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In the name of God Amen I Francis Thornton of the Parish of Hanover and County of King George being weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory do make publish this my last Will and Testament. Imprimis I give and devise the Tract of Land whereon I now live to my nephew Francis Thornton and his Heirs forever. Item I give to my said nephew as my Negro waiting man Dandy. Item. It is my will that all the rest of my Negros be equally divided between my said Nephew Francis Thornton, my Nieces Betsey Elizabeth Thornton and Ann Thornton and their Heirs forever. Item, I desire that my Executors herein after named purchase at the expence of my Estate two Neat Single Chairs with Harness and also two young Horses, which said Chairs Horses and Harness I Give to my Nieces Elizabeth Thornton & Ann Thornton; All the residue of my Estate undisposed of I desire after my Debts are paid may be equally devided between my Nephew & my three Nieces above mentioned. Lastly I appoint my friend Col. Henry Fitzhugh Col. Anthony Thornton, Col. Francis Thornton and Mr. John Fitzhugh to be Executors of this my last Will and Testament. hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In Witness whereof I have set my hand and seale this second Day of October 1, 10. —

Signed sealed published and declared by the said Francis Thornton to be his last will and Testament in the Presence of us. —

Seal

At a Court held for King George County the 7th day of December 1700. —

The last will and Testament of Francis Thornton Gent. was presented into Court. and Francis Conway Gent. Guardian to the heir at Law refusing to Contest the said will. was proved by the depositions of John Skinker, John Tankersley and Francis Fitzhugh and Admitted to record. the Executors mentioned in the said Will refusing to Act; Administration with the Will Annexed is granted to John Courts who gave bond for his Performance as the Law requires in Such cases made & Provided.

Test Jos: Robinson C. Cur

The Deposition of [illegible] Singleton [illegible]
saith that being sent for by Mr [illegible] to attend
his sick deponent was informed he went and found him [illegible]
four weak situation but as he [illegible] this deponent [illegible]
on his entering the room, he was satisfied he [illegible] sens-
es that after some conversation on different subjects, he
mentioned his having desired Doctor Tennant to depose to
his House, that he should be obliged to me to write his
Will, this deponent asked him if he had no Will by him, he
replyed he had some time before made one but was appre-
hensive as he had been negligent of his papers, it was misl-
aid or lost, this deponent then desired him to let him know
in what manner he would have his Estate disposed of which
he did; and this deponent immediately retired and wrote
the Will which is now Produced; that as soon as it was fin-
ished he returned into the room where he lay & read it
over to him Clause by Clause, all of which he said was
right and as he desired his Estate should go after his death.
This deponent then desired would sign it, he replied, that he
was so fatigued with the Violence of his disorder that he
could not then but would in a little time. Some short
time after Mr George Riding came into the room, sat down
by the bed side and began to talk [illegible] which so far
unsettled his mind as to make him as this deponent conceives
delarious; this deponent was obliged to return, but advised the
gentlemen who were attending as soon as he came to his
senses at any rate to get him to sign his Will, and further
saith not.

John Slinker

The Deposition of John Tankersley and Francis Fitzhugh Gentlemen of Lawful age and say they attended Mr Francis Thornton in his last sickness [illegible] days before he dies, he called on these deponents & desired they would take notice in what manner he would chose his Estate should be disposed of after his death, which to the best of these deponents recollection was as followeth, that he gave to his Nephew Francis Thornton his waiting Man Daniel as a waiting Man. & also the Plantation he lived on, he also gave to his Nieces Elizabeth & Ann Thornton a genteel stick single chair & Horses to be purchased at the expence of his Estate, and further he desired that the rest of his Estate after paying his debts, should be equally divided amongst his Brothers four Children. Viz- Susey Courts. Elizabeth, Francis and Ann Thornton. these deponents further say that the said Francis Thornton at the time of the above declaration, was in his perfect senses. these deponents farther say that they were present at the time Col Skinker come to make the said Francis Thornton's Will, and after it was wrote, it was twice distinctly read over to him in the presence of these deponents at which said times these Deponents are Convinced he was in his Sense and further understood it, as he said it was all right and farther say not

John Tankersley
Francis Fitzhugh

October the 26th 1700. I Joseph Spicer of King George Coun weak in body but strong in mind, do in Gods name leave & bequea to my dear and beloved Wife Margaret Spicer and my Daughter Sophia Spicer, and my grand daughter Margaret Spicer. my effects that I am Justly worth in this world. all my debts which is due to me, the whole Crop of Mr. Waughs Land that I attended to my beloved wife Margaret Spicer & Daughter Sophia Spicer & Margaret Spicer my grand daughter. after the decease of my wife, my daughter Sophia and my grand daughter Margaret is to possess the

effects that their Mother [illegible] and [illegible] when [illegible] please, this is my will and my Desire. If either dis [illegible] Heir. — My Son John Spicer and Moses Spicer and my [illegible] Elizabeth Langford my daughter Mary Grasty and my daughter Margaret Southall Joseph Spicer father of the said Children do cut off with one Shilling. —

Witness Present

Alice Crow —

Joseph his + Spicer —
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At a Court held for King George County the 4th day of January 1781. —

The last Will and Testament of Joseph Spicer deceased was presented into Court and proved by the Oath of Alice Crow the Witness thereto, Administration with the Will Annexed was granted Sophia Spicer, who gave Bond for her performance therein agreeable to the Laws in that Case made & provided. Which was Ordered to be recorded. —

Test

Jos: Robinson C.Cur

In the Name of God: This is the last Will & Testament of Mrs. Lucy Alexander, Widow; Whereas my late Husband John Alexander Esq. did by his last Will devise to our youngest Son William Thomton Alexander a tract of Land adjacent to Alexandria in Fairfax County as by the said Will recorded in Stafford may appear; In relation to which said devise, some doubts have Arisen — And whereas I am seised in fee of three Several and Seperate Tracts of land hereafter described, my Will is as follows. I give and devise all my land & Estate in Fauquier

Bailey to my Eldest Son Philip [illegible] his Heirs [illegible] his express condition [illegible] my said Son Philip or his Heirs [illegible] confirm the said devise of his Father in favour of his Brother William Thornton Alexander and convey, if required, an indefeasable estate of Inheritance in the said Fairfax land to my son William & his Heirs & if my said Son Philip or his Heirs should on any account claim the said Fairfax land or refuse to release his the said Philip's right to the said land, if any he hath or shall not, if deemed necessary, Confirm or procure to be Confirmed in favour of my Son William an indefeasable Title in & to the said Fairfax land; Then & in Case of such refusal, I give & devise all my ~~lands~~ Fauquier lands & estate to my said son William and his heirs forever, I give and devise the Land and Plantation where I now dwell, Consisting of Eight hundred Acres more or less, to my executors after Mentioned, that they my Executors or the Survivors and Survivor of them may sell and Convey the said Eight hundred Acres more or less, for the best price that Can be got = and my Will is that the Produce of the sale be equally divided between my Daughters Frances Alexander and my Grand Daughter Lucy Thornton Hooe forever. But if my Daughter Frances when Married or of age should choose, she may have the land in fee, on paying half the Value of the said land to my grand daughter Lucy Hooe aforesaid - such Value to be Ascertained by the Executors or any two upon Oath. My Will also is that my Executors sell and convey my Pasperanzy land supposed two hundred Acres, And with the Produce pay off any debt or demand that may be Justly due from me at my Death. & whatsoever shall be over of the said Produce I give such Overplus to be equally devided between my Daughters Mary Thornton & Lucy Fairfax. - my Will is that my son William when of age shall release to his Sister

Lucy Therefore any Claim he may have to a Clark's Division in the said Lucy's possession now living, or forfeit to my Daughter two thousand pounds lawful money to which forfeiture my Fauquier Land is meant to be eventually subject. I give my Harpsecord to my Daughter Frances forever; I appoint George Thornton, John Taliaferro, Laymon Rose, Joseph Jones and Alexander Rose Executors of this my last will and Testament & my desire is that my son in law John Taliaferro should act as Guardian to my son William Th: Alexander. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seal this Twenty sixth day of January 1781

Signed, Sealed, Acknowledged and Published in Presence of —

Alexander Rose
Pliny Merrick
John Yeatman
John Taliaferro

Lucy Alexander (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 1st Day of March 1781.

The last will & Testament of Lucy Alexander Deceased was Presented into Court & Alexander Rose one of the Exors. therein named refusing to Act, & the said Will was proved by the Oaths of Alexr Rose, Pliny Merrick, & John Yateman three of the Witnesses thereto. And the Heir at Law appearing & refusing to Declaring Contesting the said Will, & John Taliaferro Junr. one of the Exors. named in the said Will prov'd the Same According to Law, who Acknowledged a Bond for the Same. & Probate is granted which on Motion of the said Taliaferro Ord'd to be Recorded — Test

Jos: Robinson C.Ct

[illegible] Being
[illegible] Perfect
[illegible] Testament in
Creditors and [illegible] Witnesses. I give to my Grand
Daughter Mary Johnson [illegible] one [illegible] my
Chest and half my Clothes, the remaining part of my Clothes
to the Eldest Daughter of Jacob Johnson called Elizabeth Johnson
likewise my Sidesaddle to the above Elizabeth Johnson. Item
it is my desire that after all my Just debts are discharged
that all the rest of my Estate be equally divided between
the Rest of Jacob Johnson's Children. Item it is my Desire
that Jacob Johnson be an Executor to this [illegible]
Testament Witness my hand & Seale this 22d day Decem
1700.

Test
Robert Tow: Dade
John Gordon

Ann her + mk Johnson (Seale)

At a Court held for King George County the 1st day
of March 1701.

The last Will & Testament of Ann Johnson decd
was Presented into Court by Jacob Johnson Executor therein
Named who made Oath thereto According to Law. and being
further Proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto. and on the
Motion of the said Jacob Certificate is granted him for
Obtaining a Probate thereof in due form of Law. the said
Jacob first performing what the law in such Cases Require
& on Motion of the said Jacob was Ordered to be Recorded

Test
Jos: Robinson Clk

In the Name of God Amen I William Clifton of the County of King George Parish of Saint Paul do make this my last Will & Testament in Manner & Form following Viz. Imprimis I give & bequeath the land my Mother now lives on to my Sister Ann to her & her heirs forever & the Land my father bought of William Rose to my Mother & what Personal Estate I have to my Mother & at her decease to my Sister Ann to them & their heirs forever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of October 1779.

Witness

Nathaniel Jones
Richard Coles
David Downton

William Clifton (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 3d day of May 1781

The last Will & Testament of William Clifton deceased was presented into Court by Mildred Clifton who gave bond on her taking Administn with the Will Annexed as the law require & being further Proved by the Oaths of Nathaniel Jones, Richard Coles and David Downton the witnesses thereto. Certificate is granted her for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form of Law.

Test

Jos. Robinson Clk

In the Name of God Amen I [illegible] of St. Pauls parish in the County of King George in the Colony of Virginia being of perfect sound sense and memory do make [illegible] and ordain this my last will & Testament in manner & form following to wit — Imprimis it my Will & desire and I do accordingly direct and appoint that my Mother Mrs. Jane Grant shall have liberty to reside & dwell in my Mansion House at Boyds-hole so long as she shall live, with such Privileges and such manner as she has been accustomed in my life time without Interruption or Molestation from any Person whatever, & I do moreover desire that my said Mother may during her life be decently and Competently supported & maintained by my Executors here in after Named out of the Estate by me in this my Will devised to my wife with Bed & board Clothing and every other Necessary of life whatever, And I do desire that my said Mother may not after my wifes decease be deprived of the Maintenance which by this my Will I have provided for her, I do impow my said Mother either by herself or any other Person by her Authorised in case her said maintenance be after my wifes decease of whose Justice to my said Mother I can [illegible] no doubt unjustly withheld from her to enter into & upon said house & Plantation at Boyshole and the same to hold the Rights thereof to enjoy untill satisfaction is made unto her my said Mother for said Maintenance which shall be so unjustly withheld & detained from her in whosesoever hands the said House & Plantation shall center after my said Wifes decease —

Item. My father Mr. Andrew Grant late of this County being at the time of his dea[illegible] indebted to me in a Considerable Sum of Money & to sundry other Persons in smaller sums, I did after his decease administer upon his Estate which being barely sufficient for the Payment of his Debts, I did in Pursuance of his Instructions delivered to me by himself immediately before his death discharged such of his debts as were due

[illegible] to other Persons and in Consideration thereof of the [illegible] dec[illegible]
by him to me have relained his Estate in my hands and
Possession. Nevertheless I do give devise and bequeath unto my
Sister Ann Mary Grant the following Slaves to wit, Milly Rachel,
Daphne her daughter & Aaron her son which are all that
do now survive of the Slaves which were my said Fathers at the
time of his Decease, to hold the Slaves to my Sister & her
heirs forever. Item. I do give devise and bequeath unto
my said Sister Ann Mary Grant a Negro girl called Nan
Daughter of the before mentioned Daphne, and a Negro girle
called Seyla the Daughter of Rachel who is now dea. both
which Slaves Nan & Seyla have been born since my Fathers
decease of Negro women who were his Property when he died,
And I also do give to my said Sister a Yellow boy called Jack
whome I purchased from William Scott, to hold the said three
Slaves. Jack, Nan & Seyla to my said Sister & her heirs forever.
Item I do devise to my said Sister two good Feather Beds &
furniture, & six Silver Tea Spoons marked (A) and also my
small Reading Chair with the harness. The provision which by
this my Will I have made for my Mother and Sister will I hope
[illegible] them as more than an equivilent for any dividend
[illegible] may be entitled out of my Fathers Estate, which
it will appear upon examination that I have relained from them
only some old houshold furniture. But if my Mother & Sister or
either of them not Contented with the Provision which by this my
last Will & Testament I have made for them, shall demand, sue
or disturbe or in any Manner molist my Executor hereinafter
Named for or on account of my said Fathers estate
or any Dividend or Proportion thereof, It is my Will and
desire the Partie so demanding or suing disturbing or in any
Manner molisting my said Executor for or on Act of the
said Estate or any Devidend or Proportion thereof

[illegible] all manner of right & Title to [illegible] Provision and Maintenance such party might otherwise have claimed under this my Will, and that such maintenance from [illegible] shall cease, and my said Wife paying unto such party whatsoever shall upon a Settlement of my said Fathers estate appear to be due there out to such party shall forever after hold enjoy and possess whatsoever Slaves estate, property Money or things is by this by my Will devised to such party. Item It is my Will and desire that of the Slaves herein before devised to my said Sister that my Mother be entitled to the use & Service of any one which she shall chuse during the Natural life of her my said Mother & no longer. Item It is my Will and desire that my Wife furnish my said Sister with bed & board during the life of her my said Wife provided Nevertheles that my said Wife shall be acquited and exonerated of the said Charge of bed & board by the death or intermarriage of her my said sister during the life of my said Wife. Item I give & devise & bequeath to my said Wife my Mansion house Plantation & Tract of Land at Boys hole which purchase of William Scott to her & the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever, but should she die without heirs & then in that Case devise & bequeath the said Mansion house plantation and Tract of land aforesaid to my Sister Ann Mary Grant to her & the heirs of her body lawfully begotten & should she die without heirs of her body lawfully begotten then in that case I devise & bequeath the aforesaid Mansion house & Plantation & Tract of Land to Thomas Short Son of John Short & the heirs of his body forever. Item I devise to my said Wife all debts & Sums of Money to me now due & Owing or which may be due or owing to me at the time of my Decease, whether secured by Mortgage Bond, Bill, Account or in Manner whatsoever. and all the ready Money that may be in the house at my decease. Item I devise give & bequeath unto my said Wife all my Slaves, those

only excepted which by this my Will I have already disposed of, to hold the said Slaves to her my said Wife & her Heirs forever. Item if any of the female Slaves which are disposed of in by this my last Will & Testament should bear any Children or Child between the date of this my Will & the time of my Decease it is my Will & desire that such Child or Children shall pass go & decend to the Person to whom the Mother of such Child or Children is devised by this my Will for such Estate as such Person hath in the Mother of such Child or Children. —

Item all the rest & Residue of my Estate I do give & bequeath unto my Wife to be disposed of at her Will & Pleasure whether the same be Real or Personal, Lastly I do constitute nominate and appoint my Wife Mary Grant Executrix & my Friends Mr John Matthews Doctor William Gibbons Stuart and Alven Moxley Executors of this my last Will & Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seale this Twenty Second day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and eighty One.

Signed Sealed & Published
and for the last Will & Testament
Andrew Grant in Presence. —

Memorandum that I do hereby enjoine my Executors and Executrix to retain in their hands and by no means to Deliver up to any Person or Persons whatever the Books or Papers of William Alexander & Sons of Edinburgh or of Alexand John Alexander which is Conected with William Alexander & Sons, nor the Books & papers belonging to the Store of Mr John Bland of London of which I had the management, untill they my said Executrix & Executors shall receive Satisfaction for the Several Ballances due by the said William Alexander

[illegible] John Bland of Lancaster or his Trustees respectively shall have proper Receipts & Acquittances for the said Debts and Legacies, and every transaction therein Contained & all demands against me and my representatives. Witness my hand this Twenty Second day of January One thousand Seven hundred & Eighty One.

Andrew Grant

At a Court held for King George County the 5th day of July 1781.

The last Will and Testament of Andrew Grant deceased was presented into Court by Mary Grant Executrix and John Matthews Executor therein named who made oath thereto according to law, & the Court being fully satisfied by the Testimony of sundry Witnesses that the Will is all the hand Writing of the Testator, Certificate is granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form of Law. on their performing what the law in such Cases require which was Ordered to be recorded.

Test

Ch: Robinson C. Cur

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Thomas of the County of King George and Parish of Hanover being in perfect sense and Memory do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following. Viz: I give to my wife Catharine Thomas one Negro girl named Jude & her Increase to her and her heirs forever. It is my desire that the remainder of the Negros & their Increase to be equally divided between my children when the youngest come to Age, which Negros I give to them & their Heirs forever. The Stock of Horses to be sold and the Money to be applied for the use of my children. It is also my desire that my children should be schooled out of the Profits of my Estate. It is my desire that my wife should be maintained out of my Estate untill my youngest Child comes of Age. I give to my Wife One hundred barrels of Corn that is in Col. Thos. Turners hands, for the use of her & my Children, my debts to be paid out of the Money that is due me, the Overplush to be applied for the use of my children. And Lastly I appoint my Brother Price Thomas & George Strother Executors of this my last will & Testament revoking all other Wills by me made heretofore. & in Testimony that this is my last will & Testament I have hereunto set my hand & Seale this 16th day of June 1781

Benjamin Thomas (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 5th day July 1781

The last Will and Testament of Benjamin Thomas was presented into Court by Price Thomas Executor therein named who made Oath thereto according to law. & being further proved by the Oath of George Strother & Certificate is granted him for obtaining Probate thereof in due form of Law the said Thomas first performing what the Law in such cases require.

Test

Jos: Robinson C: Cur

In the Name of God Amen I Alice Kersey of King George County and parish of Hanover being very sick and weak but of perfect sense and Memory thanks be to God for it do Make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in Manner and form as follows. Viz. Item. I give unto Mary Ford all my Crop that is growing. Consisting of Corn & Cotton &c. likewise One Spining Wheel and One pair of Cotton Cards. and One Iron Pott, One live shoat. two Basons. & two Plates. half the Cotton that is in the great Chest to her & her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto Thomas Hailes one large Chest One frying pan, & one Bagg with feathers. One sow & four Shoats One Steer yearling. One Raw Cow-hide & one Raw Calf-hide And One pewter plate to him & his heirs forever — Lastly I Constitute & appoint Thomas Hailes my whole & Sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament, as Witness my hand & Seal this 29th day of June 1781.

Stephen Bailey
George Cockley

Alice her mark Kersey (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 4th day of October 1781.

The last Will & Testament of Alice Kersey deceased was presented into Court by Thomas Hailes Executor therein named who made Oath thereto agreeable to law. & being further proved by the Oath of Stephen Bailey Certificate is granted for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form of law. & Ordered to be recorded.

Test

Jos: Robinson C: Cur

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In the Name of God Amen. I Webster Norman of the Parish of Overwharton and County of King George being Sick and weak of body but of perfect sound mind & memory doth make & Ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form as followeth; Item. I give and bequeath one half of my Estate & goods to my loving Wife Mary Norman forever, and the other half to my loving son William Dixon forever. my Just debts to be first paid out of my Estate, and then to go & decend as above mentioned. Lastly I Constitute & appoint my loving wife and loving friend Peter Hansbrough to be my Whole & Sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand seal this 29th day of June 1781.

Signed and Delivered in the Presence of
Alexander Doniphan
Grace her ✗ mark Norman

Webster his ✗ mark Norman (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 4th day of October 1781.

The last Will and Testament of Webster Norman was presented into Court by Mary Norman Executx therein named. who made oath thereto Agreeable to Law & being further Proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto & Certificate is granted her for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form of law. She first Performing what the law in such Cases require

Test

Jos: Robinson Clk

In the Name of God Amen. I William Lord of the County of King George and parish of Saint Paul do make this my last Will in manner and form as follows. I give and bequeath to my Son Thomas one bed & one Rug, one dish & two plates & one Cason which he has already in his Possession. Secondly I give & bequeath to my Son William one bed & furniture one Pot & one Pan one Dish, two Plates & one Cason & four Spoons. One Cow & Yearling, One Ewe & lamb. Thirdly I give & bequeath to my Daughter Clara One bed & furniture. Fourthly I give and bequeath to my Son Gerrard one bed & furniture. One Poll, one Pan, three Chairs, two Pales & one Mare Named pleasure Saddle & Bridle a Legacy left him Thomas Harris, The rest of Estate that is not already given; after my Just debts are paid. I give & bequeath to my Wife Frances Lord during her widowhood & in Case she Marries, she is to have only her thirds, and at her death the whole Estate that is not already given to be equally divided between my five youngest Children Names as followeth. Clabaty. Frances. Gerrard & Bennet, and in Case of either of their deaths it is to be devided amongst them that Survives. Lastly I Constitute & appoint my Wife Frances Lord to be my whole & sole Executrix of this my last Will & Testament; In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seale this day of June 1701. I give to my daughter Elizabeth Bryant one Shilling Sterling.

Signed, Sealed & Acknowledged before us.

Segesmond Mcasey.
James his + Scriwner mk
James his B Berry mk

William his W Lord mark (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County March
Day of March 1702.

The last Will & Testament of William Ford Senr deceased was Presented into Court Frances Ford Executrix therein named who made Oath thereto according to Law. and being further proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto, Certificate is granted her for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form of Law. she first Performing what the law in Such Cases require

Test

Jos: Robinson Clk

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Stribling being in perfect mind & Memory. Make this my last Will and Testament, my estate & effects. I give & bequeath in Manner & form following. first I give to my Wife Jane Stribling the whole of my Estate durong her Natural life, & after her decease, I give to my daughter Mildred Knowland one feather bed & furniture. The rest & Remainder of my Estate I give to my Daughter Mary Stribling. I Appoint my Wife Jane Stribling my whole & Sole Executrix. In Witness hereof I have set my hand & Seale this first day of June One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy seven.

Signed in Presence of

Joel Anchorom
William Smith

Thomas Stribling (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the day of 170

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Stribling decd. was Presented into Court by who made Oath thereto according to law, and being further Proved by the Oaths of Joel Anchorom & William Smith the Witnesses thereto, and certificate is granted for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form of Law. having first Performing what the Law in Such Cases Require

Test

Jos: Robinson Clk

In the Name of God Amen. James Cash of the County of King George and Parish of Washington being of a sound and perfect memory & Understanding do Constitute and appoint this my last will & Testament in Manner & form following. Item I give unto my son John Cash the Tract of Land I bought of James Jones, also the Tract of Land I bought of Moses Cash, also the following Negroes Partrick, Ann, Solomon, and Elijah, to him during his natural life, and after his death to be equally divided between his two Sons William and Thomas. Item I give unto my Son James Cash the Tract of Land whereon I now live given to me by my Father to him and his heirs forever. Also the following Negroes viz: Harry, Moses, Rachel, Winny and her Child,

to him and his heirs forever. But if in case John Cash or his heirs disanuls the aforesaid James Cash or his heirs of the above mentioned Tract of Land, my Will is that the above Negros which I have left to John Cash & his heirs shall decend to the above mentioned James Cash to him and his Heirs forever. Item. I give unto my Son Archibald Cash my Land in Princewilliam County, Also the following Negros, Phebee and her Children, and Mary during his natural life, & after his decease to decend to his son James Cash. Item I give unto my daughter Margaret Rawlins the following Negros, Phillis and Charlote and their Present & future Increase and after her decease the above mentioned Charlote to decend to my grand son James Rawlins. Item I give unto my daughter Mary Johnson that Tract of Land I bought of William Wheeler, Also the following Negro Caroline & her Increase. & after her decease to decend to my grand Son James Johnson. Item I give unto my grand Daughter Margaret Stone One Negro girl named Judith and her Increas now in Posession of Joseph Stone. Item I leave unto my loving wife the following Negros Benjamin & Dublin. and after Her decease my Will is that they shoued be sold to the highest bider & the Money thence arising Equeally divided amongst my Children. Item my Will and desire is that the remaining part of my estate shall be sold at the highest bider and the Money thence arisein be equally divided amongest my Children. And Lastly I Constitute & appoint my loving Wife Sarah Cash & my Son inlaw Samuel Rawlins, my whole & sole Executors to this my last Will & Testament. my Will and desire is that their be a Division as soon as possible after my decease. As Witness my hand & seal this first day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty.

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged
In the Presence of

John Marshall
Hezekiah Kirk
John Bennett

James his X mark Cash (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 7th day of February 1782.

The last will and Testament of James Cash senr deceased was Presented into Court. and Sarah Cash widow of the said James Cash came into Court and Relinquishing all benefits and bequests given her in the said Will, and took such part of the said James's Estate as the Law provided for her. Samuel Rawlins an Exect therein named made Oath to the same according to Law and was further Proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto. Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form of Law, the said Rawlins first performing what the Law in such Cases Require.

Test

Jos: Robinson Clk

In the Name of God Amen. I Horatio Dade of the County of King George being at this time in my Perfect Senses do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following. Viz. Imprimis. I give to my Son Robert Townd. Dade the following Slaves. Viz. Bomeco. Cawdery and her two Children, Rose & Charity, also one feather bed and Furniture two Cows. and one Horse or Mare as my Executors shall think most Convenient, to be delivered my said Son whenever my Wife pleases, Item Whereas I have formerly sold to William Robert-son of Culpeper County three hundred Acres of Land, for which I believe I have not made him deeds, I give and bequeath the said Land to him the said Robertson & to his Heirs forever. Item all the residue of my Estate Real & Personal of what kind soever, I give to my beloved Wife Mary Dade and to her Heirs forever. And whereas I now have a Suit depending in the General Court against my nephew Townshend Dade for a tract of Land lying on Potomack River formerly the Property of Francis Dade deceased. My Will and desire is that the said Land if it should ever be recovered may be holden by my wife and her Heirs forever. And I hereby give all my right and Title & interest in the said Land to my said wife and to her Heirs forever. Lastly I Constitute & appoint my beloved Wife Mary Dade, my Son Langhorn Dade & my Son in law Laurance Ashton Executors to this my last Will & Testament revoking all and every other Will or Wills heretofore by me made: In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this eighth day of October 1781.

Signed, Sealed, & Acknowledged in Presence of

Townshend Dade
Laurance Washington
William G. Stuart

Horatio Dade (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 4th day of April 1782 —

The last Will and Testament of the late Dade Gent. deceased was presented into Court by Langhorn Dade one of the Executors in the said Will Named. who made Oath thereto as the Law directs, and being further proved by the Oaths of Townshend Dade & Laurance Washington two of the Witnesses thereto. Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form of Law. the said Langhorn first Performing what the Law in Such Cases require. —

Test

Jos: Robinson C: Ct

In the Name of God amen. The Twenty third day of January Seventeen hundred & eighty two. I Henry Smith of the Parish of Saint Paul and County of King George. being well in health, and of Perfect mind & Memory praised be God but well Knowing the Vicissitudes and Uncertainty of this Mortal Life. do make and Ordain this my Last Will & Testament in manner and form following. Imprimis. I give & bequeath unto my Son Jacob Smith one Shilling Sterling Money of Virginia. — Item I give unto my daughter Willy Golay forty Pounds Sterling Money of Virginia. Item my Will and desire is that my Stock should be Sold in order to discharge the above Mentioned Legacies bequeathed to my aforesaid Son & Daughter. Viz. Jacob Smith and Willy Golay. Item. my Will is and desire is that the remaining part of my Children: Viz: Jane Gutridge Ann Smith. Susanna Smith, & my future ofspring if any should inherit the remaining part of my Estate, the Same to be equally divided amongst them. Item I Constitue and

appoint my friend Leonard Martin & my Son Jacob Smith, my Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby utterly Disannul & Revoke all and every other former Testaments, Wills, legacies, bequeaths, and Executors by me before in any wise Named, Willed or bequeathed, Ratifying & Confirming this & none other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the Day and year above Written.

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared in Presence of
Charles Clark
Thomas Gutridge
John Washington

Henry Smith (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 6th day of June 1782.

The last Will and Testament of Henry Smith deceas'd was Presented into Court by Leonard Martin & Jacob Smith the Executors therein Named, who made Oath thereto according to Law, & being further Proved by the Oaths of Charles Clark and Thomas Gutridge two of the witnesses thereto — Certificate is Granted the said Executors for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form of Law, the said Executors first Performin what the Law in such Cases require.

Test

Jos: Robinson C: Cur

In the Name of God Amen I John Washington of the Parish of King George and State of Saint Paul, Do make this my last will in manner following viz. Imprimis I give to my loving wife my riding Chair & one of the two sorrel horses forever, Also I give unto her the use of Willis during her natural life over & above her dower, after her death I give the said Willis to my son Harry to him & his heirs forever, Item I give to my Son Henry all the land I now live on to him & his heirs forever but with the following incumbrances hereafter to be mentioned. Item I give after my Just debts are paid all the rest of my Estate not already given away, to my children, Betty, Ann, Henry, Nathaniel, Mary, John, Polly, Laurance Washington, John, Butler, Mildred and William to be equally divided amongst them by my Exec.ts as they arrive of age or are married to them & their heirs forever. Item it is my desire that my estate be kept together on the Plantation as usual as well as my said Children till they are married or arrives of Law full age and be maintained and educated out of the Profits arising from the whole. Item my desire is that my Daughter Betty part as well as herself be kept on the plantation & remain in my Mansion House during her life, and to be maintained out of the Profits of her part, provided she does not marry, & if she should, to move off and to have her estate to dispose of as she thinks proper, Item my will is, that if she does not marry before her decease I give the slaves as may be allotted to her & increase to my Son Henry to him & his heirs forever. Item it is my will & desire that after the decease of my wife her dower slaves be equally divided between my surviving children or their representatives, Item. it is my will is that if any one or more of my Children die before they arrive of age or are married that my estate be divided amongst the surviving an married Children, & that the heir at Law have no advantage of the dea~~d~~ deaths of any Child or Children more

shall an equal Child's part as will of my wife's dower slaves as the rest of my said slaves, Also my will is that the widow Will a Carpenter be in Henry's part that he use him well he behaving accordingly, Lastly I do constitute and appoint my loving brother Baily Washington, my wife's brother Laurence Washington, my wife Catharine, my sons Henry & Nathaniel to be executors of this my last Will & Testament, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale this 5th day of October 1779.

John Washington (Seal)

At a court held for King George County the 5th day of September 1782.

The last Will & Testament of John Washington Gent. deceased was presented into Court by Catharine Washington Executrix therein named & Henry Washington [illegible] the Executors therein named who made [illegible] as the Law required & a Majority of the Court being [illegible] acquainted with the hand Writing of the said Testator, and being clearly of Opinion that the said Will is altogether of the hand Writing of the said John Washington, & that the [illegible] was Signed & Sealed by him in like Manner, the said [illegible] is therefore Ordered to be recorded. the said Executrix first performing what the Law in such Cases require

Test

Jos: Robinson Clk

I Mary Tankersley of the Parish of Middlesex in the County of King George Widow being sick and weak but of Senses and Memory as usual, do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following - I Commend my Soul to God the Father of Mercies through Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer - I give to my son Reubin one Shilling Sterling & no more I give to my son George a Negro Wench called Willey. I Give to my son John a Negro Boy called Ben. and a Negro Girl name Lucy also a New feather bed made up last fall with bolster, Pillows, sheets, blankets & Quilt suitable, also half a dozen flag bottom chairs, I give to my daughter Dorcas a Negro Wench call Rachel - I give to my Grand daughter Sarah, the Child of my daughter Dorcas a Negro Girl named Clary - I give to my daughter Sarah McWilliams the use of a Negro Girl named Venus till my Grand daughter Mary McWilliams is of age or marries. I give the Property of the said Slave Venus to my said Grand daughter Mary McWilliams and she is to take Possession at either of the Periods aforesaid. I give to my Daughter Mary Murdock one Shilling & no more - I give to my Grand daughter Sarah Murdock a Negro Girl named Betty - I give to my Grand daughter Jane Murdock a Negro Boy named Bob, - my Intention is that all the above bequests except that to Sarah McWilliams be forever. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seale the first day of May 1773. Item I appoint my Sons George and John Executors of this my Will.

Signed, Sealed Published and declared in Presence of

Alexander Rose
Charles Burton

Mary her X mk Tankersley (Seal)

October 1st day anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighteen

In the Name of God Amen

I Thomas Spillman in the County of King George & in the Parish of Hanover, being weak in body but of perfect sense & Memory thanks be to God for his Blessings. do make & Ordain this my last will & Testament as followeth viz: Item first I give my Son William Spillman a Lease for the land he now lives on till the 1st. day of January 1700. Exclusive of my Wifes dower as three hundred Pounds of Tobacco pr year, & them rents to be applied to raising & schooling of my Son John Spilman; & my daughter Sarah Spillman, & my Son Samuel Spilman, the above land I give to my Son William Spilman to him & his heirs forever, Reserving to my Wife Elizabeth Spilman her thirds of the aforesaid land during her Natural life. Item I give to my Son James Spilman One Sow & Pigs besides what I have already given him it being his part of my Estate, Item I give to my daughter Rebeccah Mumford One Slave of 32 beer, also one Ditto of 10. beer, besides what she has already of my estate, Item I give to my Son Thomas Spilman One young Mare & her increase likewise One Saddle & bridle, One Cow & Calf. also one gun, One Sow & Piggs. two Hoes. One pewter bason & two Pewter Plates. also One Whip-saw & One hook Called the whole duty of Man. Item I give to my daughter Lettice Spillman One bed and furniture, also one Cow & Calf. One Middle size Iron Pott, One large Pewter dish, One Pewter bason & two Pewter Plates & One Spinning Wheel. One Small Chest. One Loom & One 24 beer slay. Item I give to my daughter Margaret Spilman One bed & furniture, One Cow & Calf. One large Iron Pott, One Pewter bason & two Pewter Plates & One large Chest & One 27 beer slay. likewise my desire is that my daughter Lettice Spilman should have the use of the side Saddle while she lives Single, as well as my daughter Margaret Spilman, while shee live Single & after both should Marry, my desire is that the aforesaid-

Saddle should be my daughter Margarets own property, or after the Marriage or death of my daughter Lettice Spilman I likewise give to my daughter Margaret Spilman one Pewter dish. — Item I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Spilman the Side Saddle & bridle she commonly makes use of when riding. Also I leave to my beloved wife Elizabeth Spilman all the remaining part of my Estate, that is not already bequeathed during her widowhood, & after her death or Marriage I give the same to my youngest children, Viz- my Son John Spilman, & my daughter Sarah Spilman, & my Son Samuel Spilman, to be equally divided between them. & in case any one of the three above Mentioned John Spilman. Sarah Spilman or Samuel Spilman should die without heir it should remain to be devided between them that should survive. Item my desire is. Whereas I have a Land warrant for two thousand four hundred and forty five acres of land any-where in Virginia, that it shall be equally divided between my four Sons Viz. James Spilman, Thomas Spilman, John Spilman & Samuel Spilman. my saying any where in Virginia was a mistake of Mine, I mean any Vacant land. I likewise Ordain Constitute & appoint my beloved wife Elizabeth Spilman, & my Son William Spilman & also my Son Thomas Spilman Executors of this my last will & Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seale the day & date above written.

Signed. Sealed, & delivered in Presence of us.

John Atwood
James Atwood
John Bailey

Thomas Spilman (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 7th day of November 1782.

The last will & testament of Thomas Spilman deceased was Present into Court by William Spilman one of the Exec.rs therein named. who made Oath thereto according to law. & being further proved by the Oaths of the witnesses thereto. Certificate is granted him for obtaining Probate thereof in due form of Law. the said Spilman first Performing what the Law in such Cases require

Test

W. Robinson Cl.

October the 7th 1702

In the Name of God Amen I William Mumford of the County of King George & in the Parish of Hanover being sick in body but of perfect sense & Memory. thanks be to Almighty God. do make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament as followeth Viz: Item I give to mys Sister Anne Mumford one new bed-tick & thirty Pounds of feathers. Item I give to my beloved Wife Rebecca Mumford all the Rest of my Estate, I likewise Ordain. Constitute & appoint my beloved Wife Rebecca Mumford & John Atwood my whole & sole Exect. of this my last Will & Testament as Witness my hand & Seal the day & date the above written.

Signed. Sealed. & Delivered the Presence of Us
William Berry
William Spilman
Martha her + Berry mk.

William his + Mumford mk (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 7th. day of November 1702.

The last Will & Testament of William Mumford deceased was Presented into Court by Rebecca Mumford Exect. & John Atwood Exct. therein named who made Oath thereto according to law. & was further Proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto. Certificate is granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form. the said Exect. first performing what the Law in such Cases require

Test

Jos. Robinson C. Ct.

In the Name of God Amen. I George Jones of King George County being of perfect health, Sense & Memory praised be God for it, do ordain and constitute this my last Will and Testament revoking & making null & void all former Wills by me made, & this only to be my taken for my last will and Testament & none other. Imprimis I recommend my Soul to God that gave it, And as to what temporal blessings the Lord of his mercy hath been pleased to endue me with in this world, I give & dispose of as followeth. Viz: Item I give devise and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Margaret Jones, during her life my whole estate, and after her decease, it is my Will & desire that the land, being the land whereon I now live be equally divided between my two Sons John Jones and George Jones, and it's my Will & desire that John's land include his House he now lives in, and George's the House I now live in, Item it is my Will & desire that after the decease of my two Sons George & John that the said Land be equally divided between my two Sons James & Thomas, and it is my Will and Desire that after James & Thomas's decease, that the said land be equally devided between my two Sons Richard & Edward to them & their Heirs lawfully begotten of their bodys forever. Item. it is my Will that after my Wifes death, that my Houshold Goods & Negro or Negros be divided between James, Thomas, Richard, Edward, Mary, Catharine & I do hereby appoint my Wife Margaret Jones my Executrix. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal this 14th day of January 1760.

Signed, Sealed, Published and Declared in Presence of us }

James his ⊙ mk Armstrong

Elizabeth her + mk Benson

John Waugh

George Jones (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 6th day of March 1783.

The last Will & Testament of George Jones decd was formerly proved by one Witness, and it appearing to the Court it was properly signed by the Other Witnesses thereto, which by Order of the said Court was Ordered to be Recorded.

Test

Wm. Robinson C.Cur.

In the Name of God Amen. I Seymour Hooe being of perfect sound and disposing mind & memory but of very indifferent health do make and Constitute my last Will & Testament in manner & form following to wit, In the first place I give and bequeath to my dear wife Sarah Hooe my houshold and Kitchen furniture, my riding Chair & harness and any two of my horses she shall make choice of to dispose of as she thinks proper The rest of my estate real & Personal I desire may be kept together for the Maintenance of my Wife and the education & maintenance of my Children untill the Child with which my Wife is now big, if a Male, attains its full age of twenty One Years, if a female or if it should die before it hath attained its age of twenty one Years then only untill my Son Alexander Seymour Hooe attains his full age of twenty One Years and then may be divided in the following manner to wit, my Land I desire may be equally divided between my Son Alexander Seymour Hooe and the Child with which my Wife is now big if the same shall happen to be a Male to hold to them & their Heirs forever, subject to the legal dower of their Mother therein but if the Child with which my Wife is now big happens to be a female it is not my intention that such female Child shall

take any part of my said Land in virtue of this devise. my Slaves I desire may be equally divided between my Son Alexander Seymour Hooe. my Daughter Lucy Thornton Hooe & the Child with which my Wife is now big subject also to the dower of my Wife, which dower slaves after my said Wifes decease I desire may be divided between my said Children, my Stocks of horses such only excepted as I have herein before disposed of, Cattle Sheep & Hogs I desire may also be divided between my said Children subject to the proportion thereof which is by law given to my said Wife - Whatever other property I possess after the few debts I owe are paid, I desire may be equally divided between my Wife & Children, If either of my Children dies unmarried having no legal disposition of its estate I desire that such Childs share of my Slaves as well such as would have accrued to it by the death of its Mother as such as would have belonged to it by virtue of this my Will, before that event, may be equally between my Surviving Children, not hereby however meaning to make my Wifes interest in any part of her dower Slaves depend upon the life of either of my Children, intending only to subject the said dower Slaves to a distribution after the death of my Wife. If either of my Children dies under the Age of twenty one Years unmarried so that I have a Son & a Daughter surviving I desire that such surviving daughter may have no part of my Stocks of Cattle. Horses. Sheep & Hogs - If my daughter Lucy Thornton Hooe & the Child with which my Wife is now big, in case it happens to be a female or either of them marries before the time herein before appointed for the distribution of my estate among my Children, it is my desire that such share of my estate as is herein before respectively bequeathed to the said Lucy Thornton and the child with which my said Wife is now big, may upon their respective intermarriages be alloted to them in Severally & that the maintenance, of the Children so marrying, out of my estate do from the time of such intermarriage cease & be

be Determined. If all my Children die unmarried & without issue in the life time of my Wife I give my Wife all the Slaves which I received with her upon our intermarriage and their increase to dispose of as She thinks proper, the rest of my Slaves and my Land I give to her during her life disponishable for waste during her Widowhood only, after her decease my Land will of Course descend to my Brother Gerrard Hooe or his descendants as may then heir at Law, but the Slaves I received from my fathers estate & their Increase I desire may be Divided between my said Brother & my Nephew John Storke - I recommend it to my Wife not to have her dower allotted to her in severally untill the time herein before appointed for the general distribution of my Estate, unless she Marries again, but upon such intermarriage I desire it may be immediately Allotted to her according to Law. I desire my estate may not be appraised. I appoint my Kinsman William Alexander Esqr of Prince William County & my Brother Gerrard Hooe Guardians to my Children Alexander Seymour Hooe Lucy Thornton Hooe and the Child with which my Wife is now big, untill the said Children attain their respective ages of twenty one Years. I moreover Constitute the said William Alexander & Gerrard Hooe Executors of this my last Will & Testament, and in case of the death or refusal of the said William Alexander & Gerrard Hooe, I desire my friend John Taliaferro Esqr of Hays and my Nephews William & John Storke to accept of the said Trust - In Testimony whereof I have this my last will & Testament written wholely with my own hand Subscribed my Name & affixed my Seal this Thirteenth day of October. Anno Domini. One thousand Seven hundred & eighty.

Seymour Hooe (Seal)

Memorandum I do hereby Constitute the above mentioned John Taliaferro of Hayes one of the immediate Guardians to my above mentioned children during their legal Infancy and executor of this my Will as well as the above Named William Alexander & Gerrard Hooe. In Testimony whereof I have to this Memorandum all of my own writing set my hand & affixed my Seal this 25th. day of November Anno Domini 1790.

Seymour Hooe (Seal)

Memorandum, I hereby constitute & appoint my Friends John Taliaferro of Hays and William Hooe Executors to this my last Will & Testament, revoking the Clauses in my said Will, wherein I had appointed William Alexander Esqr & George Gray of Maryland Executors and tis my desire that I have only three Executors, to wit, my Brother Gerard Hooe, John Taliaferro, & William Hooe and that my Brother Gerard Hooe & John Taliaferro have the immediate Guardianship of my Children in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this 4th. day of January 178[illegible]

Signed & Sealed in the Presence of —

John Turner
Frances Storke

Seymour Hooe (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 3d day of April 1783.

The last Will & Testament of Seymour Hooe deceased was presented into Court by John Taliaferro Junr One of the Executors therein Named, who made Oath thereto according to Law. and the Court being of opinion that the Will is wholy of the hand writing of the said Seymour Hooe the Testator Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form, the said Executo first performing what the Law in such Cases Require.

Test

Jos. Robinson C. Ct.

In the Name of God Amen. I Benjam Hailes of the County of King George and Parish of Hanover being sick and weak of body but of perfect sense and Memory. do make this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following. First of all things I recommend my Soul to Almighty God that gave it to me, not doubting at the general resurrection of all Mankind to receive forgiveness for my Sins. And as touching my body I leave that to the discession of my Executors hereafter named, and as for such Worldly Goods as it hath Pleased God to bless me with I dispose of in the following manner Viz. I Give & bequeath all my Estate of what kind soever to Elizabeth Rose. And lastly I Constitute & appoint Elizabeth Rose my whole & Sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 19th day of December 1781.

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged in the Presence of us.
Woffendel Kendel
William Piper
James Kendel.

Benjamin his mark Hailes (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 3d day of April 1783.

The last Will & Testament of Benjamin Hailes deceased was Presented into Court by Elizabeth Rose Executrix therein named who made Oath thereto. & was further proved by the Oaths of Woffindal Rendale & William Piper. Certificate is Granted her for obtaining Probate thereof in due form.

Test

Jos: Robinson C.C.

I William Bernard of the County of King George do, with my own hand, make my last Will and Testament in Manner following. Imprimis. As a Provision for my beloved Wife I devise to her as follows (viz) the use of my ~~Manner~~ Mansion house and all outhouses Yards and Gardens thereunto belonging together with forty Acres of land to be laid off from thence towards the Old Glebe - Fire wood for her necessary use from the Most convenient Part of my whole Plantation with the use of my Stocks of Cattle & Sheep thereon with their accustomed Pasturage - the use of all my household and Kitchen Furniture except what is hereafterwards particularly devised - I further devise to her the use of any four of my Slaves that she may choose and the use of any two female Slaves she may choose till they arrive to fourteen Years of Age - it is my desire that she be supplied by my Executors with two thousand pounds of Pork, One hundred Barrels of Corn & Forty Bushels of Wheat annually, and that if any of the Negroes she shall have chosen shall ~~have~~ die in her Life time or when the two Negro Girls above mentioned shall have arrived to the Age of fourteen as aforesaid, then my Executors suffer her to choose others in their place, except

such as may be employed as house Servants by either of my Children — I further devise to her annually fifteen thousand pounds of Crop Tobacco, and I give to her my Harpsichord and all the Cotton furniture in my house which has been manufactured by herself forever — my Meaning touching all the above devises is that they shall be regularly paid and Supplied during her Widowhood; but if she inclines to marry again I revoke the above devises and give her in Lieu thereof during her natural life any two Servants she may choose together with the above fifteen thousand pounds of crop Tobacco annually, and I also give to her forever the Harpsichord & Cotton house Furniture abovementioned — As a Fund for the Payment of the Annuity above devised to my said Wife & for the further supplying her with the Corn, Pork & Wheat abovementioned during her Widowhood: I desire my Executors may apply the whole profits of my Estate in Fauquier and I do hereby impower them either to rent or Clear the same or to Keep it under their Management as it now is for the purpose aforesaid and that the Deficiency, if there should be any be made up in the following manner viz equally out of the Estates of my two Sons Richard & William. Item. Out of my Crops of Tobacco and Tobacco debts I devise to my Wife forty thousand weight to enable her to purchase a Carriage and to supply her with such necessaries as she may be in want of. I also give her my Chair Horses forever.

Item I give to my eldest Son Richard Bernard and to his heirs forever all my Lands in the County of King George Subject to the Devise of forty Acres part thereof to my Wife during her widowhood — one half of all my lands in the County of Henry, in Feesimple, and all my Lands in the County of Fauquier in Feesimple, Subject nevertheless to the Annuity abovementioned together with the Stocks of Cattle Sheep & Hogs upon each — I also give him all my Plate immediately except a Coffee Pot Can, Six Table & Tea Spoons, which I give to my Son William after the Death of his Mother — I also give to him to Supply himself with Necessaries twenty thousand Pounds of crop Tobacco out of my Crops and outstanding Tobacco Debts. Item I give to my Son William Bernard and to his heirs forever all my Tract of Land in the County of Richmond and one half of my

Tract in the County of Henry with the Slaves therein. Item I give to my Daughter Sarah two thousand Pounds in Gold or Silver payable to her upon her Marriage or arrival of the age of twenty One Years. and as a fund for this purpose I desire my Executors to apply the Residue of my Crops on hand and Tobacco debts together with my outstanding Debts in Money due either by Bill, Bond Mortgage or Account, my Money in the Loan Office except five thousand four hundred pounds which I have assigned to my Wife in Certificates dated in August 1779 and a Maryland State Certificate for 2433⅔ dollars making the sum aforesaid, and to place the same out upon Interest for her Benefit — I mean to except out of my Outstanding Debts a Debt due by Mann Page Esqr decd for £1459.6.2 Sterling which I desire may be applied to the payment of a debt due to Richard Holland as stated in my Book, but that the Interest thereon due at the time of my death shall be applied in the raising my said Daughters Fortune, together with all the other outstanding Debts and Crops above mentioned, and if there should be a deficiency I desire that the same be paid equally by my said Sons at her arrival at the age of twenty One years or Marriage and if there should be an Over plus, that my Son Richard shall have it for his trouble in Collecting it — I also give her at the period above mentioned two Negro Girls, and if she should die before either event happens that the fortune hereby intended for her shall sink into my Estate for the benefit of my surviving Sons, and that in the Interim she be genteely maintained either from the Interest of the Money so laid out or from the Crops of my Estate. — Item I desire that all my Negroes & Mulattoes be divided in the following manner (viz) to my Son Richard all the Negroes & their Increase which came by his Mother together with one half of all such as I should in my own Right which were not the property of either of my Wives upon my Marriage, in Fee simple; but my Son Richard is to bring into the general Division such Negroes as I have already given him, & this Devise is Subject to the Provision herein before made for my Wife and Daughter. Item to my Son William I

I give all the Negroes and their Increase that came by his Mother together with the other half of such as I hold in my own Right as aforesaid in Fee simple, but this Devise is subject to the Provision herein before made for my Wife & Daughter and if my said Son William should die under age & without Issue I desire that the Negroes herein devised which came by his Mother be given to my Daughter Sarah and that the remaining Slaves with their Increase Lands and whatever else is hereby devised to my said Son William shall be given to my Son Richard his heirs and Assigns forever. And if both my Children William & Sarah die before their arrival at full age without having been Married in the Life time of their Mother, then I give to her forever all the Negroes & their Increase that she had before Marriage. Item. I recommend to my Executors the most diligent attention to the Education of my Son William, and that the Profits of his Estate after defraying the expences of his maintenance be laid out at Interest, Item. whatever part of my Estate may not be comprehended in the above Devises. I desire may be equally divided between my two Sons. Item I recommend to my Executors & to my two Sons particularly, that they take Care that Sally Eds, who waited upon their Brother in his last Sickness with so much Tenderness and Assiduity, should not fall into Distress, but that they supply her as long as she lives with at least five Pounds per Annum — and more if her Circumstances should require it — I desire my Estate may not be appraised. And do appoint my Friends Thomas Jett and John Ashton the elder & my Son Richard Bernard Executors of this my Will & Guardians together with their Mother of my two youngest Children. — Upon further Reflection I desire that my Wife may have six instead of four Servants, and that this Number may be kept up as is before directed. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 12th March 1782.

Signed Sealed & Published in Presence of

William Bernard (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 6th of May 1783 –
The last Will & Testament of William
Bernard Esqr decd. was presented into Court by Richard Bernard
One of the Executors therein named who made Oath thereto as the
Law directs, and the Court being wholy of opinion the will is
altogether of the hand Writing of the said William Bernard the
Testator. Certificate is granted the said Richard for Obtaining
Probate thereof in due form of law. he the said Richard first
performing what the law in such Cases require. —

Test

Jos: Robinson C. Crt

In the Name of God – Amen. I Thomas Hodge
of King George County now in health but considering the u
-certainty of life and my frequent long absence from home
do declare this my last Will & Testament in the manner follow
ing. And do appoint my friends Alexander Rose of King Ge
Attorney at Law. and Col: John Rose of Amherst County Ex
utors of the same. I give my whole Estate to my said Frien
Alexander Rose & John Rose in trust for the following Purposes here
-ter mentioned. First my desire is that all my Just Debts be pa
and if my Wife Molly Hodge survives me, my Will is that while s
remains a Widow, the whole of my Estate be applied to the Com
-on maintenance & Support of her & the Children & their Educati
which I would have to be as leberal as Fortune will permit
but if she marries again, my Will is that she have only such part
of my Estate as the Law allows. When my daughter Elizabeth

Oland Hodge come to the age of twenty one Years or marries my Will is that my Executors raise out of my Estate the Sum of five hundred Pounds Current Money, & pay it to her within Eighteen Month after her being of the said Age or Marriage but if she Marries before she is of age, without the Consent and approbation of her Mother & my friends Alexander Rose and John Rose aforementioned, then my Will is, that she have One hundred Pounds current Money only. — My will in regard to my Daughter Catharine Brook Hodge is exactly the same as the foregoing clause in regard to her Sister Elizabeth that is, that five Hundred Pounds Current Money be raised for her When she comes to the Age of twenty one Years or Marries, and to her within Eighteen months after her being of said Age or Marriage; but if she marries before she is of Age, without the Consent & approbation of her Mother & my said Friends Alexander Rose & John Rose, then that she have One hundred Pounds Current Money only. — After my Mothers death, who is now living at Iverton in Devonshire, I am entitled to some Land, Houses &c. there, which of right should descend to my eldest Son Charles Alexander Hodge, and my Will is that it should so ~~happen~~ do — But as to my Estate in Virginia, or that may be due on Account in England or else where, my Will is that after my Wifes decease that the Residue of my Estate, after paying my Daughters fortunes above mentioned, be equally divided between my four Sons: Viz: Charles Alexander Hodge, Thomas Hodge, Robert Rose Hodge, & Alexander Hodge. And I do hereby desire my Friends Alexander Rose, of King George County Attorney at Law & Col John Rose of Amherst to take upon them the Execution of this my last Will, and I do impower them, by & with the Consent of my Wife Molley Hodge to sell & dispose of my Land, Slaves or any thing else that I have, & buy Others therewith or otherwise lay it out, as shall seem best to them for the Support, Education & Good of my Family, without being liable to be called to account for it, by any Person or Persons whatever. In Witness whereof I the above mentioned Thomas Hodge have with my own hand written this my last Will & Testament and thereto set my Name & Seal this thirtieth day of April 1774

Thomas Hodge (Seal)

At a Court held for King George County the 1st. Day of May 1783.

The last Will & Testament of Thomas Hodge decd. was presented into Court by John Rose - the Executors therein named refusing to act. Administration with the Will Annexed is Granted to the said John Rose who made Oath thereto According to law. And the Court being all of opinion that the will is wholy of the hand writing of the said Thomas Hodge the Testator Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form of Law. the said Administrator first performing what the Law in such Cases require.

Test

Jos. Robinson C. Cur

In the Name of God Amen. I James Berry of the County of King George and Parish of Saint Paul do make this my last Will & Testament in Manner & form as follows. first I Desire all my Just debts to be paid. Second I Give & bequeath to Thomas Berry my Nephew now living with me all my black Smith Tools. also one bed & furniture, One Cow & Calf, the rest of my Estate I give and bequeath to my Wife Frances Berry forever to do with it as she pleases - Lastly I constitute & appoint my Wife Frances Berry ~~whole & Sole~~ Executrix of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the 14th. day of December 1782.

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At a Court held for King George County the 1st day of May 1783.

The last will & Testament of James Berry decd. was Presented into Court by Frances Berry Executrix therein Named, who made Oath thereto According to Law, & being further proved by the Oaths of the witnesses thereto. Certificate is granted her for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form of Law. the said Executrix first performing what the Law in such Cases require.

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[redacted] Will and Testament of Amry Fitz-hugh Esquier of Bedford in the Parish of Saint Paul and County of King George - formerly Stafford. Virginia.

First I give and devise to my Wife during her widowhood the use and occupation of my Manor Plantation, including all my Lands adjacent to it; Also one third part of all my Other lands and One third part of all my Slaves. I mean to include one third of the lands & Slaves which I hold in her right, in this devise during her Widowhood aforesaid. I also give to my said Wife one third part of my Challels or Personal estate forever - my will is. that my wife shall have the liberty to chose such Slaves and Articles of Personal estate in part of her said thirds as she may fancy: But this ~~devises~~ Devises & bequests to my Wife are on this express Conditions - to wit; that she my wife shall release and Assign or give and Dispose of when required, all her right & Title and Interest to any lands. Slaves. & Other estate, which She Claims or may Claim as her proper estate, to the sole use of the devises & Legatees in this my Will & their Heirs -

forever, and also that she my Wife shall permit my estate to be kept together, that the profits of the whole, exclusive of necessaries, be applied to the payment of my Just debts. Secondly I give & devise to my Son John Battaile Fitzhugh & to his Heirs forever all my lands & all my Wife's lands in Caroline and Orange Counties subject to my Wifes Dower and the payment of my Debts as aforesaid. Thirdly I give & devise to my Son William Fitzhugh & his heirs forever all that Tract of Land situate on Cedar Run in Fauquier County, according to Survey and division made by Richard Dixon the said land being now possessed by my said Son - Subject notwithstanding to my wifes Dower or third part, & to the payment of my debts as aforesaid. Fourthly I give & devise to my Son George Fitzhugh and his heirs forever all that Tract of Land situate on Turkey Run in Fauquire aforesaid, according to the said Survey & Division made by the said Dixon, the said land being in the Possession of my son George, Subject to his Mothers third and the payment of Debts. Fifthly. I give & devise to my Son Thomas Fitzhugh and his heirs forever a Tract of land together with a fulling Mill, situate in Fauquier County the same containing about eight hundred Acres; the Conveyance was made by Cuthbert Bullet subject to his Mothers third part & the payment of my Debts. Sixthly I give and devise all my lands in Fairfax County called Ravensworth, to my five youngest Sons Nicholas, Richard, Mordecai, Battaile and Giles & their heirs forever to hold in Joint Tennancy subject to their Mothers thirds & the Payment of my Debts as aforesaid and I hereby give the use of all my Estate to my Executors for the Purpose of paying my Debts as aforesaid. Seventhly. Give to & devise to my Grandson & heir of Henry Henry Fitzhugh & his heirs forever all my lands in Stafford George & Stafford Counties, Subject to the use & third part respectively devised to his Grand Mother & Subject to the

to the payment of my Debts.— Eighthly I give & bequeath all my Slaves and Personal estate (except one third of the personal Estate) before given to my wife forever, to my Nine Sons & Grand son & to my Daughters Susannah Dade, & Mary Stuart equally to be Divided forever - each Legatee to have one twelveth part, after my Debts are paid, of two thirds parts and the remaining third part at my Wife's death; should my debts be thus discharged.— my will is that every Slave or Slaves heretofore given to any of the aforesaid Legatees shall be considered as part of such Legatees twelveth according to the Value of such Slave or Slaves when given— my will & desire is that each of the twelve Legatees may receive a twelveth part of the Slaves and two thirds of the Chattels or personal estate perfectly as nearly as can be equal, I mean to include in the above bequest all the Slaves & personal estate which I hold in right of my wife. & if either I or my wife should give or Convey in future any Slave or Slaves to One or More of the Legatees, my will is that a proportional abatement shall be made at the final Division. Willis, Daphne, Jonathan slaves are part of my Grandsons Twelveth — Ninthly I release to my Grandson his Fathers bond for thirteen Hundred Pounds- money paid by me for the land when his Mother now lives- but if my Grandson Henry or his Heirs should ever controvert or defeat the the Effects of this my Will, or any part of it then and in that case I revoke the release of the said Bond, and I Give & devise all the estate real & personal, herein devised to my said Grandson, to my five Younger Sons and their Heirs forever. Tenthly I give to my Daughter Sarah Bland a Gold Ring of One Guinea Value & no more. Eleventhly It is my will that neither my Grandson nor my Younger Sons receive any part of Profits of the estates devised them. 'till

They and each of them are of age even altho' my debts are Discharged, except what may be necessary for them — that the whole of such profits, after debts paid as aforesaid be applied to the support of all my younger Children and my Grandson equally. Twelfthly my will is that my estate be inventoried but not appraised; I appoint my sons in Law Townshend Dade, William Gibbins Stuart, my Sons John, William, George, Thomas & Nicholas Executors of this my Will and Guardians of my Children who are under age, and my Desire is that my Executors give no Securety. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand and Seal this twenty fifth day of June Anno Dom: One thousand Seven hundred & eighty two. 1782.

Signed, Sealed & Published in presence of

James Cuthbertson
Robert Washington
Henry Fitzhugh Jun
Alexander Rose
Francis Conway.

Henry Fitzhugh. (Seal)

Codecil to the Will of Henry Fitzhugh dated 1782 June 25th. I give and devise to my Wife all my Stocks of Horses, Cattle, Sheep & Hogs, which shall be on or belong to my Manor Plantation at my death and all the Plate Furniture & Chattels whatsoever in or belonging to my

to my House and Manor Plantation at my death to her my wife her Executors. Administrators & Assigns for-ever. I also appoint my Wife an Executrix to my Will & and one of the Guardians to my Children and my Will is that she shall not give Securely. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto put my hand & Seale this 12th day of February 1783.

Signed Sealed Acknowledged and published in presence of
Alexander Rose
William Fitzhugh
James Cuthbertson

Henry Fitzhugh (Seal)

1783 February 13th Second Codicil to the Will of Henry Fitzhugh — my Will is that if one or more of my five youngest Children should die before their respective ages of Eighteen or without a proper Disposition, that his or their Share or Shares of Slaves devised to them by Will, shall survive and Vest in the Survivors of my said Youngest Children subject as by the Will. — In Witness whereof I have put my hand & Seal February 13th 1783

Henry Fitzhugh (Seal)

Signed Sealed and Acknowledged and Published in Presence of
Alexander Rose
William Fitzhugh
James Cuthbertson

At a Court held for King George County the 5th day of June 1783.

The last Will and Testament of Henry Fitzhugh Esquier decd. was presented into Court with the Codicils thereto by John Battaile Fitzhugh and William Fitzhugh two of the Executors therein named, who made Oath thereto as the Law require, and being further proved by the Oaths of Alexander Rose & James Cuthberson two of the witnesses thereto, was ordered to be recorded, and on motion of the s. Exors Certificate is granted them in ~~[illegible]~~ for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form of Law. the said John & William first performing what the Law in such Cases require.

Test

J. T. Robinson C. C.

In the Name of God Amen I Charles Ashton of King George County in the Commonwealth of Virginia being of perfect sound Sense and Memory do make and constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner & form following to wit. Imprimis I give devise and bequeath into my Son Burdit Ashton the Tract of Land and Plantation where he now lives together with a Negro Man Slave called George at this time in the Possession of my said Son Burdit To hold the said Plantation and Tract of Land aforesaid together with the said

said Slave George to him my said Son Burdit and his heirs forever in fee Simple. Item I give to my said Son Burdit Ashton the following Sums of Money to wit. the Sum of Eight hundred and Sixty six Pounds and two Shillings paper Currency, and the Sum of Ninety two Pounds twelve Shillings in Gold. Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson Charles Augustine Ashton Son of my Son Burdit Ashton the Plantation and Tract of Land whereon I now live together with the following Slaves viz. Tom, Tom, Scylla, Jane Lettice, Luke, Davy, George, Peter Jacob, Cary & Frank to hold the said Plantation & Tract of Land & the Slaves in this devise mentioned together with their future Increase to him my said Grandson the said Charles Augustine Ashton & his heirs forever in fee Simple, and I do moreover give unto my said Grandson the said Charles Augustine Ashton all the household and Kitchen furniture which I die possessed of & all the Stocks of Horses Black Cattle, Hogs & Sheep which I shall have on my said Plantation at the time of my Decease. Item It is my desire and I do accordingly direct that my Son Laurence Ashton take upon himself the management and direction of all the Estate by me in this my Will given & devised to my Grandson Son Charles Augustine Ashton to and for the use and benefit of my said Grandson Charles Augustine Ashton and untill he shall attain his age of eighteen years and no longer but if my said Son Laurance should happen to die before my said Grandson hath attained his said Age of Eighteen years. I do then appoint my Sons John & Burdit Ashton's to manage order & direct the said Estate untill my said Grandson shall attain the said Age of Eighteen Years. Item I give my Negro Wench Lydia to my Executors herein after named upon the following Trust that is to say to continue the said wench upon my said Plantation to take care of the young Negro's and of the House & Garden untill my said Grandson the said Charles Augustine Ashton shall attain his age of eighteen years, at which time I give the said Negro Lydia the privilege of choosing a Master & Mistress for