1770-1781}
to the full amount of one
tenth of all the real, personal & mixed of my whole Estate
I have personally and for the due payment of the said
annuity. I have the whole of my said Estate. I have I
give and bequeath to James Lyle, son of my good friend
James Lyle, of Manchester, and to his heirs forever, that
part of my Town Lot situated on the main Street of this
City now in the occupation and tenancy of Simon
Wardle and John Stuart with all the ground and
buildings thereon and the same to be respectively held together

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City now in the occupation and running of
Nashli and John Stuart with all the ground and
improvements by them respectively held together
with all the rents, issues and profits of the same.
The part of Simon Nashli he is to enter into possession
of, upon ground rent; about the first of May next.
Now I give to the said James Dyle, son of me,
a certain piece, and to his heirs forever, one half

acre of land with the lot of Charles Taylor second
and running back to the River, and adjoining my

Garden of flowers. Now I give to the said James Dyle
son of me, a certain piece, and to his heirs forever, one
half of the same.

Implements belonging to me at
the time of the above first death
by James Bennett and
the middle, from the
said James Dyle and
his heirs forever.

from the Rock Run and about thirty
feet of ground, in front of the main house
extending to the ground owned by Mr. Stuart
crossing back to the River, including all the
ground and houses with the Garden, Vineyard,
now in my own Occupation. Now I give to the
said Betty alias Betty Brown one half acre lot
in the town of Henrico Co., Wills, Estates, 1770-1787
Dec from Charles Carter Esq. executed before two
Witnesses, to have the said Betty Brown this
Wills forever, And I desire that my Executors here-
after named will procure him a sufficient Deed
in Law for the same. Now I give to the said Betty
Brown and her heirs forever all the remaining part
or more part of all my little at Rockets, to be laid
out at the lower end next to the Land of Charles

off at the lower end next to the land of Charles
Lewis and extended by a line through the middle
from the road or main street to the river. I have advised
that all my personal Estate of whatsoever kind, except my
writing table, desk & cabinet which I give and bequeath
to my good friend James Lyle, the elder, may be sold,
and the money applied to the payment of my debts -

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and the true purport of this Will. I have in case of
the death of the before named Legatee James
Lyle the younger, and Betty Mercer or either of
them before they die, or within one year
after their decease, to be paid to the said
James Lyle the younger, or to the said Betty Mercer
or to the said James Lyle the younger and Betty Mercer
jointly, the sum of one hundred pounds.

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But if it should so happen that my father of whom
I should not be living at the time of the death of the
said John & Billy Brown or either of them, and
my mother should then be living and bequeath such
sums or the whole as the case may be to the other
children of the said John & Edward Thompson Senior
who may then be living, to be equally divided between
them in fee simple. Henrico Co. Wills, Estates, 1770-1787
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moving proceeding from my Estate after payment
of my debts, and which may not be necessary for
the immediate support of Billy Brown, be laid out at
the discretion of my Executors in buildings & improvements
on the lot herein before devised to the said Billy Brown
and left to rest for his benefit. I am assured that my
Executors will provide a fit and proper education for
Billy Brown, and to this end, that he may be sent

and left to rent for his benefit. Now I desire that my
Executors will provide a fit and proper education for
Polly Brown, and to this end, that he may be sent
to Scotland, and maintained at School in such manner
as in the discretion of my said Executors, the rents
profits of my Estate may admit of - and any thing
in this my Will before contained, seeming to the
contrary, I charge my whole Estate with the said
expenses and maintenance with the maintenance
and Education of Polly Brown untill he arrives at
the Age of twenty one years, at which period I
direct the surplus of any such rents and profits
if any there be to be paid to him; and I further
direct that the same should be devised to him

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and ordered to be paid on
and before - and if there
shall be any surplus upon himself the

Executor to this my Will. I then declare this to be
my last will and testament in form of law and give
the younger to be with me and give
bequeath all the Estate I have before me to
them, to the said Children of my friends John
McKean and Benjamin Lewis who shall be
living at the time of my death, to them and
their heirs forever, to be divided between
them, but in especial trust and confidence that
they the said John McKean & Benjamin Lewis
will take upon themselves the care and Guardianship
of the said Betty Brown and the Burthen of
Education to this my Will. Item I direct that the
negro boy Bob, son of Betty may not be sold
and give and bequeath the said boy Bob, to
Betty Brown, and his heirs forever, desiring that

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Polly Brown, and his heirs forever, desiring that
he may be retained as body servant to the said
Polly Brown, and at proper age, that he may be
married to the Girl Sally Brown before named,
Legally constituted and appointed the before named
James Lyle the elder John McHenry Benjamin
Lewis, whole and sole Executors of this my Will,
hoping and fully confiding that they will take
upon themselves the office and give due friends
and guardians of the say Polly Brown and the
say Sally Brown

any other way
sufficiently to
the

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(19) This Court ordered for Henry County that the
public buildings in Richmond on Thursday the 5th of
April 1785

This Will was proved by the Oath of John
Buckley, William Croft, Samuel Lyle the witnesses
herein & Ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of
James Lyle & John McKeand two of the Executors herein
named with ^{Henrico Co. Wills, Estates, 1770-1787} ~~the~~ ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} together with James
Buchanan & Charles Selden for their Securities entered
into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of
two thousand pounds Conditioned as the Law directs
Certificate was granted them for obtaining a probate
thereof in due form Liberty being reserved to the other
Executor named in the said Will to join in the probate
when he shall think fit.

James Lyle
John McKeand

Teste Adam Craig C.C.