

In the Name of God. Amen. The 15<sup>th</sup> Day of April  
 1746. I James Piding of the said High County, being in good Health  
 and perfect Memory. Thanks be to almighty God, and willing to  
 Remembrance, the uncertain Estate of this transitory Life and  
 that all Flesh must yeeld to Death when it shall please God  
 to call. I do make, constitute, ordain, and declare, this to be my  
 last Will, and Testament in Manner, and Form, following  
 Annulling by these Presents, all former Wills and Testaments  
 either by Word, or Writing and this is only, to be taken for my last  
 Will and Testament, and none other. And first, being penitent  
 for my Sins past, most humbly, desiring Forgiveness for the  
 same, I Give and Commit my Soul, unto almighty God my  
 Saviour, and Redeemer, in whom, and by the Merits of  
 Jesus Christ, I trust, and believe to be saved, and to have  
 full Remission, and Forgiveness of all my Sins, and that my  
 Soul, with my Body, at the generall Day of Resurrection  
 shall rise, again, with Joy, and through the Merits of Christs  
 Death and Passion, possess, and inherit the Kingdom, prepared  
 for his elect, and chosen, and for the settling of my temporal  
 Estate, and such Goods, Chatties, and Debts, as it hath pleased  
 God, far above my Deserts, to bestow, upon me. I do after my  
 Body, is buried, at or in the Brick Church of the said High  
 County, give, and dispose of all my Estate, after my Debts  
 are paid, (if any be) in Manner, and Form following  
 First I Give to Mary my Wife, four Cows, and Calves, six Ewes and  
 Lambs, one Feather Bed, and Furniture, her Choice, two pewter  
 Dishes, six Plates, and Iron Pot, a little Kettle, and Horse named  
 Jockey, four Flax Chains. I also let her have the Use of a very  
 fine Romans Saddle, with the Furniture belonging to it  
 during her Widowhood and good Behaviour afterwards I  
 Give it to my Daughter Ann, further I Give her a plain, Gold  
 Ring, also a Stone one, and six Table Knives  
 2<sup>d</sup> I Give my Daughter Ann a Negro Fellow named Jack, six  
 fine Leather Chairs, three silver Spoons, a little Oval Table,  
 a feather Bed, and Furniture, a small looking Glass, also  
 ten Pounds (of the currency) with nine Pounds, ten Shillings  
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to be paid for a Negro Boy named Joney given to her by her Aunt  
W<sup>m</sup> Williams

3<sup>rd</sup> I Give to my Son James twenty Pounds Currency a Negro man  
named Joney a fine Clock my Watch a large looking Glass a Desk  
a large Trunk a Still with every thing belonging to it, I also  
give him three Hundred and twenty five Acres of Land lying  
Between Blackwater and Nollway with the Entry of an  
Hundred Acres joining to it, also I Give him a feather Bed  
and Furniture.

4<sup>th</sup> I Give my Daughter Mary a Negro man Sam a Negro  
Woman named Cock sixty Pounds Currency, which I desire  
to be laid out on two young Negroes a feather Bed and  
Furniture a large Oval Table six fine leather Chairs, three  
silver Spoons a small looking Glass a large Trunk

5<sup>th</sup> I Grant that all the remaining Part of my Estate Money  
Hoggs Little Horses &c. may be equally divided among my three  
Children

I Make Mary my Wife sole Executrix during her  
Widowhood or good Behaviour. she failing to behave herself  
wisely I leave the Care of my Children & Estate to the Rev<sup>d</sup>  
M<sup>r</sup> John Reid Minister in Newport Parish

Lastly if all my Children shall die without Heirs  
lawfully begotten I desire that all my Estate real and  
personall may go to my Brother John Pidin Merchant in  
Mauchline or his Children if any be Given under my  
Hand the Day Month and Year aforesaid

Signed and Sealed before  
these Witnesses

John Applewhaite  
William Hawkins

Jam: Pidin

At a Court held for Isles Night County August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1749  
The Last Will and Testament of James Pidin deceased was  
presented in Court by Mary Pidin the Exec<sup>r</sup> therein named who  
made Oath thereto and being proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses  
thereto is Ordered to be recorded

Jeph & W<sup>m</sup> Baker Clerks