

In the Name of God amen. I Mary Grant of Saint Pauls Parish and County of King George in the Commonwealth of Virginia being of perfect sound sense and memory do make, constitute and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following to wit

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my Brother Mr John Matthews my Mansion House, Plantation and Tract of Land at Boyds hole given me by my Husband the late Mr Andrew Grant, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give devise and bequeath to my Niece Ann Short a Negro Girl called Winney daughter of Venus & her increase, one feather bed & furniture, six silver tea spoons, one pair silver Tea tongs to her & her heirs forever.

Item. I give, devise, and bequeath to my Niece Mary Matthews daughter of my brother John Matthews one Mahogany Desk, a Black Walnut Chest of Drawers, Mahogany tea table, a Gold Watch, & all my Books of every kind to her and her heirs forever.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my brother John Matthews & his daughter Mary Matthews all my slaves & their increase except the one I have already disposed of in this my last Will to hold the said slaves to them my Brother and Niece to them & their heirs forever to be equally divided between them.

Item. I give, devise and bequeath to my brother John Matthews and his daughter Mary Matthews all my furniture and stock of every kind to be equally divided between them.

Item. I devise and bequeath to my brother & Niece Mary Matthews all my Cash, Debts, and Sums of money to me now due & owing or which may be due and owing to me at the time of my decease whether secured by Mortgage, Bond, Bill, account or any manner whatsoever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Niece Mary Matthews all my wearing apparel, Rings & Jewels of every kind.

Lastly. I do constitute, nominate and appoint my Brother Mr John Matthews Executor of this my last Will and Testament revoking all others by me heretofore made. In Testament whereof I have heretofore set my hand & affixed my Seal this 18th day of June in the year of our Lord 1787 & eighty five.

Mary Grant

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Signed Sealed & Published
as and for the last Will and Testament
in presence of

Robert Alexander
Thomas Alexander
John Washington
John Muskin

Mary Grant

Seal
Cee

A Court held for King George County
the 7th day of February 1700.

The last Will & Testament of Mary Grant deceased
as aforesaid, was then presented into Court by John Matthews the latter
being named, who made Oath thereto according to Law, and being
further, sworn by the Oaths of three of the Witnesses thereto subscribed
was admitted to Record; and on the Motion of the said John Matthews
for a Certificate in such cases require, Certificate is granted him
for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form of Law.

Teste

Laurence Berry. Clk

In the Name of God amen. I Anne Short of St
Pauls Parish, and King George County in the Commonwealth of Virginia
being of weak body but of sound sense and memory do make, constitute &
ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following
to wit: — Item. I give and bequeath, to my Brother Thomas Short
one Bed & Furniture. — Item. I give and bequeath, to my Bro-
ther John Short one Bed and Furniture & all my Chairs. —
Item. I give and bequeath to my Nephew Thomas Short Son of
my Brother

my Brother Thomas Short a Negro Man called Ben to him and his heirs
 forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Sister Margret Matthews a
 Negroe Wench, called Lucy to her and her heirs forever, and also one
 thousand pounds of crop Tobacco and Five Pounds Virginia Currency
 out of what she now owes me. Item. I give and bequeath to my
 Niece Sarah Bunbury Daughter of my sister Elizabeth Bunbury
 one Negro Girl called Winneford to her and her heirs forever, also
 six silver tea spoons. Item. I give to my Sister Elizabeth Bun-
 bury one thousand Pounds of Crop Tobacco. Item. I give and bequeath
 to my Mother Mrs Theodocia Short Fifty Pounds Virginia Currency
 out of the money due me in England. Item. I give and be-
 queath to my Niece Sarah Massey Daughter of my Sister Sarah
 Massey Forty Pounds Virginia Currency out of the money due
 me in England to buy her a Maid. Item. I give and bequeath to my
 Niece Elizabeth Massey Daughter of my Sister Sarah Massey Twenty
 five Pounds Virginia Currency out of the money due me in England.
 Item. I give and bequeath to my Nephew John Massey Son of my
 Sister Sarah Massey twenty five pounds Virginia Currency out of
 the money due me in England. Item. I give and bequeath to my
 Nephew John Short Son of my Brother Thomas Short twenty five
 pounds Virginia Currency out of the money due me in England.
 Item. I give and bequeath to my Niece Margret Harrison
 Daughter of my Sister Mary Harrison twenty five pounds Vir-
 ginia Currency, out of the money due me in England.
 Item. I give and bequeath to my Niece Elizabeth Bunbury
 Daughter of my Sister Elizabeth Bunbury Twenty five Pounds Vir-
 ginia Currency out of the money due me in England. Item. I give
 bequeath to my Niece Priscilla Short Daughter of my Brother John
 Short Twenty five Pounds Virginia Currency out of the money due me
 in England.

Item

Item. I give and bequeath to my two Sisters Margaret Matthews & Elizabeth Bunbury all my Clothes and Jewels to be equally divided between them.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Niece Anne Bunbury daughter of my Sister Elizabeth Bunbury a Negroe lade called Tom and a Negroe Girl called Doll to her and her heirs forever, also five silver tea spoons one pair of silver Tea tongs, and also all my part of my mothers things due me and also the rest of the money that is due me in England except what is disposed of above and also all the rest of my Estate both real and personal.

Item. It is my desire that all the Debts due me to be collected and sold to pay my Debts.

I do constitute, Nominate, and appoint my Brother Thomas Short, and Mr Sigismund Massey Executors of this my last Will Testament making all others by me heretofore made. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord 1788 and eighty seven.

Signed, Sealed &
Published, as and for
the last Will & Testament of
Anne Short in presence of,

Anne Short

Thomas Bunbury

Ann Bunbury

At a Court held for King Geo County
the 7th day of February 1788.

The last Will and Testament of Anne Short died, as aforesaid, was then presented into Court by Thomas Short & Sigismund Massey the Executors therein named who made Oath thereto according to Law, and being further proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, was admitted to record; and on the motion of the Executors, they performing what the Law in such cases require, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Teste Laurence Berry. Ck

In the name of God amere. I James Wilkerson of the County
of King George being sick of body of perfect sense and memory thanks be to Almight
ty God for it. do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in
manner and form following, revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made -
first of all things I recommend my soul to Almighty God that gave it me, not
doubting at the general resurrection to receive forgiveness of my sins, and touching
my body I shall submit it to the discretion of my Executor hereafter named, to
be decently buried. and as touching such worldly goods as it hath pleased
almighty God to bless me with, I dispose in the following manner Vizt. I give
to my Grandson Rodham Wilkerson one shilling sterling and no more of my
Estate. I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel Wilkerson one B
and furniture, one mare and Colt, one Cow and calf, and one heifer, likewise
all the rest of my ^{would by} Estate of what kind soever to him and his Heirs forever.
Lastly. I constitute and appoint my son Nathaniel Wilkerson my
whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 31. day of July 1788

Witness
Stephen Bailey
James Kendall
Robert Frank

James ^{his} Wilkerson
mark



At a Court held for King George County
the 11. day of September 1788.

The Last Will and Testament of James Wilkerson Junior deceased
as aforesaid, was then presented into Court by Nathaniel Wilkerson the Execu
thurein named, who made Oath thereto according to Law, and being further pro
ved by the Oaths of Stephen Bailey and James Kendall two of the Witnesses thereto,
was 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
Probate thereof in due form.

Teste

Law Berry. Ck.

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In the name of God amen. I Susanna Alexander of Saint Pauls Parish and King George County in the State of Virginia being weak in body, but of sound memory do make my last Will and Testament in manner following Viz^t—

1. Whereas I sometime years ago sold to Mr John Luke, who intermarried with my Daughter Elizabeth, a certain Tract of Land lying in Fairfax County, the entail of which land had been doct'd by a writ of ad quod damnum, and whereas there is a possibility that, thro' ignorance in the Lawyer the docking of the said entail may not have been strictly agruable to Law, I do as a further confirmation to the Title to the said Land, give and bequeath the said Land to John Luke my Grand Son, and Son and Heir of John Luke dead, and to his (my grand sons) heirs, but in case he my said Grand Son should die before he attains to the age of Twenty one years and without heirs of his body, then my will and desire is that the said Land shall go to my Daughter Elizabeth Alexander and her heirs forever.

2. I give Saily, Isaac, Matilda and Israel to my Daughter Susanna Chapman during her natural life, and desire that after her Death the said Slaves and their increase may be equally divided between the said Susanna's children and their heirs forever —

3. I give and devise unto my three sons Robert, Thomas, and William all that tract of land lying in Fairfax county which was purchased by my father from James Robertson and lies near four mile run about four miles from Alexandria, between Chapman's land and the Alexander's land, to be equally divided between them and their Heirs forever —

4. I give Nigroes George, Moses, Liby, Winney, Nancy, and Louisa, to my three sons Robert, Thomas, and William and their heirs, the said Slaves to be equally divided between them —

5. I give to my sons Robert and Thomas my Oxen and all my Stock of horses and hogs, except such horses as are already given to my son W^m.

6. Whereas I have already given to my son William ten head of Sheep my Will and desire is, that an equal number of Sheep be first set apart for each of my sons Robert and Thomas, and that the rest of my Sheep together with all the residue of my Estate of what kind soever not already devised, be equally divided between my three above men

mentioned sons. - and lastly, I constitute my sons Robert, Thomas, and William Executors of this my Will. - Given under my hand and seal this thirteenth day of September seven hundred and Eighty eight.

Acknowledged
in presence of }

Wm Stuart, Clk

Adam Rains

Ellis Rose

Leticia ^{my} Muster

Susanna Alexander 

At a Court held for King George County
the 11th day of December 1788.

The last Will and Testament of Mrs Susanna Alexander deceased aforesaid, was then presented into Court by Robert Alexander one of the Executors therein named, who made Oath thereto according to law, and being further proved by the Oaths of two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, was ordered to be recorded; and on motion of the said Executor performing what the law in such cases require, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste

Law Perry. Clk.

Be it known to all whom it may concern that Catherine Marshall of the County of King George Widow and relict of George Marshall late of the said County deceased do hereby declare that being dissatisfied with the Provision made for me by the Will of my said Husband; I will not take or accept the Provision made me by the said will, or any part thereof: and I do hereby renounce all benefit which I might claim by the said Will. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this fourth day of December Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty eight.

Signed, Sealed and
Delivered in the presence of }

Peter Sett
Wm Sett

Catherine Marshall 

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At a Court held for King George County
the 1st day of January 1789.

This foregoing Renunciation of Catherine Marshall Widow & Relict of George Marshall dec^d. of her Husbands Will, was then presented into Court, proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto, and Ordered to be recorded.

Test

Luc Berry. Ck

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Jordan of the County of King George being very sick and weak, but of perfect sense and memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following.

First. I give and recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it. Secondly I recommend my Body to the Earth, to be buried in a Christian like decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but that at the general resurrection I shall rise again by the mighty power of God, and touching my worldly property which it hath pleased God to bestow upon me I give and bequeath in manner following.

Imprimis. As a provision for my beloved wife, I give to her for and during her natural life, the full use and profits of all my Slaves, except such as shall hereafter be immediately devised, together with all my Stocks of every kind whatever, household and kitchen furniture and Plantation Utensils.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Grand Daughter Susanna Williams and her heirs forever my Negroe Wench Sal, and her two children, Molly and Ralph and their future increase which said Negroes I desire may be given up to my said Grand Daughter at my Death; and at the death of my wife, I further give to my said Grand Daughter a Negroe Girl Jerry and her increase forever, and a horse of Twelve pounds Value, or in lieu of such horse that much money.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Niece, Frances Rawlett one heifer at the death of my Wife, or at any time before when my said wife shall think convenient.

Item. Should my Daughter Molly Williams survive my Wife, then and in

that case

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that case as a provision for her my said Daughter, I give to her for and during her natural life the use of all that part of my Estate devised to my Wife during her my said Wife's life, except the Negroe Girl Jenny devised as above to my grand daughter Susanna Wilkerson; and at the death of my said Daughter Molly Williams, it is my Will and I do direct that all these slaves, Stocks and Furniture be equally divided between my grand Children of my said Daughter, as well those Children by her former husband William Price, as those by her present husband James Williams. *Lastly* I do appoint and Constitute my beloved wife, and my son in law James Williams Executors to this my last Will and Testament cancelling and revoking all and every other Will heretofore made by me. *In Witness* whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 18th day of September 1789.

Signed, Sealed, and acknowledged
in presence of

Law^r Ashton
William Price
Will^d McDonald

Thomas ^{his} Jordan 
mark

At a Court held for King George County
the 5th day of July 1789

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Jordan dec^d. as aforesaid was then presented into Court, proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, and ordered to be recorded. And at another Court held the same County the 1st day of October 1789. Upon motion of James Williams one of the Executors in the said Will named, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of said Will in due form, he having first performed what the Law in such cases requires.

Juste
Law^r Berry. Clk.

In the Name of God amen. I John Bryan of the County of King George
being perfectly sensible of the uncertainty of this life, and the propriety of the settlement
of all worldly affairs, do make, constitute, and ordain this my last Will and Testa-
ment in manner following. *Imprimis.* I give and devise to my son Lovell
Bryan all that Plantation, and Tract of land whereon I now live, to him and his
heirs forever, subject nevertheless to the incumbrance hereafter mentioned. —
Item. I give to my Daughter Mary Bryan so long as she my said Daughter remains
unmarried, and conducts herself in a chaste and virtuous manner the house whereon
I now live together with a spot of land around the said house lying between two Gullies
known by the name of Pratt's old house, supposed to contain about fifteen Acres be the
same more or less, and I do direct that my son Lovell inclose the said spot of land
under a good fence if my Daughter shall require it, and at the death, Marriage, or
any unchaste conduct in her my said Daughter, the said house and spot of land to
revert to my son Lovell and his heirs forever. *Item.* Whereas there are certain
contracts made between William Suttles and myself by Bonds Traded for one hundred
Acres of land whereon William Massey and his wife now lives, but from variety of cir-
cumstances no Deeds have been made or final settlement had; it is my Will and I
do direct that whenever such settlement shall take place that my son Lovell Bryan
shall have all the advantages arising therefrom either by fee simple in the land, or any
Balances which may appear upon the said settlement, as there are variety of Accounts
between the said Suttles and myself which will be produced upon final settlement. my
reason and motive for this is, that whereas there is a British outstanding Debt against
me at this time unsettled to Andrew Grant of Boyds hole Factor for one Plantation which is
that whenever legal demand shall be made for the same my said son Lovell shall be
accountable for the said Debt, and no part of it to be made out of such of my Estate as
I shall hereafter devise to the rest of my children. *Item.* I give to my Daughter
Mary two Cows and Calves forever and all the Corn and Meat which may be in the house
at my death, I also give to my said Daughter Mary a Sow and six pigs, the wearing cloom
and gear, side saddle, Two Iron pots, a Skillet, frying pan, and flat Irons forever. —
Item. I give to my Daughter Sarah Hudson, two Cows and Calves or their Value to be raised
out of the remaining part of my personal Estate. — *Item.* I give all the rest of my Estate
not heretofore devised to be equally divided between my following children (viz^t) John
Samuel, William, Joseph, Benjamin, Mary, Peggy, Elizabeth, and Sarah. Lastly I
constitute and appoint my son Lovell Bryan sole Executor to this my last Will. In
Witness

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of
January 1789

John Bryan

E. D.

Signed, Sealed, & Acknowledged
in presence of
Robert Maffey senior, James Grant
Alexander ^{his} Grant

At a Court held for King George County
the 2^d day of April 1789

The last Will and Testament of John Bryan dec^d (as aforesaid) was then presented into Court by David Bryan the Executor therein named, who made Oath thereto according to Law, and being further proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto subscribed was admitted to Record, and on 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.

Teste

Law Berry. Ck

I George Marshall of the Parish of Hanover and County of King George being in perfect sense and memory do make this my last Will and Testament in the following manner, to wit, my Will and desire is that my just Debts should be first paid. Item my Will and desire is and I do give to my beloved wife Catherine Marshall and her heirs forever, all the Estate I got by her in Marriage and my Pheaton and Horses in the same manner forever. Item. I leave the use of my whole Estate (except what is above given) to my beloved Mother Ann Marshall during her natural life, and should my wife Catherine survive my mother, in her widowhood, my desire is that she should have the use of my whole Estate during her widowhood and no longer. Item. I give and bequeath to my Nephew George Marshall son of my Brother James Marshall dec^d all my lands to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give the rest of my Estate to be equally divided in three parts after the decease of my mother and widowhood of my wife, that is to say, one third part to my sister Chapman's

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Two children the descendants of William Ford dec^d to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever; another third part I give to my Brother James Marshall's Children, that is the three Daughters I mean (as I have given the son my land he is not to share with them) to be equally divided between them, and should either die in their minority their part or parts to go to the survivors or survivor forever. — Item. The other third part to my sister Gyps children to be equally divided between them and their heirs forever. Item. for fear it should not be rightly understood what I have given to my wife Catharine, I mean all the Estate I got by her at Marriage, and since, that her father has given her, or that she had any claim to, forever. — I further appoint Capt. Peter Jett, and Mr. James Musser Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking all other Will or Wills by me heretofore made, As Witness my hand and Seal this seventeenth day of May seventeen hundred and eighty eight.

Signed, Sealed, & delivered
in Presence of
John Lovell, W^m Marshall
Mary Marshall

George Marshall 

At a Court held for King George County
the 1.st day of January 1789

The last Will and Testament of George Marshall dec^d (as aforesaid) being then presented into Court, was proved by the Oath of John Lovell a Witness thereto, and ordered to be lodged for further proof; and at another Court held for the same County the 2.^d day of April 1789. was further proved by the Oath of W^m Marshall another Witness to the said Will subscribed and ordered to be recorded. — Peter Jett and James Musser the Executors named in the said Will refusing to act, on Motion of Lewis Smith Administrator with the Will annexed of the said George Marshall dec^d is granted to him, who after having taken the Oath prescribed by law, entered into and acknowledged a Bond for the same.

Teste

Law. Berry. C^{llk}

In the name of God amen. Whereas I William Riding of the Parish of Hamver and County of King George intend God willing in a few days to sail for the West Indies (Martinico); from whence perhaps I may never return. I think proper to make my last Will and Testament - which I do in the following manner - *Imprimis*. It is my Will and desire that in this my last Will and Testament my Wife, my Daughter Betsy Mursack Riding, & the Child that my wife is now big with, shall inherit equally of what I now possess, of what kind soever. *Item*. It is my Will and desire that should either my wife or the two children above mentioned die without lawful heirs that then the surviving two shall share equally my whole possession of every kind. *Item*. It is my Will and desire, should both of my said Children die without lawful heirs, that then my Wife have all my Estate during her natural life, and after her decease and the decease of the two above mentioned children without lawful heirs, that then it is my Will and desire that my Estate be equally divided between the sons then living of Daniel Lovell lawfully begotten on my mother Elizabeth Lovell - and further it is my Will and desire that all Debts that may be due or hereafter become due to me when collected shall be equally divided between my two children above mentioned or the survivor of them - and in case each of them should die without lawful issue, that then my Wife shall have and enjoy the money arising from my Debts as aforesaid, and dispose of in such manner as she shall think proper.

And Lastly I constitute and appoint my loving wife Sally Riding whole and sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fifth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Eighty six.

Signed, Sealed, and Acknowledged
by the Testator to be his last Will and
Testament in presence of us -
Ben. Johnson, T. Thornton, Wm Marshall
George Marshall, J. Johnson

William Riding Esq

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At a Court held for King George County
the 2^d day of April 1789

The last Will and Testament of W^m Riding dec^d (as aforesaid) was then presented into Court by Salley Riding the Executor therein named, who made oath thereto according to law, and being proved by the Oaths of Francis Thornton, and W^m Marshall two of the Witnesses thereto, was Ordered to be Recorded.

At another Court held for the same County the 4th day of October 1789. On motion of ^{The S^r Court has failed to give to Bond with sufficient Security as directed by law} Benj^a Johnson Admon with this Will annexed was granted to him, who after taking the Oath appointed by law entered into Bond with ~~William & John~~ Ballhous his security in the sum of Two thousand pounds for the faithful Admin^o of s^r Estate.

Teste
Law Berry. Clk

1789. January the 20th. Know all men by these presents that I James Frank in the Parish of Hanover, and County of King George do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament as followeth
Item. I give to my son John Frank my Land, to him and his heirs lawfully begotten forever. And if he should die without such lawful heirs my desire is that my son James Frank and his lawful heirs should possess the said land forever; and if he die without lawful heirs, my desire is that my son William Frank and his heirs should possess the said land forever. Item - I give to my beloved wife Ann Frank one Bed & Furniture.
Item. I give to my Daughter Sarah Frank, one Bed & Furniture & one Chest.
Item. My desire is that the other part of my Estate that is not already bequeathed, to be sold, and equally divided among the rest of my Children as are named as followeth, Nancy Frank, James Frank, W^m Frank, Mary Frank, Elizabeth Frank, Samuel Frank. I likewise ordain, constitute and appoint my Wife Ann Frank, and my son John Frank to be the Executor of this my last Will and Testament - As Witness my hand and seal.

Signed, Sealed, & Delivered
in presence of us

William Spilman
John Abwood
John Bailey

his
James + Frank Seal
marks

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At a Court held for King George County
the 4th day of June 1789

The last Will and Testament of James Frank dec'd was then
presented into Court, proved by the Oaths of two Witnesses and Order-
ed to be Recorded; Ann Frank Widow and Relict of the said James
Frank came into Court and renounced all benefit which she might claim
under the Will of her said husband, and thereupon prayed Administration
with the Will annexed, of his Estate, and to her it was granted -
who after having taken the Oath appointed by Law, entered into Bond
with Stephen Bailey and W^m Spilman her securities in the sum of
One hundred pounds for the faithful Administration of said Estate.

Test

Lau Berry. Clk

In the Name of God amen. I Margaret Rollins
of King George County being sick of Body but of sound sense and
memory thanks be to God for the same, do make this my last Will and Testa-
ment as followeth. Item. I give to my Sisters my wearing & clothes to be
equally divided between them. Item. Give unto Sucky Jones Price all the rest
of my Estate, and if she should die before she is married or comes of age, my
Brother John Price to have it. Lastly I appoint my Brother John Price
Executor of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 20th January 1789.
Signed, Sealed, & Published
by me Margaret Rollins in presence of

Colvert Jones
Benj^a X Brown
marks

Margaret X Rollings
mark

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The Court held for King George County
the 4th day of June 1799

The Last Will & Testament of Margaret Doolings died (as aforesaid) was then presented into Court by Jⁿ Price the Executor therein named, who made Oath thereto as the Law directs, and being further proved by the Oaths of J^{rs} Hitchens was Ordered to be Recorded; And on Motion of the said Executor for his performing what the Law in such cases require, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form of Law

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Lawberry. Clk.

In the Name of God amen. I Jarricot Wilkerson of the County of King George and Parish of Hanover being very sick of body the perfect senses and sound memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following - *Imprimis*. I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the Earth to be decently buried by my Executors. *Item*. To my son Jesse Wilkerson all my lands with a Negro Girl named Rose. *Item*, To my Daughter Mary Wilkerson one Bed and furniture. *Item*, To my Daughter Lavina Wilkerson one Bed and furniture. *Item*, To my Daughter Mildred Hopkins one shilling and no more of my Estate. *Item*, To my Daughter Elizabeth Payne one shilling and no more of my Estate. *Item*, To my Daughter Rebecca Mardens one shilling and no more of my Estate. *Item*, To my Daughter Nancy Rose one shilling & no more of my Estate. All my Estate not especially mentioned to be divided amongst my three children namely Jesse Wilkerson, Mary Wilkerson and Lavina Wilkerson to them and their heirs forever. My Will is that my Daughters Mary Wilkerson and Lavina Wilkerson should have, hold and peaceably enjoy the Plantation wherein I now live, and that my son Jesse shall let them have as much land as they can work so long as they or either of them live single

single with the use of a slave called Moggie - And lastly my desire is
that my son Jesse Wilkerson and my Daughter Mary Wilkerson with my friend
James Primm shall be my Executors of this my last Will & Testament in
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this second
day of May one thousand seven hundred and Eighty nine.

Signed, Sealed, & Acknowledged

in presence of
Edward Oldham
James Mauders

Jarriot ^{his} Wilkerson ^{made}

A Court held for King Geo. County
the 1st day of October 1789.

The last Will and Testament of Jarriot Wilkerson (as aforesaid) was then
presented into Court by Jesse Wilkerson and James Primm two of the Executors therein
named, who made Oath thereto as the Law directs, and being further proved
by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto, was Ordered to be Recorded; And on
motion of the said Executors they performing what the Law in such cases re-
quire, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Teste

Law Perry. Ck.

I James Lee of the County of King George being in a low State of Health do make this
my last Will and Testament (to wit) I give to my son ^{John} Lee and my Daughter Sally
Lee of the said County of King George all my Estate that I may die possessed of of
what kind soever to be equally divided between them, If the said John Lee die with-
out heir lawful begotten of his Body, it shall return to my son James Lee, and
if my Daughter Sally Lee die without heir lawful begotten of her Body it
shall return to my son David Lee - This my last Will and Testament made
this 6th day of November in the year of our Lord 1785. In Witness whereof I have
hereunto

herunto set my hand and seal
Signed & Published
in the presence of

Test

William Price

Isaac Call

James Lee



At a Court held for King Geo.
County the 1st day of July 1790

The Last Will and Testament of James Lee dec^d. (an aforesaid)
was then presented into Court, proved by the Oaths of Witnesses thereof, & Ordered
to be Recorded. And on motion of John Lee Attorney with the s^d. William Price
was granted to him who after taking the Oath appointed by Law, entered
into Bond with W^m Price & Isaac Owen his securities in the sum of £100

Teste

Law Perry

In the name of God amen. I Burditt Mills
being weak of body but of perfect sense and memory thanks to almighty God
for it, Do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner &
form following — I leave and bequeath to my four sons, viz^t, Burditt,
William, John, and Peter my two Beasts, a Gun, and Carpenters tools to
be sold to the highest bidder, giving six months credit, and the money
arising from the Sale thereof to be equally divided between the children above
mentioned — I leave and bequeath my household furniture to my
beloved wife Catherine and her three Daughters viz^t, Truelove, Sarah and
Patty to be equally divided, and my desire is that my Friends John Curly
and Henry Gammon be the Executors of this my last Will and Testament —
Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of John Curly and Henry Gammon —

Test John Curly

Henry Gammon

Isaac Call

Burditt Mills



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A Court held for King Geo. County
the 1st day of July 1790.

The Last Will and Testament of Bndict Mills dec^d (as aforesaid) was then presented into Court by John Leary one of the Executors therein named who made oath thereof, and being further proved by the Oaths of Henry Gammon and Leonard Martin two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, was Ordered to be Recorded - And on motion of the said Exor Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form - the s^d Exor having first performed what the Law in such cases requires -

Teste

Sam Barry. Clk.

In the name of God amen. I Tabitha Strother of the County of King George being sick and weak of Body but of perfect Sense & memory thanks be to Almighty God for the same, but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life and that it is appointed for all persons once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament, as followeth. -

Item. I give and bequeath to my son John Strother one horse called Dredman two Cows, one feather Bed and furniture, one Desk, one Table, half dozen plates one Dish, and one Pewee, to him and his heirs forever. -

Item. I give and bequeath to my son George Strother the following Negroes, Minded, Dinah, Daniel, Isaac, Clary, James, Happy, William, and Ben, to him and his heirs forever; I also give and bequeath, to my said son George Strother all the rest of my Estate of what sort soever to him and his heirs forever. -

Item. I do nominate and appoint my son George Strother executor and sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament, revoking and disannulling all other Will or Wills heretofore made. - In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourth day of February 1788. -

Signed, Sealed, & Published in presence of us
W. B. Smith, Caleb Smith, Nathan Smith

Tabitha Strother

A Court held for King Geo. County
the 1st day of July 1790

The last Will Testament of Tabitha Strother dec^d (as aforesaid) was then presented into Court by George Strother the Executor therein named who made Oath thereto, and being further proved by the Oaths of Wm^m Dean & Nathan Smith two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, was ordered to be Recorded. And on motion of the said Executor Certificate is granted him for obtaining Probate thereof in due form, he having first performed what the Law in such cases require.

Test

Lawrence Dk.

In the name of God amen. I Samuel Kendal Senior of
King George County being Sick and infirm of Body but of perfect sense and memory
thanks be to Almighty God, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and
Testament in manner following (to wit)

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Kendal all that tract
and plantation Spunlands of Francis Strother whereon my said son Ben-
jamin now lives to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I also give to my son Benjamin Kendal one further Bed & fur-
-niture, to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I do give to my children, namely, M^{rs} Kendal, Samuel
Kendal, W^m Kendal's children, Sarah Pudd's children, John Kendal, and Frances
Berry the Negroes as they stand given in a deed of Gift acknowledged by me
and my dec^d Wife Elizabeth, and recorded in the County Court of King George.

Item. I do leave the Plantation whereon I now live with all the rest
of my Estate to be sold in order to pay my Debts, and what money may
be in discharging my said Debts to be equally divided between my Sons,
Samuel

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Samuel Kendall, John Kendall, and Benjamin Kendall to them and their heirs forever —

I Wm. I do nominate and appoint Benjamin Kendall & Wm. Boon Executors of this my last Will and Testament, revoking & disannulling all other Will or Wills heretofore made, and ratifying this to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal this thirty first day of August 17 and Eighty nine —

Signed, Sealed, & published
This last Will & Testament

Samuel Kendall 

Wm. Boon, ^{his} Rezia ^{mark} Boon, John May

In a Court held for King George County
the 1st day of July 1790. —

The Last Will and Testament of Samuel Kendall deceased as aforesaid was then presented into Court by Benjamin Kendall, and Wm. Boon the Executors therein named who made Oath thereto according to Law, and being further proved by the Oaths of two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, was ordered to be recorded; And on motion of the said Exors. Certificate is granted them for obtaining Probate thereof in due form, the s^d. Exors. having first performed what the Law in such cases requires —

Test
Lawrence Berry, Clerk.

In the Name of God amen. I John Wilson in the parish
 of Hanover, and County of King George, and State of Virginia, being at this time
 very sick and weak in body, but of my perfect mind and memory thanks
 be given unto Almighty God, calling to mind the mortality of my body, &
 knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make, ordain, & acknowledge
 this my last Will and Testament, that is to say - First of all I give, and
 recommend my soul into the hand of God, that gave it, and my body
 I recommend to the Earth, to be buried in a decent Christian burial, at the
 discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection
 I shall receive the same again by the power of God, and of such worldly
 estate wherewith it hath pleased almighty God to bless me with in this
 world I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner
 to wit - First, I give and bequeath to my wife's Daughter Cately
 one further bed & furniture as it stands in my house, & also a Cow &
 Calf out of my Stock - Secondly - to my son John Wilson I give one Mare
 & Saddle and also one riding Mare a dark bay known by the name of
 Thence, and also his equal part or proportion with my son Mr. Wilson in
 all my Stock Household Furniture which are to be divided in manner
 hereafter mentioned, that is to say all that is not hereinafter mentioned al-
 ready - Also to my ^{son} William Wilson I give one small man's Saddle and
 a Colt which comes from the mare aforesaid to my son John which
 shall run with seal with, and also to my son William Wilson one riding horse
 a bright bay known by the name of Rolley which he is not to possess untill
 his mother's pleasure, as also his equal part or proportion with John Wilson
 my son aforesaid in all my Stock and other articles whatever as
 is hereafter to be mentioned - Likewise to my Daughters Cately Owens
 and Nancy Cakely I give one Yearling each, of the male kind of my
 Cattle, which is to be by their mother given to them immediately after
 my death, as the whole part or parts they are to have except what they
 have had

have had given in my lifetime. Likewise my loving wife Sarah Wilson whom I make, constitute, ordain, & appoint the sole Executrix, I give demise and bequeath unto her the possession of all and every article or articles mentioned to be by her possessed and enjoyed during her lifetime. or whatever is not mentioned as already, as Stock of Cattle, or furniture or other articles to be by her possessed and enjoyed during her life except as is before excepted to my Daughters Lucy and Nancy, and at her death the residuum or all and whatever is not mentioned herein to be sold and equally divided between my Sons John and Mr. Wilson.

And I do hereby utterly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every other former Testaments or Wills, and executors or executrices by me in any wise before named, willed, and bequeathed, ratifying and confirming this to be my last Will and testament. In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this ninth day of April in the year of our Lords one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven and in the seventh year of the Commonwealth.

Signed, Sealed, Published, pronounced & Declared by the said John Wilson as his last Will & Testament, in the presence of us, who have subscribed our names hereunto
Eph^r Thornley - Annth Underwood

his
John I W Wilson
mark

In a Court held for King Geo County the 1st day of July 1790.

The last Will & Testament of John Wilson deceased (as aforesaid) was then presented into Court, proved by the Oath of Eph^r Thornley and Ordered to be lodged for further proof; And at another Court held for the same County the 2^d day of September 1790. was further proved by the Oath of Ann Underwood and Ordered to be Recorded. And on motion of James Cokerly Administration, with the said Will annexed is granted to him, who having taken the Oath appointed by Law entered into Bonds with John Gravatt & Henry Gaines his Sec^{ys} in the sum of £.100 for the same.

Teste
Paul Berry. Clk.

In the name of God, Amen. I William Sullivan
 of King George County being sick & weak of Body, but of sound mind and
 memory, Thanks be to Almighty God for the same, and knowing it is ap-
 pointed for all men to die, do make & ordain this to be my last Will
 & Testament, as follows, to wit. Item, I do lend to my beloved Wife
 Sarah all my Estate untill my youngest Child may arrive to the age
 of twenty one years to raise my children upon, & that my loving Wife have
 the use of it during life & then to be equally divided among all my children
 being unles she should marry, than my Will is that my loving Wife have on-
 ly what the Law allows

Item, I do appoint & nominate my loving Wife Sarah whole and sole
 Executrix of this my last Will & Testament & that my Executrix may not be
 held to account. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & seal this second day of June one thousand seven hundred
 and Eighty nine.

Signed Sealed and Published

This to be my last Will

in presence of

W. Boon, John Jones

Elizabeth ^{her} Matthews Sarah ^{her} Matthews

Witness
 William Sullivan ^{his} Seal
 mark

A Court held for King George County

The 6th day of January 1791

The last Will & Testament of W^m Sullivan dec^d being then presented
 into Court was proved by the Oaths of two of the Witnesses thereto subscri-
 bed & Ordained to be Recorded. And on motion of William Boon senior
 Administrator with the said Will annexed was granted to him, he ha-
 ving first performed what the Law in such cases require

Teste
 Luc Perry, Ck.

In the name of God, Amen. I Robert Minnis being weak of Body but of perfect Sense & Memory thanks be to Almighty God for it, do make and ordain this my last Will Testament in manner & form following; Item, first I leave my Soul to the mercy of my Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, and my Body to be decently buried by my Executors: and what it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow on me, I leave as follows; Item, I give & bequeath to my Daughter Elizabeth Minnis my whole estate — Provided she should die before she arrives to age, then my Will & desire is that my Estate should be equally divided between my three sisters, Sarah Minnis, Margret Minnis & Catharine Minnis and to their heirs lawfully begotten of their Body exclusive of a Gun which I leave to my brother Charles Chyles, and do leave my brother Charles Chyles the Executor of this my last Will & Testament
January 28th 1791

Signed in the presence of
Dane Moss & Leonard Martin

his
Robert Minnis
Clark

At a Court held for King George County
the 3^d day of February 1791.

The last Will and Testament of Robert Minnis (as aforesaid) being then presented into Court, proved by the Oath of one of the Witnesses thereto subscribed and ordered to be recorded. — The Executor named in the s^d Will refusing to take upon himself the burthen of the execution thereof, administration with the s^d Will annexed is granted unto Townsend Dade Gent: he having first performed what the Law in such cases require

Teste
Law. Berry Clerk

In the name of God, Amen. I Rose Berryman
 of the County of King George being in my perfect Senses do make
 and appoint this my last Will and Testament in manner & form
 as follows; *Imprimis* I give and bequeath unto my Son
 Reuben Berryman one negro girl known by the name of Mary
 with all her increase to him & his heirs forever, and one feather
 bed; and in case he should die without heirs then it is my desire
 that my brother Francis Dade shall have the above mentioned
 negro Mary with all her increase & the feather bed &c. abovementioned.
 3^d November 1785

Tested John Blackstone Major
 Amy Talsferro
 Nehemiah R. B. Major

Rose Berryman

At a Court held for King George County
 the 3^d day of February 1791

The last Will and Testament of Rose Berryman dec^d (as afore-
 going) being then presented into Court was proved by the Oath of
 John B. Major a Witness thereto subscribed. & Ordered to be Record-
 ed.

Test
 Law Berry Th.

In the Name of God, Amen. I William Rawlitt of the County of King George & Parish of Hanover, being sick and weak in body but of sound perfect memory and Understanding, do make, Bequeath & Constitute this my last Will and Testament in manner & form following;

Imprimis, I give unto my beloved Wife Elizabeth Rawlitt all my estate during her natural life, & after her death to descend to my daughter Frances Staples & to her male Heirs lawfully begotten of her body - & if she should die without male or female Heirs before her Husband then the said estate to descend to her Husband William Staples & after his death to descend to my Son Jesse Rawlitt's Children to be equally divided amongst them now in being — Item I give unto my Son Jesse Rawlitt one Silver Dollar —

My Will and desire is that my body be buried in a decent Christian manner and all my Debts to be paid when due; In Witnes's whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this fourteenth day of February one thousand seven hundred & ninety one - & I leave Archdell Casie my Executor -

Test

Archd. Cash
William Murphy ^{his}
Elinor Staples ^{her}

William Rawlitt 

At a Court held for King Geo. County
the 7th. day of April 1791 — 3

The last Will & Testament of William Rawlitt being then presented into Court was proved by the Oaths of Archd Cash and William Murphy two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed & Ordered to be Recorded

Law. Perry Clerk

In the Name of God Amen, I Calvert Jones of King
 George County being in senses, health & memory praised be God for
 the same, do make this my last Will & Testament, —
 I'm. I give unto my Nephew Nathaniel Jones one hundred pounds
 Cash & half my Cattle, Hogs & Horses —
 I'm. I give unto my sister Frances Jones one bed & furniture her choice,
 also I give her ten pounds Cash at my death & ten pounds Cash for
 every year she shall live after my death, to be paid by Executor yearly —
 I'm. I set my celled boy John Luckus free at my Death
 I'm. I give unto my nephew Charles Grigsby Jones the use of all my
 Land during his life, but at his Death I give all my Land to his eldest
 Son then living, to him & his heirs forever. Also I give unto the said
 Charles G. Jones all my other Estate which I have not given away
 all ready — my desire that my Estate shall not be appraised — I have sold
 unto my Neighbour John Price a slice of my Land at the West end be-
 ginning at a mark'd ^{Sum} at the head of his meadow thence up the West
 ward bottom to his ditch, thence strait as the ditch go^s to the meadows
 & the Sum between me & Bonnetts Land — Lastly I appoint
 the Charles G. Jones Executor of this my last Will & Testament I Wit-
 ness whereof I have set my hand & seal this 29th August
 Signed Sealed & published by me
 Calvert Jones in presence of
 Robert Jew ^{his} Dade John Peck
 Ben^y ^{mark} Brown

Calvert Jones Seal

At a Court held for King George County the 7th day of April 1791 —
 The last Will & Testament of Calvert Jones dec^d (as aforesaid) was then presented
 into Court by Ch^s G. Jones Esq^r therein named who made Oath thereof according
 to Law, and being further proved by the Oaths of two of the Witnesses thereto sub-
 scribed was Ordered to be Recorded; & on motion of the s^d Esq^r for performing
 what the Law in such cases require Certificate is granted him for obtain-
 ing Probate thereof in due form — Teste Law. Perry Ck

In the Name of God Amen. I Benjamin Edelen of the County of King George and Parish of Brunswick being sick and weak of sound and perfect ^{mind and} memory, do make and constitute this my last Will and Testament — I mprimis I leave two hundred pounds sterling Land Currency to be laid out in Lands for the use of my Wife Sally Edelen and my three children during her natural life and after her decease the Land to be sold & the money to be equally divided between my two sons Robert Edelen & my Son John Edelen — Item, I give unto my loving Wife Sally Edelen two Negroes Ben and Betty and their increase during her life and after her decease to be equally divided between my three children — Item, I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Edelen two Negroes, Sam & Edie, & their increase to her & her Heirs forever, Item, I give unto my Son Robert two Negroes, Ned and Sock & their increase to him & his Heirs forever — Item I give to my Son John two Negroes, Nacc & Winny & their increase to him & his Heirs forever — Item, I give to my loving Wife Sally Edelen four horses, Ball, Star, Peg & Old Dorry — I give unto my daughter Elizabeth one colt call'd Polly Gynnes — I give to my Son Robert one colt call'd Comrade — Item, It is my Will that one mare colt call'd Lady Legs to be sold & the money put out to Interest for my Son John Edelen when he arrives of age — Item, I give & full support for my Wife & family out of my present Crop, for the next year, then the balance of my Crop to be sold & all the residue of my Estate, and money to be divided in four parts for my Wife & three children, & for each of the children to have their parts as they come of age — I leave my loving Wife Sally Edelen & John Perry Executors & Executor of this my last Will and Testament — In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand

hand and seal this seventeenth day of November in the year of our
Lord one thousand seven hundred & Ninety —

Sign'd, Seal'd & Delivered

In presence of us

John Thornley

R. G. Beverly

Dan^d M. Garty Fitzhugh

Th^s Tyler

Benjamin Edelen (seal)

At a Court held for King George County
the 7th day of April 1791 —

The last Will & Testament of Benjamin Edelen dec^d. (as aforesaid)
being then presented into Court was proved by the Oaths of two of the
Witnesses thereto subscribed and Ordered to be Recorded —

Teste

Law. Perry

In the Name of God Amen — I William Shropshire of the
Parish of Hanover and in the County of King George being sick &
infirm in Body, but in perfect sense & memory Thanks be to God —
knowing the uncertainty of this life, do make & Ordain this my last
Will and Testament, in manner and form following. First of all I recom-
mend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the
Earth from whence it came to be buried in a Christian like manner
at the discretion of my Executors —

Item. It is my Will & desire that my loving Wife Catharine Shrop-
shire continue to keep this plantation, and all belonging now to me
as I

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as I hold it at present and on the same terms with John Gravate partner, who is jointly concerned with me in the lease obtained from Col^o Tho^s Lomas Guardian to Richard Turner, in ^{case} my Wife dies or marries it is still my desire that the whole be continued for the term of the Lease for the benefit of my Children — 'Tis my desire that the profits arising from this plantation, together with the rents of the Warehouse, & the other houses on my Lots in the Town of Port-Conway shall be laid out in purchasing Negroes for the use of my loving Wife & Children until the expiration of the abovementioned Lease at the discretion of my Executors — Item. I leave to my loving Wife Catharine Shropshire during her natural life half the Lot that James Strother now lives on taking in the house the s^d James Strother lives in, & the house that Charles Haddesock lives in, in the Town of Port-Conway, and after my Wife's death I give the said houses and half Lot to my Son John Shropshire to him & his Heirs forever. — Item. I give to my Son James Shropshire the other half the s^d Lot N. eight with the Store-House & Granary in the Town of Port-Conway to him & his Heirs forever. — I also give to my said Son James Shropshire a tract of Land I bought of Robert Strother in the County of King George to him and his Heirs forever — Item. I give to my Son William Shropshire the one half the Lot N. seven on which stands the Warehouse in the Town of Port-Conway to him & his Heirs forever — Item. It is my desire at the expiration of the Lease I now hold in partnership with John Gravate obtained from Col^o Tho^s Lomas Guardian to Richard Turner that then all and every part of my Personal Estate shall

late shall be equally divided between my three children James Shropshire, William Shropshire and John Shropshire except one third part which I lend to my Wife during her natural life and after her death to my Sons James Shropshire, William Shropshire & John Shropshire to them & their Heirs forever - I here observe that it's my whole desire & intent that when the Lease expires and the Division day appears then my loving Wife Catharine Shropshire & my Children James Shropshire, William Shropshire and John Shropshire have possession of their portions agreeable to this my last Will and not before —

And lastly I constitute and appoint James Shrother, John Gravall, John Marshall & Aaron Thornley Executors of this my last Will & Testament - In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this eleventh day of Feb^y - one thousand seven hundred & ninety one —

Sealed, Signed and Acknowledged
in Presence of

W. Boon

William Shropshire (seal)

John Thornley & Ben^y Baber —

At a Court held for King Geo. County the 7th day of April 1791 -
The last Will & Testament of William Shropshire auct^r as aforesaid being then presented into Court was proved by the Oaths of three of the Witnesses thereto subscribed & Credited to be Recorded (

Teste Law. Ben^y Baber

In the Name of God Amen. I William Fitzhugh of,
 Marmion in the county of King George planter being in perfect health and sound
 memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner and
 form following, that is to say

My Soul I resign to Almighty God when it shall please ^{him} to call it hence, ho-
 ping and expecting through his divine mercy a pardon of all my sins. My
 Body I desire may be decently buried in my burying ground but without
 pomp or other ceremony except such as may be conformable with the Christian

Rites: & I request of my family (excepting my Wife) that they acquit them-
 selves of that abused custom of wearing mourning, and that they wear
 no mourning for me — With respect to my worldly Estate, it is my Will,

Imprimis that my Executors hereinafter named as soon as may be after my
 decease, do make an Inventory thereof, & proceed to the disposition and manage-
 ment thereof, according to the several advices and directions hereinafter
 mentioned

Item. I Will that all my legal debts be paid, but none other, and for
 the purpose of paying them I do direct my executors to appropriate whatever
 money or Tobacco may be due to me by Bond or otherwise whenever
 same shall be collected

Item. I leave unto my dear & much beloved Wife all her cloaths made
 up, or which may be purchased at the time of my death and intended to be made
 up, of whatsoever sort or kind they be in her possession, together with all
 her jewels — her gold watch and its appurtenances — I give to her such
 part of my household furniture, plate & books as she may choose, and over
 and above the provision herein after made for her annual support, I give
 her such a part of the stores, provided for the family use at the time
 of my death as she may think proper to take — I farther give and
 bequeath unto my said Wife my Coach together with the horses thereto

nests &c. thereto belonging at the time of my decease, and if either of the said horses should die, it is my Will that she have liberty to choose any other to supply its place out of my estate - and I do further will that the Coach & harness be kept in proper repair for her use and that of such of my unmarried children as may remain with her - I do will that suitable mourning for twelve months after my decease, be provided for my wife, & paid for out of my Estate -

Item. I leave unto my said wife her choice of eight of my slaves, male or female or both, excepting tradesmen and those which I shall hereafter hereafter devise together with my gardenor Charles, and the choice of a coop, all and every of which devises and bequests already made or hereafter to be made, I do make to my said wife during her widowhood with a power to my said wife to dispose of the whole hereon already bequeathed to her, to such of my children as she shall think proper (excepting the slaves of whom she is not to dispose) or to divide the same among my said children and in such proportions as she shall judge fit -

Item. I leave unto my Wife during her widowhood my Marston houses garden & orchards together with the occasional use of my plantation waggon & team -

Item. I do further leave unto my said wife for the support of herself and such of my unmarried daughters as may live with her whom I desire she may keep during her widowhood, sixty weight of single refined, two leaves of double refined, and a hundred weight of best brown sugar: fifteen gallons of best spirits, sixty weight of coffee, & five pounds of best hyson tea; also twenty well fatted hogs, two stall'd & two ~~fat~~ calves, two good muttons, four lambs & two veals; ninety barrels of corn and four barrels of superfine flour per annum; as also a constant supply of eight melch cows and a sufficient annual supply of hay or fodder for her live stocks; these articles & stock to be furnished her by my Executors every year

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and at such times and seasons thereof as my said wife may require the same —
Item. I do likewise leave unto my wife sixty pounds specie per annum during her widowhood: to be paid to her every year during the said time by my said Executors and at such times or seasons of the year as my said Wife may require —

Item. It is to be understood and I do hereby declare it to be my intention that the devises and bequests herein made to my wife, are in lieu and full satisfaction of her dower or legal proportion of my estate, both real and personal — And as my wife has ever shown the greatest affection and most tender attention towards me in all cases, and also towards my dear children, I do hereby charge them as they owe me my memory that they endeavour all in their power to make her life as happy & comfortable as they can; & I do earnestly request that my Executors do attend to the same —

Item. It is my Will that the bequests made to my Wife be complied with before any other; & that my Executors postpone the payment of every other legacy to the support of her in the manner above directed, provided it shall appear that there will not be a sufficiency left after the payment of my legal Debts, to afford her the annual supply which I have given her and at all events that they do not pay to any legatee the sum of money or deliver up the property herein devised to him or her until such legatee shall give a bond obliging himself or herself as the case may be to return a proportionate part of the money or property devised to him or her, provided the said annual supply cannot be afforded to my said Wife out of the remainder of the Estate.

Item. That in all cases and in every event which may take place after my decease my said Wife may be provided for as amply as my estate will permit; I do further Will that provided my estate after the payment of my legal debts be insufficient to afford my said Wife the annual supply which I have above provided for her, then and in such case

my said Executors shall furnish her so much of the said annual supply every year as the estate will enable them to furnish; and if my said wife shall be dissatisfied with what the estate will enable my said Executors to furnish her, in that case I do will that she take all the residue of my estate real and personal, over & above the payment of my legal debts, and hold the same during her widowhood, provided she shall choose to take it; and that all other legacies & bequests shall remain unpaid until the determination of her estate, unless during the continuance thereof she shall choose to pay to any legatee or legatees the sums of money or property bequeathed to them, & in that case such payment shall be as valued towards the satisfaction of such legatee or legatees, as if it had been made by my Executors — Provided also that if my wife shall take the remaining estate as aforesaid she shall maintain all my unmarried daughters so long as they shall remain single —

Having already provided for my sons Daniel & Theodorick by a grant of my Carolina Estate, I give and bequeath unto my said son Daniel one shilling current money of Virginia & to my son Theodorick my gold stock buckle —

Item. I leave unto my son John all the negroes which I have hitherto lent him during his life, and at his decease I leave the whole of them and their increase to be equally divided between his two eldest sons now living by his present wife; and provided he has but one son living by his said wife.

Item. I leave to my son Philip all my estate real and personal which shall remain after the payment of my legal debts, the support of my wife & the payment of the legacies herein bequeathed, provided that within or at the expiration of two years after he shall come to the possession of the said estate, or shall have a right to possess it, he give to my son M^rbury

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in fee simple a good plantation containing six hundred acres of Land at the least
to be judges of by my Executors, and ten working hands exclusive of a negro
fellow named Tomy, otherwise called carpenter Jack's son; but if my said
son Philip shall fail to make the said settlement on my son M^cCarthy,
then I do give the said remainder of my estate to my said son M^cCarthy
to him & his heirs forever, under the same limitations with respect to
the payment of debts and legacies & the support of my wife as I have gi-
ven it to my son Philip —

Item. My will is, that if my son Robert should return to this
state he shall be paid one shilling out of my estate, my reason for which
is, that he at the commencement of the late War quitted the business which
I had allotted for his living, since which I have never heard of him there-
fore I leave him to the providence of a just and merciful God —

Whereas some of my sons may be litigious, and dispute with one an-
other concerning the bequests herein made them, I do hereby declare
that if any one of them sues the other concerning this Will, or any of the
bequests herein made, I do hereby revoke every bequest herein made
to the son who shall sue, and do leave the same to the son who shall
be sued & his heirs forever — And where any devise shall be made to
the heirs of any of my sons, provided any of my said sons shall sue concerning
this Will or any of the bequests herein made as aforesaid, I do also revoke
such devise with respect to the heirs of the son who shall sue, for the pur-
pose of vesting the property or money thereby devised to the son who shall
be sued, or to any of my children who shall be sued & their heirs forever.

Item. I leave unto my two sons Daniel and Theodorick
two negro fellows to wit
in trust for my son William Beverley, with a power to my said sons

(to)

to convey the said negroes to my said son W. Beverly in fee whenever they shall think it prudent to do so, or to make such other disposition thereof as to them shall seem most beneficial to my said son W. Beverly—

But provided no such disposition in fee be made to my said son W. Beverly during his life, I do will that on his death the said slaves be considered as part of my residuary estate & pass to my residuary legatee—

Having provided for my sons I do provide for my daughters thus,

Item. To my daughter Lucy Campbell I devise the sum of six hundred pounds current money of Virginia —————

Item. To my daughter Elizabeth I devise provided she marry the sum of five hundred pounds on her day of marriage, but if she do not marry then I do revoke this bequest: I will that my executors pay to my said daughter Elizabeth the sum of twenty five pounds per annum, while she shall remain single unless my wife shall choose to take the residue of my estate into her possession after the payment of my legal debts which however she is not to do unless the said residue be insufficient to afford the annual supply which I have provided for her; and in that case my daughter Elizabeth as well as my other daughters unmarried are to be supported by my said wife during her widowhood; but after that, or when my said wife's estate shall determine I do leave to my said daughter Elizabeth the said sum of twenty five pounds per annum to be paid to her as long as she continues single —————

Item. Provided my daughter Anna should marry I leave to her the sum of five hundred pounds as aforesaid to be paid to her on her day of marriage, but if she never marry, then with respect to her

(I do)

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I do revoke this bequest— Concerning the support of my said daughter Anna while she shall remain single, that is concerning the payment of twenty five pounds per annum to my said daughter, I do will that the same be paid to her under the like conditions that it is payable to my said daughter Elizabeth —————

Item. Provides my daughter Sally shall marry I leave to her the sum of five hundred pounds on her day of marriage also the sum of twenty five pounds per annum while she shall remain single, payable in the same manner and under the same conditions as the same is payable to my daughter Elizabeth —————

Item. Provides my daughter Cholly shall marry I do leave to her on her day of marriage the sum of five hundred pounds: also the sum of twenty five pounds per annum — to be paid in the same manner and under the same conditions and provisos as the same is payable to her sister Elizabeth —————

Item. Provides my daughter Maria should marry I leave her the sum of five hundred pounds on her day of marriage also the sum of twenty five pounds per annum while she shall remain single, payable in the same manner, under the same conditions and provisos as the same is payable to her sister Elizabeth —————

Item. Provides my daughter Sarah shall marry I leave her the sum of five hundred pounds on her day of marriage to be paid to her by her brother Philip; but if my said son Philip shall refuse to pay the same then on her marriage as aforesaid, I do order the same to be paid out of my estate, I also leave her the sum of twenty five pounds

per annum to be paid in the same manner and under the same conditions and provisos, as the same is payable to my daughter Elizabeth

I do appoint my executors, guardians of my son McCarty untill he shall attain the age of twenty one years

Item I do constitute and appoint my son Philip, my friend William Hooe of Pine Hill and my son-in-law Alexander Campbell executors of this my last will and Testament -

I do revoke all other wills by me heretofore made and do declare this to be my last Will and Testament

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this third day of March Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred

Witness

Charles Lee

Daniel Fitzhugh

Theodorick Fitzhugh

John Matthews

Charles Love Junr

Wm. Fitzhugh Seal

A Codicil to the above Will - My will is that the ten slaves devised to my wife in the foregoing Will return with their future increase to my son Philip Fitzhugh & his heirs at her death or marriage.

Acknowledged the 4th March 1789

before J. Matthews. C. Love Junr

Wm. Fitzhugh Seal

At a Court held for King George county
the 2^d day of June 1791 —

The last will and testament of William Fitzhugh dec^d (of Maryland) being presented into court was proved by the oaths of Dan^l. Fitzhugh, Theo. Fitzhugh and John Watkins three of the witnesses thereto subscribers & ordered to be recorded; & at another Court held for the same county the 6th day of October 1791 the Codicil to the said Will annexed being admitted by the court to have been signed by the s^d testator was also ordered to be recorded & on motion Philip Fitzhugh one of the exors. in s^d Will named & who made oath thereto according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form, he first performing what the law in such cases require — s^d Philip having renounced to his qualification as aforesaid renounced & refused to take upon himself the executorship on the estate of Dan^l. Fitzhugh and all other testator's estates to whom the s^d Will was executor or administrator; which was ordered to be certified —

Teste

Wm. Berry Ck —

I Robert Slith of King George county do make and ordain this my last will and testament, as followeth — I give to my living wife Mary Tox^d Slith the cook wench called Sarah, also Fanny, Kelly and Jack each of them now in the house, during her natural life, at her death to be left among my children as she thinks proper — I give to the said Mary Slith my Coach and the four black horses, or any four that may belong to it at my death, also my young bay riding mare, to be disposed of among my children as she thinks proper — I give to my said Wife all my household

and kitchen furniture, to be disposed of as above. I also desire that my said wife & Mary Smith to have the use of one third of all my Negroes during her life — I give to my son Putnam Smith four hundred & fifty acres of land to him & his lawful heirs forever, the number of acres to be laid off for him when he comes of age by my executors on that part of my plantation according to the guide in the most convenient manner by a line or lines from the dividing line between Nathaniel Washington's estate & myself & Daniel Smith's line — I give to my son John Smith a certain part of my plantation containing six hundred and twenty acres to him & his lawful heirs forever — should he die before they come of age or without lawful issue the same being one is to possess whatever is by this Will devised to the other — I give to my daughters an equal division of my slaves, with such standing here now in my said Smith's possession at her death, & if she dies at her death, as each of the daughters marry, to be set apart for them by disinterested persons, they to make choice of a Negro girl from the whole as a waiting maid, to be counted as one of their proportion, also the same proportion of cattle & sheep — The residue of my estate of all kind whatsoever to be equally divided between my two sons — It is my Will that if my estate should be in debt when I die, and the debts cannot be easily paid off without selling property, I desire my estate to sell so much property of any sort except land as will be sufficient to pay the debts before any division among my children takes place — It is my Will that my children be educated & supported from the estate in common until they marry or come of age, the boys I desire to be sent to the best & most convenient schools until they become qualified

to enter on some profession then to be put to such as may best suit their capacities and there to continue until they are properly qualified to act for themselves — I do appoint my loving Wife Mary Stith, Mr. Laurence Washington senr. Mr. Wm. Storke & Mr. Thomas Washington Esqrs. acting at the same time that my wife have the management of my whole estate so long as she remains single or unmarried, in which case the above named Gent^{le} to take it immediately out of her hands — In Witness whereof I set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & eighty eight

Robert Stith Seal

At a Court held for King George County
the 6th day of October 1791 —

The last will and testament of Robert Stith dec^d was presented into court by Mary T. Stith executrix therein named and in the oath she made as the law directs, and the Court being wholly of opinion that the s^d Will is altogether of the hand writing of the s^d Robert Stith the Testator, there is ordered to be recorded — And on the motion of the s^d Exec^{trix} certificate is given to her for obtaining probate thereof in due form; she with Laurence Washington senr. & Charles Stuart senr. having entered into bond in the sum of £20.000 for the same; s^d Laurence Washington having previously renounced the executorship of s^d Will —

Teste
Law. Berry Esq.

In the name of God, c Amen. I John Bunbury of the county of King
George, being weak in body, but of perfect sense and memory do make this
my last Will and Testament in manner and form following —

Impremis I give to my two daughters Pamela Bunbury and my
youngest daughter called Mariab not yet baptised all the residue of the
money arising from the land that I sold in the State of Maryland after
my just debts are paid to them and their heirs forever — Item. I

give to my son Thomas Bunbury all the tract of land whereon I now live
and his heirs forever — Item. I give to my said son Thomas Bunbury
all my tract of land called Whiting's to him and his heirs forever —

Item I give to my said son Thomas Bunbury one negro lad named
John to him and his heirs forever — Item. My will and desire is that

all the residue of my estate be kept together for the support of my Wife &
children until they marry or arrive to age. Item. I constitute and appoint

my wife Anne Bunbury & my brothers William, Thomas and Henry
Bunbury and my friend Thomas Short, executors and executors of the

my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and seal this 15th day of February 1791 —

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of
Nathaniel Williamson, Henry Berry, George Boyle } John Bunbury

(At a Court held for King Geo. County the 1st day of December 1791
The last Will and Testament of John Bunbury du? (as aforesaid) was
then presented into Court by Thomas Bunbury and Henry Bunbury two of

The Executors therein named who made oath thereto as the law directs and being further proved by the oaths W. Williamson and George Boyle two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed was ordered to be recorded; and on motion of the said executors certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof in due form, they having performed what the law in such cases require

Teste. Lawrence Boyle

In the name of God Amen. I Amy Little of King George County living in perfect sense and memory do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament as followeth — I give and bequeath to my daughter Judy one feather bed and furniture his choice for ever I also give to my said daughter Judy one young year mare also two cows and calves five head of hogs to her and heirs forever — I give and bequeath to my son in law Thomas Wilkinson one feather bed and furniture his choice after my daughter Judy has taken her bed &c. to him and his heirs forever — I give and bequeath to Newton Williams and Thomas Williams one horse cart to him and his heirs forever — I give and bequeath to my son in law William Little & his wife Mary all the rest of my estate both real and personal to them and their heirs forever — I do nominate and appoint Wm. Little and Wm. Boone senior Executors of this my last Will and Testament — In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 30th July, 1791
Signed, Sealed & published in presence of
W. Boone — Mary ^{my} Wilkinson
James ^{my} Wilkinson — ^{my} Amy Little
Barret Wilkinson

At a Court held for King George County
the fifth day of April 1792

The last Will and Testament of Amy Suttle dec^d as aforesaid was presented into Court by William Suttle one of the Executors therein named who made Oath therein as the Law directs, and being further proved by the Oaths of Wm. Biron and Barnet Wilkerson two of the Witnesses thereto subscribed is read & is recorded, and on motion of the said Amy Suttle is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form as the Law first performed what the Law in such cases requires -

Esle
Lambert R. Cur

It is remembered that I William Piper of the County of
King George & parish of Hanover, being sick and weak but in my
perfect senses, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament
in the following manner - *I give and bequeath to my be-
loved wife Ann Piper my upper Mill which I purchased of Major
William Buryman to her and her heirs forever*

*I give and bequeath unto
my wife Ann Piper to her and her heirs forever*

Lastly I do hereby appoint my son John Piper, my wife Ann
Piper & James Murre Executors to this my last Will - In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 13th day of March
1791 - Witnesses

William Dismar, Peter Jett
James Murre

William Piper Esq

A Court held for King George County

The fifth day of April 1792

The last Will and Testament of Wm. Piper deceased as foregoing was presented into Court by James Mure one of the Executors therein named & being proved by the oaths of the Witnesses thereto subscribed is ordered to be Recorded

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas M. Mure of the County of King George and parish of Saint Paul do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows, First I give and bequeath unto my son John Short Mure all the Land that I possess, in case that he should die without heirs of his body lawfully begotten then I give and bequeath the plantation I live on to my eldest daughter Elizabeth Short Mure & the land I purchased of John Turner to my second daughter Sarah Short Mure. I give and bequeath to my eldest daughter Elizabeth Short Mure one Negro girl by the name of Sarah, I give and bequeath to my son John one negro boy by the name of James. I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Short

I have one Negro girl by the name of Grace - It is my will and desire
 that all my slaves shall work as formerly they have done all together on my
 plantations after all my just debts are paid, then it is my Will and de-
 sire that there be an equal distribution of all my slaves that is not yet
 mentioned, stocks, of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs, and household furni-
 ture between my daughter Elizabeth Short Mafsey, my son John Short
 Mafsey and my daughter Sarah Short Mafsey - In case my daughter Eliza-
 beth Short Mafsey ^{should marry} ~~John~~ for her immediately to have her part laid off to her -
 the same her share to be thrown together until my son John Short
 comes of age then to be equally distributed between my son John
 Short Mafsey and my daughter Sarah Short Mafsey - Then it is my Will and
 desire that my daughter Sarah Short Mafsey's Negroes should work on
 her plantations as formerly - in case my son John when he comes of age
 should not or have her from working her Negroes as aforesaid then
 she is to receive and pay her ten pounds p^a year until she marries -
 Witness my hand and appoint my friend Thomas Short and my
 son John Mafsey my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will &
 Testament - Given from under my hand this 14th day of Nov^r 1790
 Signed, Sealed & Delivered
 in presence of us
 Teste W^m Stuart
 Dennis Mullins

Sig^d Mafsey

At a Court held for King George County
 the fifth day of January 1792

The last will and Testament of Sigismund Mafsey de & as foregoing
 was presented into Court & proved by the Oath of Dennis Mullins

a Witness thereto subscribed and Ordered to be certified, and at another Court held for the said County the fifth day of April 1792 was further proved by the oath of John G. Stuart & Ordered to be Recorded For the motion of Thomas Short one of the Executors therein named Certificate is granted him for obtaining probate thereof in due form he having first taken the oath prescribed by Law and entered into Bond with William Banbury his security in the sum of five thousand pounds for the same.

Teste
J. Banbury Clerk of Court

In the name of God Amen - I Jeremiah Kirk of the Parish of Sturton and County of King George being sick and weak of body, but of perfect and sound mind and memory thanks be to God therefore - But calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament; that is to say, principally and first of all I recommend my soul in the hands of Almighty God who gave it me, and my body I commit to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give, devise and dispose thereof in manner and form following -
Item, I give and bequeath to my son Jeremiah Kirk the land I bought of Charles Carter in Stafford County, and a Negro man called Harry, and the stock and household goods of what kind soever that he has had, and their increase to him and his heirs forever -
Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah Balthrop's children a negro woman called Win. and a boy called

called Tom, and a girl called Jude, and their increase, but not to be taken from her during her natural life, and after her death to be equally divided amongst her children, to them and their heirs forever —

Item. I give and bequeath to my Son Herckiate Kirk the land I bought of William Skinner from the Annitopian Creek Dam up to a large white Oak standing in the path side that goes from my house to his house, and from the said Oak down a valley to the line that is betwixt myself and Joseph Jones, & a negro man called Peter, and the stock and household goods of what kind soever that he has had, & their increase to him and his heirs forever —

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Jesse Kirk a negro man called Jack, and a negro woman called Hannah, and her increase, and the stock and household goods of what kind soever that he has had, and their increase to him and his heirs forever —

Item. I give and bequeath to my grand Daughter Elizabeth Kirk, Daughter of my son James Kirk, ten pounds to her and her heirs forever —

Item. I give and bequeath to my grand Daughter Mary Jones ten shillings to her and her heirs forever —

Item. I give and bequeath to my beloved Wife Ann Kirk, all the remaining part of my land being not already given nor heretofore mentioned, and a negro man called Adam, and a negro woman called Jude, and a negro girl called Agg and her increase, and all the remaining part of my stock and household goods of what kind soever and increase to her during her natural life or widowhood, and after ^{her} death my desire is that every thing heretofore mentioned and given to my said beloved Wife Ann Kirk & their increase should