

251 Granted them who made oaths thereto according to Law and  
acknowledged a Bond for the same.

Test

Jos. Robinson Esq.

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel

Owens of the County of King George being sick and weak of  
Body but of sound & understanding Mind and Memory thank  
to Almighty God for it. My desire is that all my Just Debts be paid  
& my Soul I Recommend into the hands of my Maker who gave it  
and my Body to the Earth to be Interred at the Discretion of my  
Executors hereafter Named and what mortuary Estate it hath  
pleased God to bestow on me. I alsoe have in manner following

Imprimis I Give and Bequeath to my well beloved Wife Mary

- garret Owens all my Stocke of what kind soever and also all my  
Household Furniture of what kind soever during her Natural  
Life. I also Give and Bequeath to my well Beloved Wife Mary  
- ret Owens three Negroes by Name Shepherd, Phillis, & Harry.

during her Natural life. Item I Give & Bequeath my Son Ephraim  
Owens the Plantation and Land I now live on to him and the  
Heirs of his Body lawfully Begotten forever and one Negro Lad  
Named Robin to him and his heirs forever Item I Give and

Bequeath to my Son Ephraim Owens one Negro Boy Named  
Dick to him and his Heirs forever. It is also my Will and desire  
that if any of the Negroes Given to my Wife be a wife at the time  
of her Death I will them to my Son Ephraim Owens and his  
Heirs forever. It is also my Will and desire that all my Stock

252 and Household Furniture of what kind soever at the death of  
my Wife be sold and the Money Equally divided amongst  
my Daughters Namely Leah Moncrief, Dorothy Owens, Luana  
Owens, Luina Owens, Susanah Owens, Judith Owens lastly  
I constitute and Appoint my Beloved Wife Margaret Owens,  
and my Son Reuben Owens Executrix & Executor of this my  
last Will and Testament hereby revoking all former or other  
Wills hitherto made ~~in witness~~ whereof I have here-  
unto set my hand & affixed my Seal this 27 day of September 1765

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged

by this Samuel Owens to be his Last Will } Samuel Owens (Seal)  
and Testament in Presence of }  
Anderson Bryan  
Burkitt Skinner  
James Moncrief

At a Court held for King George  
County the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 1766  
The Last Will and Testament of Samuel Owens aforesaid  
was presented into Court by Margaret Owens Exec and Reuben  
Owens Exec therein named who made Oath thereto according  
to Law and being further proved by the Oaths of Anderson  
Bryan Burkitt Skinner and James Moncrief witnesses thereto  
so is Admitted to Record and the said Executrix & Executor  
performing what is usual in such cases Certificate is granted  
them for Obtaining a Probate thereof in due form of Law and  
Acknowledged a Bona for the same.

*D. T.*

Chas. Robinson 1766

# In the Name of God Amen I Michael Wallace of

Hung George County Practitioner of Physic being of sound Mind and disposing Judgment do make this my last Will and Testament in Memento following Imprimis I direct my body to be buried in the church yard of Falmouth as near my two children interred there as may be convenient in such decent Manner as my Executors shall think fit.

Item I give and devise the Land I now live on purchased of William Waugh The Land and Plantation in Stafford purchased of Mr. Ross and that part of the Land I purchased of Col: Carter which lies between the ridge road & Montons Ordinary to my son Gustavus Wallace & his Heirs forever, but if he should die before the Age of Twenty one years not leaving landfull & free, then I give the Land and plantation in Stafford purchased of Ross to my son Thomas & his Heirs forever & the rest part of the Land purchased of Carter also that purchased of William Waugh to my son James and his Heirs forever, the said James & Thomas paying yearly the sum of five pounds each to their Mother during her Widow hood

Item I give and devise that Tract of Land in Culpeper County containing eleven hundred & fifty acres on which I now have a Quarter to my son Michael Wallace & his Heirs, and out if he should die before the Age of twenty one years not leaving landfull & free then living I give the same to be equally divided to my sons William & John & their Heirs subject to and charged with the payment of five pounds from each of them yearly to their Mother during her Widow hood Item I give & devise that part of the Land I purchased of Carter beginning at the ridge road

and extending as far as Matthews Land not to include any  
 of the s<sup>d</sup> Matthews but to be bounded by his Lanes and that  
 Tract of Land on which the Widow Sturdy lives and also one  
 hundred & three Acres Adjoining on Branham & Bulham  
 near the double topped Mountain to my son James and his  
 Heirs forever but if he should die before <sup>the</sup> Age of twenty one  
 years not leaving Landfull I give then living I give and  
 devise that part of Barters & the Widow Sturds to my son  
 Gustavus & the hundred & forty three Acres in Bulsper  
 to my son Thomas Subject to & charged with the payment  
 of five pounds yearly from each to their Mother during  
 her Widown hood. ITEM I give & devise the remainder of  
 the Land I purchased of Barter including Matthews  
 Lot & three hundred Acres in Bulsper adjoining Caven  
 augh & Yancy to my son William & his Heirs but if he should  
 die before The Age of twenty one years not leaving Landfull I give  
 then living I give his part of Barters Land to my son Michael  
 & his Heirs & his Tract in Bulsper to my son Thomas and  
 his Heirs subject to & charged with the payment of five  
 pounds from each of them yearly to their Mother during  
 her Widown hood. ITEM I give & devise that Tract of Land in  
 Bulsper purchased of James Ray & to contain eight hundred  
 & twenty eight Acres to my son John Wallace & his Heirs forever  
 but if he should die before The age of twenty one Years not  
 leaving Landfull I give then living I give one half of the same  
 to my son Gustavus & his Heirs forever and the other half to

255 my Son Thomas & his heirs forever subject to & charged with  
the payment of five pounds yearly from each of them to their  
Mother during her Widowhood Item I give & devise to my son  
Thomas & his heirs forever that Tract of Land in Stafford County  
which I purchased of Isaac Savage & two pieces in Culpeper one  
containing one hundred & forty three Acres & the other three hundred  
& fifteen; but if he should die before the age of twenty one years not  
leaving lawfull Issue then living I give the Tract purchased of  
Savage to my son William & his heirs & the piece in Culpeper to  
my son James & his Heirs subject to & charged with the payment  
of five pounds yearly from each of them to their Mother during  
her Widowhood Item it is my Will & desire & I do hereby advise  
& direct that none of the afo<sup>d</sup> Limitations should be construed or  
deemed Entails of any of the afo<sup>d</sup> Lands but that they should be  
estumed as contingent Remainders & not otherwise Item It  
is my Will & Desire that if any of my aforesaid Children should  
die before they come to the Age of twenty one years leaving no  
Children but a Wife with Child which shall afterward be  
born alive that then his or their Child or Children born after  
his or their Death or Deaths shall succeed to his or their Estate  
in the same Manner as if born before such Death Item I give  
to my Wife Elizabeth during her Life the Land I now live on  
purchased of William Waugh & the Use of one twentieth part of my  
Slaves & other personal Estate; which Slaves & personal Estate  
after her Death I advise shall be equally divided among all my  
Children.

This Dvise to my Wife to be in Law of her Death ~  
 Item I give & devise all my Lands herein before mentioned  
 & all the Residue of my Slaves & personal Estate except what  
 was before given to my Wife, in Trust to the revd Mr Richard  
 Brown of Maryland. the revd Mr James Scott Mr James  
 Douglass & Mr. Bulleit Bulleit of Prince William for the  
 purpos after mentioned to wit that they shall apply the  
 profits arising from the same to the support of my Wife and  
 maintenance & Education of my Children during the  
 Minority of all or any of them provided that upon the Marriage  
 or Majority of any of my 3 children he or they so married or  
 of Age shall enter upon & be lord of his or their Lands & Ten-  
 ments except my dwelling House plantation Land purchase  
 of Haugh given my Wife for life which Gustavus is not to  
 have during her Life & shall have & receive to his or their  
 own Use one full Childs part of my Personal Estate and  
 Slaves not devised their Mother their C. Lands & Slaves  
 subject to & charged with the payment of one thousand pounds  
 of Tobacco annually from each of them when they come of  
 Age to their Mother during her Widownhood. ~

Item It is my Will & Desire that if my son Gustavus  
 neglects or refuses to pay his Mother her Legacy of one thou-  
 sand pounds of Tobacco annually as was before directed she  
 shall have during her Widownhood the Rents of the plantation  
 on which Banks & Brigg now live. Item I will & direct if  
 any of my 3 children die before they are of full Age that this  
 or their part of my personal Estate & Slaves be equally divided

among my surviving Children & their Representations according  
to the Statute of Distribution & that my Wife also shall have  
a Childs part of such Descendents Slaves & personal Estate in  
sum of her Legacy of one thousand pounds of Tobacco, which after  
his Death is to be equally divided among my Children & their  
Representations. Item I will & desire that if any of my other  
Children neglect or refuse to pay their Mother her legacy of one  
thousand pounds of Tobacco annually as before directed. That  
she shall have during her widowhood one of the best Slaves of his  
or their Share or Shares so refusing & neglecting Item I will &  
desire that my Executors shall lease out my Lands on the best  
Terms they can till my Children comes of Age, that is each  
Childs part till he comes of Age. Item I will & desire that my  
Executors may dispose of my unnecessary Plate & what other part  
of my personal Estate they think can be spared & all the Money  
remaining after the payment of my just Debts, which I never  
may be laid out in the purchase of Negroes & settling some  
of the best of my Lands & these Negroes divided as the others  
before mentioned. Item I appoint the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr<sup>r</sup> Richard Birne  
of Maryland the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr<sup>r</sup> James Scott & M<sup>r</sup> James Dorsey  
& Ruthbert Bullitt Guardians to my Children. Lastly I  
appoint my dear Wife Elizabeth & my Friends M<sup>r</sup> John Knox  
Arthur Morrison Lawton & the four above mentioned  
Gentlemen my Executors & Executrix requesting the<sup>s</sup> Knox  
Morrison Lawton & Bullitt to use all imaginable Diligence  
in collecting my Debts.

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*In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand & seal this Eighth Day of July in the year of our  
Lord God 1766... Interlined before signing the Will are  
(See) Entail of my wife's her husband)*

*Signed sealed published &*

*declared to be the last Will  
of D<sup>r</sup> Wallace in presence of us*

George Noble  
Robert Lawson  
John Dunlop  
John Moncur

W<sup>m</sup> Wallace Seal

I W<sup>m</sup> Wallace on mature Consideration  
do Will & desire that four hundred Acres of the Land in Culpeper  
given to my son W<sup>m</sup>chael being that part of it whereon I have  
a Quarter seated be Reserved for the benefit & use of my family  
for & during the term of Eight years after my Death & then I  
give it with the Remainder of the Tract to my s<sup>d</sup> son W<sup>m</sup>chael  
under the same Restrictions & limitations as before mentioned  
& I desire that this Codicil my bedeamed good & taken as part  
of last Will & testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand & seal this Six day of October 1766

W<sup>m</sup> Wallace Seal

At a Court held for King George County  
The Fourth day of June 1767.

259 The Last Will & Testament of Michael Wallace deceased.

presented into court by the Revd James Scott & Gavin Lawson two  
of the Exe<sup>r</sup>c<sup>t</sup> Thusein named who made Oath thereto according to Law  
whereupon further proved by the Oath of Robert Lawson was admitted  
to Record & the 3 Executors performing what is usual in such  
cases certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate Therof  
in due form of Law & acknowledged a bond for the same.

In the Name of God amen.

This 25<sup>th</sup> day of February one Thousand Seven hundred & Sixty Seven  
Elizabeth Claytor of the County of King George being vry sick  
& weak in body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to  
God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body & knowing  
that it is appointed for all People one to die. Do make & ordain this my  
last will & Testament that is to say Principally & first of all I do &  
recommend my Soul into the hands of almighty God that I may  
& for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a chris-  
tian like & decent manner at the discretion of my Executors no man  
doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again  
by the mighty power of God & as touching such worldly Estate  
wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise  
& dispose of the same in following manner & form Imprimis I  
Give to my Brother John Claytor one Crown Sterling

260 Item I Give to my Brother Thomas ~~bif~~ ~~of~~ ~~from~~ ~~of~~  
Sterling Item I Give to my Brother William Blaytor one  
Brown Sterling Item I Give to my Brother in Law  
John Carter a bay horse called Jockey Item I Give to Samuel  
Carter son of John Carter a Gray Horse cald body Item I  
Give to Robert Carter son of John Carter my two mares & then  
Increase & Six head of cattle & a bed & furniture & all my  
Pewter & two pots & one Iron Peste. Item I Give & bequeath  
to Mary Carter Daughter of John Carter one bed & furniture  
Item I Give & bequeath to my Sister Anne Carter all I am  
worth as I have not all ready given away to her & her Hous for ever  
I constitute make & ordain John Carter Esq. & Esq. of this  
my last Will & Testament I Do hereby Disallow Revoke and  
Disannul all & every other former will Testaments Legacies  
Bequests & Exec't by me in any ways before this time Named  
Written & Bequeathed Ratifying & Confirming this & no other  
to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand & Seal the day & year above Written

Signed Sealed Published &  
Delivered by the s<sup>d</sup> Elizabeth  
Blaytor as her last Will & Testa-  
ment in presence of us the subscribers

Thomas Reed }  
Thomas <sup>her</sup> Brown }  
William <sup>mark</sup> Moaze }  
mark

Elizabeth <sup>her</sup> Blaytor <sup>Seal</sup>  
mark

At a Court held for King George  
bounty the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1767

61 The Last Will & Testament of Elizabeth Blaytor was presented  
into Court by John Carter Esq<sup>r</sup> therin named who made oath thereto  
according to Law & being further proved by the Oaths of Thos<sup>r</sup> Pead  
& Thos<sup>r</sup> Brown & admitted to record & the Executor performing what  
usual in such Case a Certificate is granted him for obtaining a  
Probate thereof in due form of Law & Acknowledgment for the same

In the Name of God amen I Elizabeth  
Willis being sick & weak of Body but in perfect Senses & sound  
Memory do make this my last Will & Testament I give & bequeath  
to all my Loving (gran) Children (our) William & Elizabeth Willis  
& Younger Johnson one Shilling out of my Estate after which  
Digales I give & bequeath to my Loving Son Francis Willis all my  
Estate during his Natural Life after his deceas to my Loving  
Gran Daughter Jane Willis Daughter to my Loving Son Francis

Signed & Sealed

In Presence of

William Chapman

William Thornton } At a Court held for King George County

The 2 July 1767

Elizabeth <sup>her M<sup>r</sup> & W<sup>m</sup> C<sup>r</sup></sup>  
mark

The Last Will & Testament of Elizabeth Willis was presented  
into Court by Francis Willis Executor therin named whomade  
Oath thereto according to Law & being further proved by the Oath

of William Chapman was Admitted to Record the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feby  
performing what is usual in such Cases Certificate in grants  
d<sup>r</sup> him for obtaining Probate Therof in all forms of Land & Actions  
Act<sup>r</sup> for the same.

## In the Name of God Amen I Francis

Thornton of the Parish of Hanover in the County of King  
George being of perfect Sense & Memory do make & Ordain this to be  
my last Will & Testament in Manner & form following.

In primis I give to my Son William Thornton part of my land  
lying below brow Swamp begining at the s<sup>d</sup> Swamp sayning to  
Joseph Pardock being part of the Land I bought John McCormack  
lying on the lowest side brow swamp souþ the s<sup>d</sup> Swamp to a  
little Tak where the Swamp make a brook by a bank so to a  
large white oak back of an old meadow by his fence so long  
as the fence now runs to a white oak back of my log house  
where Francis Willis now lives so along the corn field fence  
William Thornton now tennant being the Land I gave him  
when he Marria Elizabeth Fitzhugh but in stead of running  
to a Swamp back Houghes Swamp souþ the s<sup>d</sup> Swamp to  
George Ridings line & mine as I gave him then only to the Swamp  
I now give across the Swamp to the branch that make from  
George Ridings Land to where one David Robinson lived back  
his Spring Run so along Ridings Land to the Land he has  
bargained for back the greate so to brow Swamp to the place

263 mentioned where first begun Payning Woodcock the Land I ment  
ioned in them bounds I give to him & his Heirs of his Body lawfully  
begotten forever **Imprimis** I give to my S<sup>d</sup> Son William Thorn  
An Part of my Land lying in Fortquair Payning Seader Run begin  
ning at the main Road by Poplar Spring & down the Branch to Cedar  
Run, being the Land he is now in Possession of I also hereby confirm  
to my S<sup>d</sup> Son William the gift of all the Negroes I gave him on  
his Marriage Item To my Son Francis Thornton & his Heirs  
I give & devise all the residue of my Land in King George County  
I Also give & devise to my S<sup>d</sup> Son Francis & his Heirs a Tract  
Land lying in the 3<sup>d</sup> County containing by Estimation ~  
Seventy five Acres which I purchased of W<sup>m</sup> Robinson Gent  
& his Wife John Ashton Gent & his Wife & John Watts with  
all the Right Title & Interest which I have or can claim there  
in in Law or Equity. **Item** I give & devise to my S<sup>d</sup> Son  
Francis & his Heirs a Tract of Land in the 3<sup>d</sup> County  
of King George which I purchased of W<sup>m</sup> Goring & Goring  
White & Letice his Wife notwithstanding my Right Title & Interest  
therein whether in Law or Equity I also give to my S<sup>d</sup> Son  
Francis all my Negroes Stock cattle Horses Hogs & other  
Personal Estate that may remain after paying my Debts  
& my Wife Dover I also give & devise to my S<sup>d</sup> Son Francis &  
his Heirs all the remainder of my Tract of Land in Saquier  
County not given to my son William on his Marriage &  
herein before confirmed to him **Item** I give & bequeath to  
Judith Suttle Daughter of Emma Suttle one hundred pound

264 Current money to be paid as soon as it can be collected by William  
Sittle as Trustee for the 3<sup>d</sup> Child who is hereby enjoined to lay out the  
same as soon as he conveniently can in Negroes Witches for the  
Benefit of the 3<sup>d</sup> Child Item I give to Nanny Sittle another  
Daughter of the 3<sup>d</sup> Emma Sittle Sixty pounds current money  
to be paid at the same time to the 3<sup>d</sup> W<sup>t</sup> Sittle to be disposed of in  
the same manner for the Benefit of the 3<sup>d</sup> Child & if either of the  
3<sup>d</sup> Children should die before they come of age or marry then  
I desire & will that the Legacy hereby given of the person so  
dying or the Negroes purchased therewith shall pass to  
the other, And of this my last Will I constitute & Appoint  
the Humble bott<sup>r</sup> Presley Thornton & my 3<sup>d</sup> Son Francis Executor  
In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seal  
the Sixth day of June 1766

I called & published & declared as the last Will &

Test of the 3<sup>d</sup> Francis Thornton in our presence

& also subscribing in his presence the words  
(other Hours) being interlined twice before the  
said Francis Signed & Sealed

Tho Lenardum

John Pitt

John Triplett

Francis Thornton <sup>Seal</sup> 60  
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At a Court held for King George County  
the 2 Day of July 1767

265 The Last will & Testament of Francis Thornton deceased was presented unto court by Francis Thornton Junr. Executor therin named who made oath thereto according to Law & being further proved by the oaths of Thos. Landrum Etch & John Triplett Esq. is admitted to record & the said Executor performing what is usual in such cases certificat is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form of Law & abona Act<sup>d</sup> & Ordinance the heirs at Law be summoned to appear at the next court.

Jes. Jos. Robinson Esq.

In the Name of God amen I Honourable Mr.

deleton of King George County being of sound mind & memory thank be to God for it therefore make this my Last Will & Testament in manner & form following First my Will is I give & bequeath to John Jordan one rug & blanket & one red bonnet Item I give & bequeath to Mary Reddon one blue ground & two pretty coats two Shifts a pair of Shoes & Stockings Item I give & bequeath to Sarah Cannaday and Ann Cannaday four ribbands two handkerchiefs & a black Bonnett... though made a mistake.. Item I give likewise to Mary Reddon one black bonnet one Linewoolly Ground & four Porter plates Item I give & bequeath to Christy Boring one Quilted pretty coat Lastly I appoint that Robert Lowry be Executor of this my last Will & Testament & it is my Desire

That John Barnard & Thomas King of this County  
George be paid best what it will in Witnesse whereof I have  
Set my hand & Seal this Eleventh Day of December 1765

Signed sealed,

in presence of

David Barnard

Tho<sup>m</sup> Jordan

Mary Beddon

<sup>mark</sup>

Honour <sup>as</sup> Middleton <sub>mark</sub>

At a court held for King George County

The 6 Day of August 1767

The Last Will & Testament of Honourable Middleton was  
presented into Court & proved by the Oaths of the Witneses & Admitted  
to Record & on the motion of John Orr Administration is granted him  
with the will annexed & his Orr Acknowledged above for the same

I George Green of the Parish of Brunswick in the County of  
King George being weak and sick of Body, but perfect in mind  
and Understanding do make this my last Will and Testament  
in manner and form following Vizt. First I give & Bequeath  
to be equally divided amongst my three Children and the one  
unborn all my whole Estate consisting of Negroes, Stocks of  
every kind Money &c. But my Will and desire is, that the  
whole be kept together, and my Wife and my Children to be  
maintained out of the Profits arising therefrom, and as  
they come of age then to receive their proportionable part.  
But in Case my Wife should Marry before my Children come of

(267) Then each Child to have their part laid off and she to have  
her third of the whole. My desire is that Mr. Jedidiah Pullen  
in that Case take the direction of my Children and possession  
of their proportionable part of the Estate. I declare this to be  
my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this fifteenth Day  
of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven  
hundred and sixty eight.

William Champe  
Jedidiah Pullen

George Green

At a Court held for King George.

County the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of June 1768.

The within last Will and Testament of George Green deceased was  
presented into Court by Jane Green his Widow, and being proved  
by the Oaths of William Champe and Jedidiah Pullen the  
Witnesses thereto subscribed is admitted to Record, and on  
the Motion of the said Jane Green she performing what the  
Law in such Cases require, Administration is granted her  
with the Will annexed & who acknowledged a Bond for the same.

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I James Turnbull of King George County, calling to mind the  
uncertainty of this life, do make and ordain this my last Will  
and Testament in manner following. **Imprimis** I give to

my

Daughter Betty Turnbull my Negro Woman name ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> Pinah.

Hem I give to my Son George Turnbull my Negro Boy Jack and my Negro Girl Sarah.

Hem in case my two Children Betty and George should both die in their Infancy and without Heirs, my Will and desire is, that my Nephew William Turnbull, should have my Negroes and their Increase.

Hem I give my best Bed and Furniture to my two Children for their and each of their Use.

Hem I give to Elizabeth Thatcher, my Woman's Saddle and Furniture.

Hem I desire all the rest of my Estate may be sold, and the Money arising from such Sale to be equally divided between my two Children George and Betty Turnbull.

Lastly I Nominate and appoint my Brother Stephen Turnbull Executor to this my last Will and Testament revoking all other Wills <sup>by</sup> me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1761.

signed Sealed Published, James Turnbull <sup>(Seal)</sup>  
and Delivered

in the presence of

William Davis

John Green

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At a Court held for King George County the 6<sup>th</sup>  
Day of October 1768.

The last Will and Testament of James Turnbull was  
presented into Court by Stephen Turnbull the Executor there in  
named, who made Oath thereto according to Law, and the  
same being also proved by the Oath of John Green one of the  
Witnesses thereto subscribed, is admitted to Record, And  
on the motion of the said Executor he performing what the  
Law in such Cases require, Certificate is granted him for  
obtaining a Probate thereof in due form

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In the Name of God amen I Benjamin  
Philipps of the County of King George and Colony of Virginia  
being weak, and knowing that all Men is appointed once to  
die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament  
in manner and form as following. I therefore give and  
Bequeath my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God hoping  
through the Merits of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to  
obtain pardon and and forgiveness of all my Sins and  
Offences, and my Body to the Earth to be buried after a  
decent and Christian like manner according to the  
Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, And as  
for my worldly Goods which it hath pleased God to blesse

with & dispose of as follows, Item I leave to my  
beloved Wife Sarah Phillips the Use of my whole Estate  
during her Widownhood, and in case it appears she makes  
Waste or Embezlement, my desire is That my Executors  
take the Estate into their Hands, and keep the whole  
together till my youngest Child comes to Age, and then  
the whole to be equally divided among my Children that  
shall be then living, and in case my four Children  
should die without Heirs lawfully begotten of their  
Bodies, which are named as follows, William, Anne,  
James and Moses, then the whole to descend to my  
beloved Wife Sarah, And further I do nominate and  
appoint my Brother Moses Phillips, and my Brother  
in Law James Hust my Executors, And I do hereby  
revoke all Wills, Deeds, Testaments, Gifts, Rights, Titles  
from by or under me made thereto, this being my last  
Will and true intended meaning Witness my Hand  
and Seal this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1768.

Sealed & Delivered }  
in presence of }

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W<sup>m</sup> + his  
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At a Court held for King George

County the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1768

The last Will and Testament

of Benjamin Phillips deceased was presented into Court by

Benjamin Phillips Esq

James Hust one of the Executors therein named, Sarah

Philipps Widow of the said Benjamin having renounced the  
said Will, and the same being proved by the Oath of William  
Dowen one of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, and on the  
motion of the said James Hust he performing what the  
Law in such Cases requires Certificate is granted him for  
obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Test

Jos. Robinson C. Court,

I Sarah Philipps Widow and Relict of Benjamin Philipps  
late of the County of King George deceased, do hereby make known  
to all Persons whom it may concern, That I will not take, accept  
or receive the Legacies bequeathed to me in and by the Will of  
my deceased Husband or any part thereof. And I do hereby  
renounce and give up all Benefit or Advantage which I could  
or might claim in or by the Will of my said deceased Husband  
according to the Act of the General Assembly of this Colony in  
that Case made and provided. In Witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal this fifth Day  
of October in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred  
and sixty eight.

Sealed & Delivered,

in presence of us

Sarah + Philipps <sup>her</sup> ~~Engd~~  
mark

Matthew Dowen }  
William + Dowen, James Hust }

<sup>his</sup>  
mark

# In the Name of God amen I John

Herndon of the County of King George, being sick & weak  
in Body, but of sound Mind, Sense and Memory, thanks  
be to Almighty God for the same, do make and ordain this  
my last Will and Testament in manner following, first  
and principally I recommend my Soul to God, and my  
Body to the Earth to be interred at the discretion of my  
Executors here after named, and as to what worldly Estate  
it hath pleased God to bestow on me, I do give Devise and  
Bequeath as follows Imprimis I confirm to my Son  
David Herndon one Bay Mare called Donkey now in  
his possession, I desire that my Executors may take charge  
and care of my Children during their Infancy, and to  
bind out such of them and to such Trades as they think  
proper, in case that it may be thought necessary by my Exe.<sup>cc</sup>  
and not very inconvenient to my Wife, I direct that in that  
case that they give to either or any of my Children as they  
come of Age or are married, such a small proportion of  
my Estate as can be conveniently spared, and such  
Things so given by my Executors to be by them Valued in  
Current Money, and such Child or Children debited with  
the same, and shall be deemed and taken as so much of  
their proportionable part of my Estate here after to be  
allotted them by my Wife, and such Child or Children not

liable for Interest on the same, tho' this is a matter I leave  
 entirely in the Breast and at the discretion of my Executors.

Item I leave to my loving Wife Jane Herndon during her  
 Widonhood the entire use of my whole Estate, exclusive of  
 the specific Legacies herein before mentioned, for the support  
 of herself and my Children, and should she marry again it is  
 my Will and desire that she then enjoy to her own Use during  
 her natural life one third part of my Estate only, and the other  
 two thirds to immediately descend to my Children in equal  
 proportion, and it is my further Will and desire that the whole  
 of my Estate that may be in the Hands of my Wife at her death  
 be divided amongst my Children and their Representatives  
 she may think proper. Whereas I am doubtful that it will not  
 be in the Power of my Wife to manage two of my Negroes  
 named Nann and Nell it is my desire that if the said Negroes  
 Nann or Nell or either of them should behave amiss then it  
 shall and may be lawful for my Executors and they are  
 hereby desired to sell or otherwise dispose of them in such  
 manner as they may think best for the benefit of my Estate.

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my Wife Jane Herndon  
 David Herndon my Son, and my friends Joseph Herndon &  
 Gerard Rander Executors of this my last Will and Testament  
 hereby revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand  
 and)

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Seal this thirty first Day of July One thousand seven  
hundred and sixty eight.

Sealed Acknowledged J Herndon *Seal*

and Declared by the said

John Herndon as and for his  
last Will and Testament in  
Presence of

John Harwood } At a Court held for King George  
Frances Banks . } County the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1769.

Gerard Banks } The last Will and Testament  
of John Herndon deceased, was presented into Court by  
Jane Herndon his widow and Gerard Banks Executrix &  
Executor herein mentioned, who made Oath thereto accord  
ing to Law, and the same being proved by the Oaths of the  
Witnesses thereto subscribed is admitted to Record, and  
on the motion of the said Jane Herndon and Gerard Banks  
they performing what the Law in such Cases require  
Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof  
in due form.

Prob I. John Robinson 8/1/96

I John Casey of the County of King George, calling to  
mind the uncertainty of this life, do make and ordain  
this my last Will and Testament in manner as followeth

Imprimis my will and desire is that my Executor hereafter named sell all my Estate, and after paying my just Debts I owe Item I give unto Leonne Wharton thirty Pounds, Item I give unto Jourier Wharton thirty Pounds, Item I give unto Samuel Casey my grey Mare and Saddle, Item I give unto Delinena Wharton four Barrels of Corn and two Bushels of Wheat, Item I give unto John Casey, Samuel Casey's son all the rest of my Estate. Lastly I do nominate Constitute and Appoint Lawrence Catlett my whole Executor, and my will and desire is, that my Executor take care of the Money until the Children come of Age, revoking all other Wills heretofore made In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this twenty third Day of November anno Domini 1768.

Signed Sealed &

John Casey (Sig)

Acknowledged }  
in the Presence of , At a Court held for King George

First. Lawrence Catlett } County the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1769.  
William Vaughan } The last Will & Testament  
Reuben Wharton } of John Casey deceased was pre-  
sented into Court by Lawrence Catlett the Executor herein  
named, who made Oath thereto according to Law, and the  
same being proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto  
subscribed is admitted to Record, and on the motion of the

said

Laurence Callett, he performing what the law in such Cases require, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Best

In the Name of God amen this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, I William McGraughan of the County of King George am very weak and sick, but of perfect Sense and Memory thankes be to God for it, and calling to mind that it is once appointed for all Men once die, first I recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it me. Secondly I recommend my Body to the Earth, to be buried in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion of my Executor here after mentioned, And as it hath pleased Almighty God to blesse me with such worldly Estates, I give and dispose of the same in manner and form as followeth.

Imprimis I also give and Bequeath unto Christian Shepherd, one Cow and Calf to her and her Heirs forever Item I also give and Bequeath unto Anne Cammell one Bed and Furniture, one Spining Wheel and one pair Cotton Cards, and two Bushells of Corn and five Shillings Cash to her and her Heirs forever.

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Iem I also give and Bequeath unto my Daughter in law  
Hethy Sharley one Bed and Furniture, one Gold Ring, and one  
Silver Tea Spoon, to her and her Heirs forever.

Item I also give unto Andrew Drummond all the remainder  
of my Estate, to him and his Heirs forever, after my Funeral  
Expences and Debts are paid, I also Nominate and appoint  
Andrew Drummond full and sole Executor of this my last  
Will and Testament, I utterly revoke and disannul all former  
Wills whatsoever, bequeathed or ratified, Confirming this  
and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In  
Witness whereof I have interchangeably set my Hand  
the Day and Year first above written.

Signed Sealed & } William + his Graughalon  
Delivered in presence of } mark

Matthew Bowen      At a Court held for King George County  
                          his  
William T. Bowen      the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1769.  
                          March  
William Tell      The last Will and Testament of  
William McGraugh also deceased, was presented into Court by  
Andrew Drummond the Executor therein named, who made  
Oath thereto according to Law, and the same being proved by  
the oaths of the witnesses thereto subscribed is admitted to

Record, and on the motion of the said Andrew Drummond  
he performing what the Law in such Cases require, Certificate  
is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

# In the Name of God amen.

Dedear Thompson of the Town of Paltmouth and County of  
 King George, being reduced to a very low condition by sickness,  
 yet retaining the perfect use of my Senses, do hereby make  
 this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former  
 Wills by me made. And first I resign my Soul to God hoping  
 for salvation purely and solely from the Merits of my blessed  
 Redeemer Jesus Christ, and my Body I desire may be buried  
 three Days after my decease, decently in the Church yard,  
 according to the direction of my Executors, and I hereby  
 Constitute and Appoint my much Esteemed Friends  
 Mfs<sup>r</sup> Arthur Marion and Edward Moor Executors to  
 fulfill this my last Will and Testament, trusting to their  
 friendship subsisting between us, that they will not refuse  
 to undertake the Charge. It is my desire (if it be agreeable to  
 my worthy Partner Mr Charles Yates) that the Business in  
 which I am engaged with him, may be continued until the  
 beginning of the Year One thousand seven hundred and  
 seventy, and no longer, and that the Affairs of the Copartner-  
 ship shall be as speedily settled as possible after the disolu-  
 tion of the Copartnership.

It is my Will and desire that my Executors shall sell my two Lots  
 in Paltmouth and three Negroes which I am professed of, and all  
 other my Personal Estate (except my body Cloths) for the most  
 that

can be had for them Item I give and Bequeath to my dear  
Mother Elizabeth Thompson of Whitehaven, the Yearly Sum  
of Twenty five Pounds Sterling during her natural life, to be  
remitteed Annually by my Executors in the Month of Novem-  
ber, to her, and for that purpose it is my desire that after all my  
Debts are paid, my Executors shall place out Five hundred  
Pounds Sterling of the first Money of the first Money that comes  
into their Hands of mine, in the most secure manner they can, so  
as to yield the said Annual Sum of Twenty five Pounds, And  
at her decease, I give the said Five hundred Pounds Sterling to  
my Nephen Dedar Clemiston, Of the next Money of mine, that  
comes into my Executors Hands, I give unto my dear Sister  
Mary Clemiston and to her Heirs, the sum of Three hundred  
Pounds Sterling, And of the next, I desire that Five hundred  
Pounds Sterling may be laid out in the purchase of a piece of  
Land and four working Negroes, Stocking and Seating a  
Plantation, the yearly Profits of which I give to my Brother  
Henry Thompson and his Wife, or to the survivor of them,  
during their natural lives, and after their decease, I give the  
Land, Negroes, Stock and all the produce to be equally divided  
between my said Brother Henry's two Children, Dedar and  
Aicey. I further give to my said Brother Henry and his wife  
the sum of Twenty Pounds Sterling Annually, until the said  
Land and Negroes shall at least yield that value, And I desire  
that

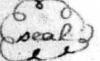
my Executors shall remit all the Money hereby intended  
 for my Brother Henry and his wife, to Mr. Joshua Clarke,  
 of Talbot County for their use. Next it is my Will and desire,  
 that of the remaining part of my Estate, my Executors  
 shall make a purchase of Land and Negroes, or anything  
 else they may Judge most proper, to the value of Five  
 hundred Pounds Sterling Money, which purchase to the  
 said amount, I give and Devise to my natural Daughter  
 Ann alias Nancy, the Daughter of Guilelma Hilliard of  
 this County, to her and her Heirs forever, in case she arrives  
 at full Age and enters not into the Matrimonial State before  
 that period, without the Consent of at least one of my Executors  
 out of she should die before she arrives to full Age without  
 being married with the Consent of one of my Executors,  
 then and in that case I give the whole Subject on which the  
 said Five hundred Pounds Sterling may be expended to my  
 Brother Henry's aforesaid two Children Dickey and Avery  
 I further direct that out of the Residue of my Estate my  
 Executors to pay unto Charles Benson at the rate of Twenty  
 Pounds Current Money a Year, for all the time my said Daughter  
 has Boarded at his House, and further I direct that she  
 shall be Boarded by my Executors at the most proper place  
 according to their Judgment, at the said rate of Twenty Pounds  
 Current Money a Year for — — — three Years after my decease,

I further give Twenty Pounds a Year, for the said three Years, to be disposed of by my Executors in purchasing Cloths for her, but both the allowance for her Board and Cloths are only upon Condition, that my said Daughter Nancy submits to the Management and discretion of my Executors, or at least one of them. I give and Bequeath to Alexander Morson, Son to Arthur Morson, and to his Heirs One hundred Pounds Sterling, And unto Mrs Mary Briggs and her Heirs, I give Fifty Pounds Sterling. I give unto Mr Edward Moor and to his Heirs, One hundred Pounds Sterling, as an Acknowledgment of his faithfull Service to me, and in hopes that he will do the best in his Power in settling and Collecting my Affairs.

After all the aforesaid Legacies are provided for or discharged I give unto my Brother Henry Thompson's Son Dekar, over and above what I have already devised to him, the sum of Two hundred and fifty Pounds Sterling, to be paid to him so soon as he shall arrive to the Age of Twenty one Years, and desire that my Executors shall place out the Money on proper Security, so as to secure the principal and the produce to him when he arrives at full Age; and if he dies without lawfull Heirs before that period, I leave the whole to his Sister Aicey under the like restriction as to her Age.

I leave all my Body Cloths to my Brother Henry Thompson. The remainder of my Estate after all the former Legacies.

Discharged, I desire may be equally divided among my two Nephews and my Niece namely Dekar Thompson, Dekar Clemetson and Airey Thompson. And as my whole subject is so scattered, that it must be some considerable time before so much can be Collected as may discharge the several Legacies, it is therefore my desire that the Legatees will patiently give my Executors a reasonable time, to receive, Collect and discharge every thing according to the true Intent of this my Will, without any unnecessary Trouble. And I further impower my Executors if they may judge proper, to lay out a small sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds Sterling in erecting a small Monument to my Memory. This is my last Will and Testament made this Twenty third Day of December, One thousand seven hundred and sixty eight

Signed Sealed & } Dekar Thompson   
(Acknowledged before us )

John Newton

Alex<sup>r</sup> Blair

Iona<sup>r</sup> Wilson

I Dekar Thompson do make this Codicil to my foregoing Will of this Days date, And first I give

unto my worthy Partner, Mr<sup>r</sup> Charles Yates, my Case of Razors as a small Testimony of my gratitude for the many and important acts of Friendship I have received from him. And to Mr<sup>r</sup> David Briggs of Falmouth, as a

Testimony

Of my thankfulness for his extraordinary Care and Services  
to me during my sickness, I give Forty Pounds Sterling, to be  
paid by my Executors within twelve Months after my decease.  
I also give him my new Beaver Hat, which is now in the  
possession of Capt David Loudon from Boston. And I desire  
that my Friend Mr Arthur Morson will accept of my Shoe  
and knee Buckles and Stock Buckle, as a Token of my  
Friendship to him. and my Silver Watch I give to my Brother  
Henry Thompson.

Dedar Thompson 

Signed Sealed &  
Acknowledged

by the Testator the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day  
of December 1768 before us

At a Court held for King  
George County the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of  
April 1769.

John Newton

Alexr Blair

Iona<sup>n</sup> Wilson

My last Will and Testament of

Dedar Thompson deceased together

with the Codicil thereto annex'd

was presented into Court by Arthur Morson and Edward  
Moor, the Executors therein named, whom made Oath thereto  
according to Law, and the same being proved by the Oaths of  
the Witnesses thereto subscribed is admitted to Record, and  
on the motion of the said Arthur Morson & Edward Moor  
they performing what the Law in such Cases require  
Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof  
in due form

Test

# In the Name of God amen

John James of King George County and the Parish of Hanover  
being of perfect Mind and Memory, do make this my last  
Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth.

I give and Bequeath to Mary Douglas, One Negro  
Woman named Winny, to her and her Heirs forever.

Hem I give and Bequeath to Isabell Jett, One Negro  
Woman named Jane, and her Child named Cary, to her  
and her Heirs forever.

Hem I give and Bequeath unto James Triplett my  
Land, with four Negroes named Peter, Ben, Will and  
Jude, with all the Remainder of my Estate Real and  
Personal to him and his Heirs forever.

Lastly it is my Will and Desire that the said James  
Triplett should pay all my just Debts, and for him to be  
my Executor to this my last Will, revoking all former  
Wills made by me as Witnes my Hand this tenth  
Day of November One thousand seven hundred and  
sixty seven.

Signed Sealed }  
in the presence of }

John James *(seal)*

John <sup>his</sup> Quisipbury  
*mark*

Mary <sup>her</sup> Nichols  
*mark*

Margaret <sup>her</sup> Nichols  
*mark*

At a Court held for King George County the 4<sup>th</sup>  
Day of May, 1769.

The last Will and Testament of John James deceased was presented into Court by James Triplett the Executor therein named (and the Heir at Law appearing according to the Order of last Court to contest the Validity of the said Will, and the Witnesses thereto being examined, the Court are of Opinion the Testator was in his proper Senses at the time of his Executing the same) whereupon the said James Triplett made Oath thereto according to Law, and the same being proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto subscribed is admitted to Record, and on the motion of the said James Triplett (he performing what the Law in such Cases requires) Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

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Jos: Robinson Esq: H: C

Feby 26, 1769.

In the Name of God amen I Reuben Grigsby being sick and weak in Body, of sound and perfect Mind and Memory thank to Almighty God for the same, and knowing the uncertainty of Mankind, I dispose of Worldly Goods in form following. First I give my Soul to almighty God that gave it me, and my Body to be decently buried by my Executor.

Hem. I give to my Brothers James Grigsby and John

Grigsby

all my Dues and Personal Estate be equally divided  
between them Elisha Grigsby Executor.

Witness

Wm X Fletcher

John Grigsby

Thomas Lee

Reuben Grigsby  
<sup>his</sup>  
<sub>mark</sub>

At a Court held for King

George County the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of

August 1769.

The last Will and Testament of Reuben Grigsby deceased  
was presented into Court by Elisha Grigsby the Executor  
therein named, who made Oath thereto according to law  
and the same being proved by the Oaths of William  
Fletcher and Thomas Lee two of the Witnesses thereto  
subscribed, is admitted to Record, and on the motion of  
the said Elisha Grigsby, he performing what the law in  
such Cases require, Certificate is granted him for obtaining  
a Probate hereof in due form.

Rest

In the Name of God amen I am

Patterson of King George County in the Colony of Virginia  
being low and weak in Body, but of sound and perfect  
Sense and Memory, thanks be to God for it, do make  
this my last Will and Testament in manner and form  
following. First I Bequeath my Soul to God, who gave  
it, and my Body to the Ground to be buried at the discretion

my Executor hereafter named, and as to what worldly Goods it hath pleased God to bestow on me I give as followeth  
 Item I give and Bequeath to James Hiter the Bed and Furniture belonging to the Bed he lies on, as also the Bed and Furniture that belongs to it, that Nancy Holt lies on to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and Bequeath to Nancy Holt the Bed and Furniture belonging to the Bed I lie on, and also my other Bed and Furniture to her and her Heirs forever  
 Item I give and Bequeath to James Hiter all my Tools and Ploughs and Hoes, to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I give and Bequeath to James Hiter my large Oval Table and all my Stock of Sheep, except four Ewes which I give to Nancy Holt.

Item I give to Nancy Holt my Bay Horse, and one Cow and Yearling, to her and her Heirs forever.

Item all the remaining part of my Estate to be equally divided between James Hiter and Nancy Holt, to them and their Heirs forever.

Item Lastly I appoint James Hiter whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament, revoking & making Null and void all other will or Wills before this made, ratifying and Confirming this to be my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set.

my Hand and affixed my Seal this Twentieth Day of  
November 1769.

Signed Sealed  
Published and  
Declared to be her  
last Will and Testament  
in Presence of us

Richard S. Edwards  
John Sharpe

<sup>her</sup>  
Anne F. Patterson Esq<sup>r</sup>  
~~mark~~

At a Court held for  
King George County the  
1<sup>st</sup> Day of August 1769.

The last Will and

Testament of Anne Patterson

deceased was presented into Court by James Hiter  
the Executor herein named, who made Oath thereto  
according to Law, and the same being proved by the Oaths  
of the Witnesses thereto subscribed is admitted to Record  
and on the Motion of the said James Hiter, he perform-  
ing what the Law in such Cases require, Certificate is  
granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due  
form.

Recd

In the Name of God amen I

John Steward of King George County being sick and weak  
of Body, but of sound perfect and disposing Mind and  
Memory and Understanding, praised be Almighty for  
the same, do make and declare this my last Will

Testament

in manner and form following that is to say; First and principally I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it me, and by the Meritorious Cross and Passion of his Son Jesus Christ, I hope for a perfect Remission of all my sins. And as to the worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, I give & bequeath as followeth. Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife the Negroes following, Peter, Coffee, Dinah and Suse, with all my moveable Estate, during her life, and then to my son Price, and in case he dieth without lawfull Heirs begotten of his Body, then my desire is that my son James may have the same.

Item I give to my son Jeremiah one Negro man Ross forever. Item I give to my son John, one Negro Wench named Sook forever. Item I give to my son Benjamin, one Negro Woman named Judy forever.

Item I give to my son Thomas, two Negro Boys named Phill and Jupiter forever. Item I give to my son James two Negro Boys, named Scipio and Aaron forever.

Item I give to my Grand Daughter Rosey Stuart, one Negro Child, named Violet forever. Lastly I make, ordain, constitute and appoint my son James Executor of this my last Will and Testament, and do hereby revoke all former and other Wills heretofore by me

made; The Tract of Land I bought of John Darrow  
 I give to my Son Price, and in Case the said Price shall  
 die without Lawfull Heirs of his Body, that then the  
 said Land shall descend to my Son James and his Heirs  
 signed Sealed Published, John Steward <sup>Seal</sup>  
 and Declared as and for my  
 last Will and Testament, in the  
 presence of.

Jn<sup>o</sup>. Hobby      At a Court held for King  
 Wllm Steward      George County the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of  
 October 1769.

The last Will and Testament of John Steward deceased  
 was presented into Court, and being proved by the Oaths  
 of John Hobby and William Steward the Witnesses  
 thereto subscribed is admitted to Record, and James  
 Steward the Executor therein named, refusing to take  
 upon <sup>him</sup> the Burthen and Execution thereof, Administra-  
 tion with the Will annexed is granted unto Rosamond  
 Steward Widow of the said John, who acknowledged a  
 Bond for the due performance of the same.

Recd

291 In the Name of God amen I Joseph  
Murdock of King George County being sick and weak of  
Body but of sound Mind and Memory do make my last  
Will and Testament in manner following Vizt. In the first  
place I desire that all my Estate Real and Personal be kept  
together until my youngest Child now born shall arrive  
to the Age of one and twenty Years, and the Profits applied  
towards the Maintenance and Education of my Children  
John, William, Sally, Nelly and Jeanny. In the next place  
The Tract of Land whereon I live, I give and devise to my Son  
John and the Heirs of his Body lawfully begotten, and if  
he should die without such Heirs, I give it to my Son William  
and the Heirs of his Body.

In the third place the Tract of Land I bought of John Jetz  
with the Mill thereon, I give and devise to my Son William  
and the Heirs of his Body, and in case he should die  
without such Heirs, I give the same to my Son John, and in  
case both my said Sons should die without lawfull Issue  
I desire and impower my Executors to sell and dispose of  
my said two Tracts of Land, and to divide the money aris-  
ing from such sale among my Daughters, Sally, Nelly &  
my, when Jeanny, or the youngest Survivor of them  
arrive to the Age of one and twenty Years.

The Residue of my Estate, I desire may be equally  
divided.

among my Children John William Sally and  
Jeanny, or the survivors of them, when the youngest  
Survivor shall come of Age as aforesaid.

To my loving Wife I give one third part of my Estate  
both Real and Personal, whom with Capt. Edward Dixon  
John Skinner and George Pankersley Gent. I appoint  
my Executors and Guardians to my Children In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto put my Hand  
and Seal the Eleventh Day of October 1769.

Sealed & Declared

as the last Will and Testament of  
the said Joseph Murdock, in our  
presence, who also subscribed  
it in his

J. Murdock <sup>Seal</sup>

At a Court held for  
King George County the  
1<sup>st</sup> Day of March 1770.

Tho. Dendrum

William Chapman

George H. Paunleroy

W<sup>m</sup> Hood.

The last Will and Testament  
of Joseph Murdock deceased  
was presented into Court by  
Edward Dixon and George

Pankersley two of the Executors therein named, who made  
Oath thereto according to Law, and the same being proved  
by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto subscribed is admitted  
to Record, and on the motion of the said Ex<sup>r</sup>c<sup>t</sup> the  
Court doth what the Law in such Cases require. Certificate  
them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due

Sept

# In the Name of God amen I Jeas

Murdock of King George County Widow, being sick and weak, but of sound Mind and Memory, do make my last Will and Testament in manner following to wit. All my Estate of what kind soever, I give and bequeath to my grand Children William and Jean Chapman to be equally divided between them, and I constitute the said William Chapman Executor of this my last Will In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my Hand and Seal this twenty third Day of January A D. 1770.

Sealed Published &  
Declared as the last Will  
and Testament of the above  
named Jane Murdock, in the  
presence of us, who also subscrib'd  
it in her presence

Jane Murdock <sup>(seal)</sup>

At a Court held for  
King George County the  
1<sup>st</sup> Day of March 1770.  
My last Will and

Ann Marshall } Testament of Jane Murdock deceased  
Tho<sup>r</sup> Lendrum } was presented into Court by William  
Chapman the Executor herein named, who made Oath thereto  
according to Law, and the same being proved by the Oath of  
Thomas Lendrum, one of the Witnesses thereto subscribed is  
admitted to Record, and on the motion of the said Ex<sup>r</sup>c<sup>t</sup> he per-  
forming what the Law in such cases require, Certificate is  
granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Recd

# In the Name of God amen.

Reuben Stringfellow being in a low state of health  
 but in perfect memory, thanks be to God for it, I do  
 make and ordain this my last Will and Testament.  
 First I give my soul to the Almighty God that gave  
 it me, and my Body to the Earth whereof it was made  
 and to be buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter  
 named. Item I give unto my loving wife Susanah  
 Stringfellow all my Estate after my Debts are paid, but  
 in case she should be with child, my desire is that my  
 Estate should be equally divided between them, my  
 loving wife and the child; And my desire is that what  
 Money is owing to me should be kept at Interest in the  
 Hands of David Bronaugh, and if the Interest is not  
 sufficient to supply their wants, they must have of the  
 Principal at the discretion of David Bronaugh. also  
 I Constitute and appoint my loving wife Susanah  
 Stringfellow, my whole and sole Executrix to this my  
 last Will and Testament as Witness my hand  
 this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of June, in the Year of our Lord 1769.

Signed Sealed &  
 in the presence of us &

Reuben <sup>his</sup> Stringfellow <sup>Seal</sup>  
 mark

David Bronaugh

Lettice Dearing

John Dearing

Signed David D. Briggs

At a Court held for King George County the  
1<sup>st</sup> Day of March 1770.

The last Will and Testament of Reuben Stringfellow  
deced. was presented into Court, by Susanah Stringfellow  
his Widow and Executrix herein mentioned, who made  
Oath thereto according to Law, and the same being proved  
by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, is admitted  
to Record, and on the motion of the said Executrix, she  
performing what the Law in such Cases require, Certificate  
is granted her for obtaining a Probate thereof in due  
form.

Test.

Sus. Robinson C. H. G.

In the Name of God amen I Martha  
Pitt of King George County Widow, being of sound Mind and  
Memory, do make my last Will and Testament in manner  
following. Viz. Imprimis I give and devise the tract of  
Land whereon I live, on the North side of Polbridge Creek in  
the County aforesaid, to Mr. John Thorley and his Heirs, to  
the Uses Intents and Purposes hereafter mentioned. Viz.  
To rent out the said Plantation to any Person (except my  
son in Law William Pitman, who I desire may be utterly  
excluded from the possession of it) who shall bid the most  
for it, untill my grandson John Pitman shall arrive to the

age

Of twenty one Years, or shall marry, and to have and preserve  
 the Rents and Profits thereof to the use of the said John till  
 he shall Marry or arrive at the age aforesaid. But in Case  
 my said Son in Law William Pitman and his Wife  
 Mary should be seperated or part by Consent, That the  
 said John Thornley shall permit and suffer the said  
 Mary to posess the said Plantation and take the Rents  
 and Profits thereof to her sole and seperate Use, during  
 her natural life; and after her death in case of Separation  
 as aforesaid, before the said John shall arrive to the  
 age aforesaid, or Marry; Then the said Plantation to be  
 to the use of the said John Pitman his Heirs & Assigns  
 forever. And I request of the said Mr. John Thornley to  
 insert a Clause in the Lease or Leases of the s<sup>t</sup>. Plantation  
 to oblige the Tenant or Tenants to preserve the Orchards  
 and if any of the Trees, should by any Accident go to  
 decay, to plant others in their room. To my eldest Grand  
 Daughter Ann Pitman, I give my Negro girl named Kate  
 a feather Bed, and best black Walnut Desk, when she  
 shall arrive to the age of twenty one Years, or shall marry  
 and I desire that the said Mr. John Thornley, shall in the  
 meantime take care of the said Bed and Desk, and  
 keep and preserve for the use of the said Ann the Profits  
 of the said Negro. But in Case of the death of the said

297 before one and twenty Years, or Marriage, I give the s<sup>r</sup> Negro  
and her Profts, and the said Bed and Dosh, to my grand  
Daughter Mary.

All the Residue of my other Estate after paying my  
Debts, I give to my said Grand Daughter Mary **In**  
**Witness** whereof I have hereunto put my Hand and  
Seal this 23<sup>d</sup> Day of August, in the Year 1768.

Sealed Published &  
Declared to be the last

Will and Testament of the s<sup>r</sup>  
Martha Pult, who subscribed  
the same in our presence, who  
also subscribed as witnesses  
in her presence, and in that of  
one another.

Martha Pult <sup>her</sup> ~~mark~~ <sup>mark</sup>

At a Court held for King  
George County the 1<sup>st</sup> Day  
of March 1770.

The last Will and

Tho<sup>s</sup> Lendrum  
Nelly Lendrum

## In the Name of God amen.

Mary Woone of King George County, being sick and weak, but of sound and perfect Mind and Memory blessed be god for the same, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, to wit, I give and devise to my Grand Daughter Mary Alexander, one half of my tract of Land, situate lying and being in the County of Culpeper, to hold to her my said Grand Daughter Mary Alexander and her Heirs forever, also I give and bequeath to her my said Grand Daughter, Mary Alexander, the following Slaves with their Increase to wit, Congo, Rose, Hannah, Rose, Congo, Glasgow, Violet the Elder, George, Frank, Billy, Ned, Phillis the Elder, Judy the Elder, Patt, Juno, Jack, Danney and Bett; I also give unto my said Grand Daughter Mary Alexander, all my Household and Kitchen Furniture of every kind whatsoever, I also give unto my said Grand Daughter Mary Alexander, one half of all my Stock of Horses, Hogs, Cattle & Sheep; also my Will and desire is, that the said Estate, both Real and Personal, which I have devised & bequeathed unto my said Grand Daughter, Mary Alexander, be delivered up to her on her Marriage, or when she

The Age of twenty one Years.

I also give and devise unto my Grand Daughter Lucy Alexander, the other half of my said tract of Land situate lying and being in the County of Culpepper, to hold to her my said Grand Daughter Lucy Alexander and her Heirs forever; Also I give and bequeath unto my said Grand Daughter Lucy Alexander the following Slaves with their Increase, to wit, Jupiter, Lett, Jane, Jupiter, Violet the younger, Peter, Lett, John, Will, Judy the younger, Bob, Pom, Lett, Bess, Bristol, Nelly, Bristol & young Phillis; I also give unto my said Grand Daughter Lucy Alexander, the other half of all my said Stock of Horses, Hogs, Cattle and Sheep, also my Will and desire is, that the said Estate both Real and Personal, which I have devised and bequeathed unto my said Grand Daughter Lucy Alexander, be delivered up to her, on her Marriage, or when she shall attain the Age of twenty one Years,

I also give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Sarah Alexander, one Negro girl named Daphney.

I also give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter Frances Alexander, one Negro girl named Violet.

I also give and bequeath unto my Grand Son, Philip Thornton Alexander, one Negro named Pom.

I also give and bequeath unto my Grand Son William

Thornton Alexander, one Negro Boy named Bob, also  
one Dozen Silver Table Spoons and a Doop Spoon, and  
a Negro named Scipio.

I also give unto my Daughter Lucy Alexander, one  
Negro girl called Phillis.

It is also my desire that my said Estate be not appraised  
but that my son in Law, John Alexander, whom I  
nominate and appoint my Executor, do take an  
Inventory of my said Estate agreeable to Law; And  
also my Will and desire is, that my said Son in Law  
John Alexander, have the use of all the Profits arising  
from my said Tract of Land in Culpepper County, and  
also the Labour of all the Slaves which I have devised  
unto my said two Grand Daughters, Mary Alexander &  
Lucy Alexander, for their support, and the joint support  
of my other Grand Children, until my said Grand  
Daughters, Mary Alexander and Lucy Alexander  
Marry, or arrive at the age of twenty one Years, when they  
are to have their Estates delivered up to them as before  
directed. Finally and Lastly I do hereby revoke  
and make void all Will or Wills, by me heretofore made  
declaring this to be my last Will and Testament. In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal  
this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1769.

In presence of

Mary Donne Seal  
Lucy Morton, Anne Robinson, Martha Donne