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the remaining part of her life provided always that she do confine
her Choice to one of my Children or Grandchildren and to such
Child or Grandchild so by her chosen I do devise the said Lydia &
all and every Child or Children which she shall bear from
and after my said Grand Son the said Charles Augustine Ashton
attaining his age of eighteen Years forever, but if she the said
Negro Lydia doth bear any Child or Children before my
said Grandson the said Charles Augustine Ashton doth attain
his said Age of eighteen years, such last mentioned Children
of the said Lydia I desire may pass & go to my said Grandson
the said Charles Augustine Ashton in fee simple forever.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Granddaughter Sarah Ashton
Daughter of my Son Burdit Ashton a Bond passed to me by a
certain John Price and Birkett Davenport conditioned for the
payment of a certain Sum of Money therein expressed to which said
sum of Money & the Interest which shall be thereon due at the time
of my Decease I desire my Executors herein after named to add
as much more as will in the whole amount to the Sum of five
hundred pounds the said Sum of five hundred Pounds to be placed
out Interest by my said Executors on good Security for the use and
Benefit of my said Granddaughter the said Sarah Ashton and to
be paid to her at her Age of Eighteen or on her Day of Marriage
but if my said Granddaughter the said Sarah Ashton shall die
before her age of Eighteen or before she is Married. I then desire
the said Principal Sum of five hundred Pounds and the Interest
~~thereon~~ which shall be thereon due to my said Grandson Charles
Augustine Ashton and if both my said Grandchildren the
said Sarah and Charles Augustine shall happen to die be-
fore the said Sarah is entitled to receive her said Legacy
I desire the Same may be equally divided between my Gran-
dchildren Burdit & Ann Children of my Son Burdit Ashton.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Granddaughter Mary Watson

Ashton all & every Sum and Sum of Money this day due to me by the united States of America and for which I have obtained Certificates together with all Interest which shall be due on the same at my Death but if the said Mary Watts Ashton should happen to die before she hath attained her Age of eighteen years or is Married then & in that case I do devise the said Sum & Sums of Money & the Interest thereon due to her Sisters Peggy, Hannah and Betty Ashton. **Item** - I give & bequeath unto my Grandson Charles Ashton son of my Son John Ashton the following Slaves to wit; Adam, Name, Joan, Easter, Kate, Jonathan, Parity, Martin, James & Mary forever in fee simple but if my said Grandson the said Charles Ashton should happen to die before he is Married it is my Will & Desire that the said Slaves in this bequest mentioned and their future Increase do go & pass-go & be equally divided between, John, Henry, Richard, Watts Laurence & Bruditt Ashton, the said Charles brothers in fee simple forever.

Item I give & bequeath unto my Grandson Henry Ashton son of my Son John Ashton the Negro Winny now in his Father's Possession to hold to him the said Henry forever - **Item** I give and bequeath unto my Grand-Daughter Sarah Ashton Daughter of my Son John the sum of two hundred pounds Current Money, and I do recommend it to my Executors herein after named to make up the said Sum of Money out of my part or Dividend of a sum of Money due by a Bond passed by the late Philip Ludwell Lee Esq to Muscovy Company and Company Assigned by the said Company to Richard Holland and by said Holland assigned to William Bernard Esquier in payment for certain Tobacco sold by him to the said Holland of which Tobacco part was my property - And I desire the said Sum of two hundred pounds may be put out at

Interest in good Security by my Executors and for the good and
Benefit of my said Grand-Daughter. - ~~Item~~ I do hereby give and
give unto my Son Laurence Ashton all and Singular the Slaves
and other estate which I have at any time heretofore given to him
my said Son to hold the said Slaves to him my said Son Laurence
with whatever Children or Increase they or any of them may
have had since the said Slaves were delivered to him in full
perpetuity forever and I do moreover give to him my said Son Lau-
rence & his heirs the following Slaves to wit. Ben. Isaac Rachel
and her Daughter Sarah. ~~Item~~ Whereas I have in a former
Clause of this my Will given to my Son Burditt the Sum of Five by
two Pounds twelve Shillings and Sixpence in Gold I do hereby co-
nfirm the said bequest. but any other Sum or Sums of Gold or Sil-
ver which I shall have at the time of my decease I desire may
be equally divided between my three Sons John Laurence
and Burditt. ~~Last~~ I desire my estate may not be appor-
-aised and I constitute my Sons John Laurence & Burditt
Executors of this my last Will & Testament and revoke all
other Wills by me heretofore made. In Testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this
tenth day of May Anno Domini 1778.

Signed Sealed & Published
as the last Will & Testament
of Charles Ashton in presence
of us who saw him Sign and
Seal the Same.

Seymour Hooe
James Dishman
William Nelson

Charles Ashton ~ Seal

At a Court held for King George County the 7th Day of
August 1783.

The last Will & Testament of Charles Ashton
Gent. deceased. was presented into Court by Burditt Ashton
One of the Exec^{rs}. therein named who made Oath that as
the Law Directs, 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 Executor first Performing what the Law in such
cases require.

Test

J. Robinson C. Clk

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In the Name of God Amen I Baldwin Dade
of the County of King George and Parish of Saint Paul, being
at this time in sound mind and memory, do make this
my last will and testament in manner following. *Wit-*
nesses. I give and bequeath all my estate real
and personal to my beloved Wife Virinda Dade for
and during the term of her natural life, and after her Dea-
th the Land whereon I now live I give to my Son Long-
horn Dade and his Heirs forever. — *Item.* to my Dau-
ghter Sarah Taliaferro and Ann Slith I give the Neg-
-ro's they now have in their Possession. *Item* to each of my
Daughters Beckettland Birch and Jane Yates I give two
young Negro's, to be appointed them by my wife, &
delivered at any time during my said Wifes life, or
at her Death, as my wife shall think fit — *Item*
I give to my Daughter Elizabeth four Negro's in the
same manner & on the same terms as I have given to
my Daughters Beckettland Birch & Jane Yates —
Item. I give to my Son Longhorn Dade five Negro's
to be appointed in the same manner & on the same Ter-
-mes as I have given to my Daughters last mentioned —
Item all the rest of my Slaves I desire may be equally
divided between my Sons Baldwin and Townshend
Dade in the same manner as I have directed in the
aforesaid clauses. *Item* my Desire is that my estate
shall not be appraised. — *Item* all my Personal estate I
give to be equally divided between my Sons. Baldwin
Townshend & Longhorn at my Wifes decease or sooner
if she Pleases. — *Lastly.* I constitute and appoint my
beloved Wife Virinda Dade and my Son Baldwin
Dade Executors to this my last Will & Testament,

...all other acts by me and so forth
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal this fourteenth Day of August 1782.
Signed and Acknowledged
in presence of

William Stuart Esq.
Thomas Washington
William Matthews.

Baldwin Dade Esq.

(At a Court held for King George County the 4th
Day of September 1783.

The last Will & Testament of
Baldwin Dade Esq. Deceased was presented into Court
by Virinda Dade & Baldwin Dade Executors therein
named who made Oath thereto by Law Required,
being further proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses
thereto. Whereupon is granted the said Virinda and
Baldwin for obtaining Probate thereof in due form
of Law. the said Executors first performing what
at the Law in such cases require.

Test
Jos. Robinson Esq.

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The last Will and Testament of Philip Thomas Alexander
of King George County in the Colony of Virginia, made this
6th Day of March in the year of our Lord 1783. being of
perfect sound and disposing mind do make & Ordain this as
my last Will in manner and form as followeth.

Imprimis. I give and bequeath to my wife Lucy Alex-
ander One third part of all my Estate during her natural
life and no longer. Secondly with respect to the Estate that
I am intitled to by her, 'tis my desire that it may pass to my
Child that I now suppose her to be big with, in case the said
Child should die, then I give my wife a disposing Right
in the said Estate. Item. I give and bequeath to my Son
John Lewis Alexander all my Lands in the Counties of
King George and Stafford to him and his Heirs forever.
I also give to my said Son and his heirs all my Slaves and
Stocks that are on my Manner Plantation. Item if
my wife should be with Child & it should be a Son, I give
and bequeath to my said Son all my Land in the County
of Fauquier to him and his heirs forever. I give to my said
Son by my Present wife all my Slaves & Stocks that are
on the said Fauquier Plantation to him & his Heirs
forever. but if he should die before he comes of age or
Marries, then I give & bequeath the said Estate in Fau-
quier to my Son John Lewis Alexander and his Heirs
forever. Item to my Slaves & Stocks that are on my
Plantation in Stafford County I give & bequeath the
same to the Child which I suppose my wife to be
big with, provided it be a son, and if he should die
before he comes of age or Marries, then I give the
said Slaves & Stocks to my Son John Lewis Alexander.

Item If my Son John Lewis Alexander should die under age or before Marriage, then & in that Case I give & bequeath all My Estate before given to him my said Son John Lewis Alexander or to the Child which my Wife is big with provided it be a son to him & his heirs forever. My meaning is that if one of my Children should die under age or before Marriage that the Survivor shall Inherit & take his Estate.

Item. If the Child which my Wife is now big with should be a Daughter, then I Give the said Daughter One Thousand Pounds Sterling, & it is my Desire that she be Educated & Maintained out of my Estate tis likewise my Will that my Estate be kept together till my Son comes of Age or Marry.

Lastly I appoint Col. Lewis Willis, Doctor William Gibbon Stuart & Townsend Dade Srs. Executors of this my last Will. I further my Will that my Estate be Inventoried & not appraised - I further empower my Executors to purchase the Glebe Land if Sold.

signed Sealed & Acknowledged }
- Presence of

William Thornton
Henry Washington
Nathaniel Washington

Philip T. Alexander Seal

At a Court held for the County of Suffolk
the 4th Day of December 1790.

The last Will & Testament of
Philip Thornton Alexander Esq. Decd. was Produced
into Court by Doctor William Gibbons Stuart one of
the Exors. therein named who made Oath thereto
as the Law requires, & being further proved by the
Oaths of the Witnesses thereto. Certificate is granted
Granting the Said Wm. G. Stuart for Obtain-
ing Probate thereof in Due form of Law.
The Said Exors. first performing what
the Law in Such Cases Requires.

Test

Wm. G. Stuart

In the Name of God Amen. I Frances Thornton of the County of King George, being in perfect health and memory do make my last will & Testament in the following manner. - I give to my Son John Thornton and to his heirs forever the Tract of Land with all its appurtenances on which I reside. - Item I give unto my Son William Thornton and to his heirs forever all the Tract of Land with its appurtenances on William's Creek in the neck. - Item I desire that all my Negro's, Stocks of every kind and Household Furniture except what is herein particularly mentioned be equally divided between my two Sons John and William & their heirs forever. Item I desire that all my Money and Tobacco either in hand or due to me by Specialty or account, be collected and that from the same there be paid to each of Daughters the sum of one thousand Pounds current Money, deducting therefrom such Sums as I have already advanced to my Daughters Winifred & Lucy which will appear in my Books, and that the Duities of any such shall remain to my said two ~~Daughters~~ divided, but if Money and Tobacco shall not amount to so much Money as to raise the fortunes for my Daughters above mentioned it is my will that only so much as shall be raised thereby be divided among them, as I have before directed, & that they have no further claim against my Estate. - Item as a provision for my beloved Wife, I desire that she may keep the Possession of my Mansion House with the Garden & Yard thereto belonging with all my household & Kitchen Furniture, and that the same be supported with Provisions firewood and at the equal expence of my two Sons in the same manner as in my life time. I also desire

that my Executors may furnish her with a Chariot and two horses and a servant, a Maid to wait on her and Six Thousand pounds of Crop Tobacco annually. The above provision I intend & hereby devise to her during her Widowhood, but if she marry again I revoke the above Devises and give to her during her life Six Thousand pounds of Crop Tobacco annually. Lastly I appoint my said Wife with my sons John and William Executors of this my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 8th day of August 1702.

Signed, Sealed, and Published
In Presence of —

Robert Alexander.

Thomas Guttridge.

Enuch Metromey.

Francis Thornton

At a Court held for King George County the 2^d day of September 1704.

The last Will and Testament of Francis Thornton Gent. deceased. was presented into Court by William Thornton one of the Executors therein named. who made Oath thereto, and being further proved by Nath. Williams one of the Witnesses to the said Will subscribed, was ordered to be lodged for further proof. And at another Court held for the same County the 11th day of July 1700, was further proved by the Oath of Nath. Guttridge another Witness to the said Will subscribed and added to be Recorded. And in motion of the said Executors having performed what the Law in such cases require. Certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof in due form.

Law. Berry. C. Clk

In the Name of God Amen. I Richard Pringle of King George County, being sick and low in body but of perfect mind and Memory, do make and Ordain this my last will and Testament in manner following. *Imprimis* It is my Desire that my Executors may decently inter my Corps in the Marmion grave yard. - *Item*. I give and bequeath unto my amiable Friend M^{rs} Joanne Collins of the County of King George the sum of three hundred Pounds, to be paid her at the Rate of £5. per Ounce in Gold or Six Shilling & eight pence per Ounce in Silver; Also I bequeath to her all my Linen apparil. I also give and bequeath to her the Choice of my Mare or Colt, which she shall approve. I give and bequeath unto the said Joanne Collins my Bed & furniture of whatever sort. These bequests I give to her or her Assigns forever. *Item* I give and bequeath unto M^r Philip Fitzhugh the Son of M^r Fitzhugh of Marmion, one Ring set with two Diamonds, and to his Brother M^r Farby one Gold Ring double set with Stone to them and their Heirs forever. *Item* I give and bequeath to Robert Allison all my wearing clothes not heretofore bequeathed. These bequests of wearing apparil to be Delivered as soon as I am buried. *Item* I give the residue of Estate to be equally divided Amongst M^{rs} Daniel Theodorick, and Philip Fitzhugh's. And I do Constitute and appoint the said M^{rs} Daniel Theodorick and Philip Fitzhugh's my Executors of this my last will & Testament in Writing. Given under my hand & Seal this 24th Day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty three.

Signed, Sealed, & Delivered
in the presence of us.

William Fitzhugh
Hannah Fitzhugh

Richard Pringle



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At a Court held for King George County the 5th Day
of February 1704.

The Last Will and Testament of Richard
Pringle deceased was presented into Court by Frederick. B.
Fitzhugh one of the Executors therein named who made Oath
thereto. and was further proved by the Oath of William
Fitzhugh Esq. one of the Witnesses thereto. Certificate is
granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due form
of Law. the said Frederick first performing what the
Law in such Cases require.

Test
Jas. Robinson C. Clk

In the Name of God Amen I Margaret
Wren of King George County being sick of Body but
of perfect Senses & Memory thanks be to Almighty God
for the Same, do make and Ordain this to be my last
Will & Testament in manner & form following. First
I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God
who gave it, not doubting but that I shall have full
Remission of my Sins. And as to my worldly Goods as
it has pleased God to Possess me with, I give in manner
following. Item my Will and Desire is that my little
Child may be christened by the Name of Sally.

Item. I Give and bequeath to my little Child Sally who is to be
christained Sally my Negro Boy Randal & all the rest
of my Estate. of every kind & thing to her & her heirs forever...
and it is my Will and desire that if my little Child Sally
should die before she arrives to the age of Eighteen years
or Marries. then my Will is that my Negro Boy Ran-
dal and all the rest of my Estate be equally divided bet-
ween, James Shropshire, William Shropshire, and
Nicholas Shropshire sons of William Shropshire to them
and their Heirs forever. Item I do nominate & appoint
William Shropshire. my whole & Sole Executor of this
my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 16th Day of
December 1780.

Signed. Sealed & Acknowledged
in Presence of

William Boon
Ann Rawley
Lawrance Balthrope.

Margth Wren 
mk

At a Court held for King George County the 2^d Day of May 1782
The last Will & Testament of Margaret Wren Deceased
was Presented into Court by William Shropshire the only Exor.
therein Named. who made Oath thereto. 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 Executor first performing what the Law in
Such Cases Requires.

Test
Jos. Robinson C. Clk

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In the Name of God Amen. I Clement Chivoral
of Saint Pauls Parish being weak and sickly, but of sound memory
do make this my last Will & Testament, as followeth.
Imprimas. I leave to my Son George Chivoral a legacy of
a Mare Colt Calced Blase & her increase forever, likewise
a cow called Brindle and increase forever. I give to my
Son John Chivoral one Shilling Sterling. & to my son William
Chivoral one Shilling Sterling. The residue of my Goods
and Chattels and Personal Estate after payment of my
debts & Funeral expences, I leave & bequeath to my
Wife & four Children to be equally divided among them.
One fifth part to Mary Chivoral and her Heirs lawfully
begotten of her body. In case the said Mary Chivoral dies
without lawful Heirs, her part shall fall to her Sister Jane
Chivoral, & if the said Jane Chivoral dies without lawful
heirs, her part shall fall to her Sister Mary Chivoral, To
Johannes Price one part of the said Estate. If she dies with-
out heirs, her part falls to George Chivoral, and if the said
George Chivoral dies without heirs lawfully begotten
of his body, his part shall fall to Johannes Price Chivoral.
The other part of the said Estate I leave to my Wife Healer
Chivoral. I appoint Robert Alexander Executor of my
Estate. I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 25th
Day of December 1782.

Witness.

William M. Gilveroy

William ^{his} X. Mathew
mark

Clement ^{his} Chivoral Seal
mk

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At a Court held for King George County the 4th
day of December 1783.

The last Will & Testament of
Elihu Chivers deceased was Presented into Court
by Elinor Chivers Executrix therein named. who made
Oath thereto & was further proved by the Oath of the
Witnesses thereto. She first performing what the Law
in such Cases Require.

Test

Jos. Robinson Clerk

In the Name of God Amen I Samuel
White of the County of King George being Sick &
weak of Body of perfect Sense and memory thanks
be to Almighty God for it. do make and Ordain this
to be my last will & Testament in manner and
form following. Revoking all other wills by me
made. Viz. I give to my Son Charles White after
the decease of his Mother. all my Land & one
Negro boy named James. also one Mare Colt
called Parrot. and Saddle and Bridle. and one
feather Bed and furniture. I give to my Dau-
ghter Linney White two young Negroes by the
Names of Daniel & Jack. I also give her one
Mare Colt called Pleasure. also one feather Bed
and furniture. I give to my Daughter Hannah
White two young Negroes by the Names of Ben
and Nehiah, also one Mare Colt called Bonny.

also one further bed & furniture. All the rest of my Estate of what kind so ever I give to my Wife during of her life and then to be equally divided among all my Children, but in Case any of the Negroes above mentioned should Chance to die before they are given up my Desire is that it should be made good out of the remaining part of my Estate before it is divided. my desire also is that out of the Crop now in the House. each of my Daughters Sumey White & Hannah White should have a Side Saddle a piece Purchased for them. my Will is that in Case either of my Children should die without Heir, that the remaining Children should share equally in the deceased Childs Portion. I Constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth White my Executrix & my Son Charles White Executor of this my Last will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 20th day of June 1783.

Signed, Sealed & Acknowledged

In Presence of us.

Woffordel Mandel.

John Weedon

Thomas Wroe.

Samuel White. 

At a Court held for King George County
the 4th day of December 1783.

The Last Will & Testament of
Samuel White deceased was Presented into Court by Charles
White an Executor therein named. who made Oath thereto
and was further proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto.
Certificate is granted him for Obtainin Probate thereof in due
form he first performing what the Law in such Cases require

Test. Jas. Robinson C. Clk

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Bumbury of King George County do make this my last will and Testament in manner & form as follows. Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Dully Owens the now wife of John Owens four Negroes. Viz. Suck, Minda, Agga and Moses. to her & her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Dully Berry daughter to Dully Owens two Negroes Harry and Tillacetten and her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Sarah Berry two Negroes David & Winny to her & her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Ann Conway two Negroes Charles & Tom. to her & her heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Grandson John Conway two Negroes Dick & Will to him and his heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my three daughters, Katy, Jane and Sarah. the following Slaves. Viz. David. now in the Possession of my Daughter Ann Fowler. Tillace & Winny to be equally divided between them. Item. I give to my Grandson Francis Scott a Negro woman called Fander and her former & future increase. but in case my said Grandson should die without Issue, then the said Slaves devised to my said Grandson to be equally divided between my three Daughters. Katy, Jane & Sarah. Item. I give and bequeath to my Grandsons. John. Henry and Thomas Bumbury the following Slaves. Viz. Bob. Phill. Peter, Beck, Daniel, Scillah, Bett. Winny, Jidy. Daphnee and Ann, to be equally divided between them. to them and their heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath to my Grandson William Bumbury. the Tract of Land I own.

I now live on together with the following Slaves viz. Ben.
 Charles Deb. Milley, Sarah and Ben. to him and his Heirs
 forever. I give also my said Grand Son William Bumbury all
 my Household furniture and Stock of what kind soever, together
 with all my Estate of what kind soever not yet disposed off.
 Lastly I constitute and appoint my Grand Son William
 Bumbury and William Berry Executors of this my Last
 Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto
 set my hand and Seal this 6th. day of October 1780.

Signed, Sealed Published and
 declared the last Will & Testament
 of Thomas Bumbury before us.

John Peed.
 Nathaniel Jones
 Daniel ^{his} Bettis
 Mark

^{his} Thomas X Bumbury
 Mark

At a Court held for King George County the 4th
 Day of December 1782.

The last Will & Testament of Thomas
 Bumbury deceased, was Presented into Court by William
 Bumbury & William Berry the Executors therein Named
 who made Oath thereto according to Law. and was furth-
 -er proved by the Oaths of John Peed, Nathaniel Jones
 and Daniel Bettis being the Witnesses thereto. Probate is
 granted them for obtaining Probate thereof in due form
 of Law. the said Executors first performing what the
 Law in such Cases require.

Test.
 Jas. Robinson Clk

In the Name of God Amen. I William
Tyler of the County of King George and Mansour Parish
being sick and weak in body but in perfect Sense & Memory
thanks be to God for the same. and for which I do make
Ordain & Constitute this to be my last Will and Testament
in Manner & form as follows. Viz. Item I Give to my
Loving Wife Sarah Tyler the Tract of Land whereon I
now ^{live} to her & her heirs forever. Item. I give to my loving
Wife Sarah Tyler give of my Negros. Bob. Nell, Harry,
Sarah & Sue, to her and her Heirs forever. Item I give
to Elizabeth Gray Dudley daughter to Elizabeth Pittman
Dudley my Negro Boy Joseph to her & her Heirs forever.
Item I give to my Brother James Tyler twenty Shillings
to him & his Heirs forever. Item I give to my Sister Blanche
Tyler twenty Shilling to her & her Heirs forever. The residue of
my Estate I give to my loving wife Sarah Tyler after paying
my Just debts to her & her Heirs forever. I leave to be my
Executors. my loving wife Sarah Tyler. Capt William
Washington, and Robert Mafsey to be my Executors to
this my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I
have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 11th. day of
August 1783.

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in the Presence of

Archibald Cash
Jesse Bowlin
John ^{his} Smith
mk.

William Tyler. Seal

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At a Court held for King George County the
1st day of April 1784.

The last Will and Testament of William
Tyler deceased was presented into Court by Sarah Tyler
Executing therein Named who made Oath thereto. And was
further proved by the Oaths of Archibald Cash & Jesse Bowler
two 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 requires.

Test
Jas. Robinson C. Clk

1783 November the 26th day. In the Name
of God Amen. I Charles Bellisworth in the County
of King George & Parish of Hanover being sick in body but
in perfect sense & Memory thanks be to Almighty God for
it. do make & Ordain this my last will & Testament in
Manner & form following. Item. I Give to my beloved
Wife Amey Bellisworth One Bed & furniture. one Gray
Horse and Saddle and Bridle. also one Bay Mare
during her Natural life. also two pewter Basons one Dish
and three Plates. all the Water Vessels belonging to me
One large Chest, One box. One Spinning. One pair Cards
One large Iron Pott, & hooks, two Folding Chairs. two cows
and Calves her choice. the same during her Natural

natural life. Item I give to my Son Thomas Bettisworth
one bright bay Mare saddle and bridle. One Cow & calf
One Gun. One Powder-bason. two plates and one Dish. One Iron
Pole & hooks & One Gun. Item I give to my Daughter Fran-
cescocomover one Cow & calf. one team & all the Hays &
harness belonging to me. also two Powder plates.
Item I give to my Daughter Amy Bettisworth One young
Heifer two Powder plates & one Dish. Item I give to my
Son Charles Bettisworth one Cow. one young Bull.
Item I give to my Son Edmond Bettisworth one Heifer one
Sorrel Mare. Item. my desire that the remaining part
of my Estate that is not mentioned before. I give to my wife
during her natural life & after her Decease, what should
remain that I have given her, my desire is, for it to
be equally Divided between my three ^{youngest} Children. Viz.
George Bettisworth. Spencer Bettisworth. & Sarah Bettisworth.
I likewise appoint Constitute, & Ordain William Jones
the Executor of this my last Will & Testament. as Witn-
ess my hand & Seal this day & date first above written.

Witnessed Sealed & Delivered
in Presence of us . . . }

Charles ^{his} Carver
John Atwood ^{mk} —

Charles ^{his} Bettisworth 
^{mark}

At a Court held for King George County the 6th May 1784-
The last will & Testament of Charles Bettisworth was Presented into
Court & proved by the Witnesses there. & the Executor Qualified
to the same who gave Bond according to Law. . .

Jest
J. Robinson C. Clk.

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In the Name of God Amen. I Mary Murdock
of the County of King George being weak but of perfect
mind & memory thanks be to God for it, I do make constitute and
appoint this my last will and Testament as followeth Wit.
Imprimis. I give to my Son John Tankersley alias Murdock the
one fourth part of all my household furniture to him and his
Heirs forever; and in case he should die without Heirs
lawfully begotten of his body, then the whole to return and
be divided between his Brother William and Sisters Sarah
and Jane; Imprimis. I give to my Son William Tankersley
alias Murdock the fourth part of my household furniture to him
and his Heirs forever, and in case he should die without Heirs
lawfully begotten of his body, then the whole of his part to
return & be divided between his Brother John & Sisters Sarah
and Jane. Imprimis, I give and bequeath to my Daughter
Sarah Ridding one fourth part of my household furniture toget-
her with one double bedding Chair. to & these ~~to be~~ the value
thereof to her Child at the Death of the said ~~Child~~ Ridding.
Imprimis. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jane
Spencer one fourth part of my household furniture and to the Heirs
of her body lawfully begotten, and for want of such Heirs at
her death, then to return to the above mentioned John William
and the Child of my Daughter Sarah Ridding, to be equally divided
between them. And further I give to my Daughter Jane Spencer
one hundred Pounds which she is to receive at the hands of my
Brother John Tankersley. All the residue of my Estate I leave to
be equally divided between John Tankersley alias Murdock
and William Tankersley alias Murdock & Sarah Ridding's
Child. Lastly I appoint my loving Brother John Tankersley
Executor of this my Last Will & Testament. At the City of New York my hand &
Seal this 5th day of October 1783.

Signed & Sealed in the Presence of

Peter Jett

George Marshall Jnr.

William Marshall

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Mary X Murdock

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Seal

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At a Court held for the County of King George the
3^d day of June 1784.

The last Will and Testament of
Mary Murdoch deceased was Presented into Court by
John Tankersley Executor therein named, who made
Oath thereto & was further proved by the Oaths of
Peter Sell George Marshall Jun^r & W^m Marshall the
Witnesses thereto. Certificate is granted him for obta-
ining Probate thereof in due form. the said Executor
first performing what the Law in such Cases requi-
re.

Test

J. Robinson C. Clk

I James West of the County of King George in
perfect health of sound Sense and Memory, do
make & Ordain this my last Will & Testament in ma-
ner following. As I have Purchased my Wife Aggatha
West & my Son James West, and the Laws of the Country
will not allow me to free them. I do give them in
Trust to Mr. Joseph Jones, Mr. Alexander Rose and
Mr. Thomas Berry of said County, who I appoint
Executors to this my last Will. & I do earnestly request
the above mentioned Gentlemen to take them under
their care & Protection so that they may have their
Liberty without Molestation. I do also give & bequeath
all my Estate of every kind whatsoever to my Wife
Aggatha West during her Widowhood, & should she
survive or die to the Care of my Executors for the

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sole use and benefit of my son James West till he
arrive to the Age of twenty one & then to him and his
Heirs forever, and should he die without heirs or before
he arrive to the age of Twenty one, then my Will is after
the Death of my wife Aggatha West, that the whole
Descend to my Nephew William West Son of my Brother
or Charles West of King George County. Witness
whereof I have affixed my hand & Seal this thirteenth
day of May One thousand Seven hundred and
Seventy five.

Test,

^{his}
James X West 
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Ann Champpe
Ann Taliaferro }

At a Court held for King George County the 1st day of
July 1784.

The last Will & Testament of James West decd
was presented into Court by Thomas Berry & Alexander Rose
Executors therein named who made Oath there to, & was
further proved by the Oath of four Witnesses one of the Witnesses
there to. Certificate is granted them for obtaining a
Probate thereof in due form, they first performing
what the Law in such Cases require.

Test


J. S. Robertson Esq. Clerk

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In the Name of God Amen. I Griffin Butler of
King George County being inform in God but in perfect
mind & Memory do make & Ordain this my last will &
Testament in form following. that is to say. I Give &
recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God
who gave it. & my body I recommend to the Earth
to be Decently interred at the Discretion of my Executors
& Touching such Worldly Estate as which it hath
pleased Almighty God to Bless me with. I Will &
bequeath in the following manner & form -
Item. I Give & bequeath my Right & Title to the
Land left me by my father, to my Brother Laurance
Butler & his Heirs forever. Item. I Give & bequeath
my Personal Estate to be equally Divided amongst
my three Brothers. Christopher Butler, Jr. Butler &
Laurance Butler to them & their Heirs forever
I likewise constitute & make & Ordain my
beloved Brother Laurance Butler Sole Executor
of this my last will & Testament, And I do
hereby utterly disallow revoke & Disannul all
& every other former Testament & Wills by me made
ratifying & confirming this & No other to be my last
will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto
Set my hand & Seal this 23^d Day of December A D 1783.

Griffin Butler 

The within Signed. Sealed published & Pronounced by
the said Griffin Butler as his last will & Testament in the
Presence of us who in his Presence & the Presence of each
Other have hereunto Subscribed our Names -
Charles Massey
Robert Massey

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At a Court held for King George County the 1st Day of
July 1704.

The Last will & Testament of Griffin
Butler Deceased was presented into Court by Lawrence
Butler Executor therein Named. who made Oath thereof
& was further Proved by the Witnesses thereto. Certificate
is Granted him for obtaining Probate thereof in due
form. he first performing what the Law in such Cases
Require.

Test

Jos. Robinson Clerk

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In the Name of God Amen. I Peter Jell of
King George County and Parish of Brunswick being
Sick & weak, but of perfect Sense & Memory and
thanks be to God for it. And calling to Remembrance
that is appointed for all Men Once to Die.
I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty
God. who gave it to me, & my Body to be buried in a Christian
& Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors
hereafter mentioned, & what Little Estate it has pleased
to endow me. I Give & Devise the Same in Manner and
form as follows. - I Impartise. I Give & bequeath
unto my Daughters Mary Hindle & Anne formerly my Negro

Woman named Rose & the Lease of Land now in my Con-
taining one hundred Acres. and my two Horses. Item I Give
and bequeath unto John Pratt Bowen my Lease I bought of John
Reubini Payne where he now lives, & one Bed & Furniture &
one Table, And it is my Desire that my Stock of Hogs be Divided
between John Pratt Bowen & my Daughters Mary Humphreys
and Ann Conley. Item I Give to my Daughter Elizabeth
Farkis five Shillings. Item I Give to my Daughter Susan-
na Payne five Shillings. Item I Give to my Daughter
Margaret Threlkild five Shillings. Item I Give to my
Daughter Sarah Jones five Shillings. Item I Give and
bequeath unto my Grandson Jesse Threlkild my young
Sowree Mare. Item I Give unto my Granddaughter Sus-
anna Humphreys my Wifes Saddle. Item I Give the Residue
of my Estate to be equally Divided between my Sons Francis
Jett & William Jett and my Daughters Mary Humphreys &
Ann Conley. And Lastly I appoint my Sons Francis Jett
and William Jett & John Pratt Bowen my whole &
sole Executors of this my Last Will & Testament. as
Witness my Hand & Seal this twenty second Day of May
in the year of our Lord 1784.

Witnessed Sealed & Acknow. } Peter & Jett
in the Presence of us }
Alexander Mansford. mark
John Bowen
Theodocia Mansford

At a Court held for King George County the 5th day of Aug. 1784.
The last Will and Testament of Peter Jett last Decd. was presented
into Court by Francis Jett & Wm. Jett two of the Executors therein na-
med. who made Oath thereto. & was further proved by the Oaths
of the Witnesses thereto. Certificate is Granted them for obtaining
probate thereof in due form. They first performing what the Law
in such Cases Requires.

Test J. Robinson C. C. C.

In the Name of God Amen I Taylor Witherson
the Slave of King George County being very ailing at this time
but in perfect sense & Memory God be praised for it do Ordain
and appoint this to be my Last Will & Testament in Manner
and form as followeth. First I will that all my Just Debts
be paid. Item I give unto my well beloved son John
Witherson one fagscut Saw. Item I give unto my well
beloved son Joseph Witherson one Saddle. Item I give
unto my dear beloved wife Mary Witherson all my
Whole Estate during her life or Widowhood and after that
to be equally divided amongst my nine children
John Witherson, Elizabeth Witherson, Joseph Witherson,
Feby Witherson, Winna Witherson, Darcus Witherson,
Barbary Witherson, Maryon Witherson. Item I give to
my Dear beloved sons John Witherson & Jos. Witherson
all my Cloth to be equally divided amongst them. Item
I give unto my dear beloved Daughter Jarry Bailey
an equal part of my Whole Estate. — Item
John Witherson & Joseph Witherson my whole & sole
Executors of this my Last Will & Testament. as Witness
my hand & Seal this 18th of July. 1781. —

Signed & Acknowledged
in Presence of

Richard Reynolds
John Mapoy

Robert Reynolds

Taylor Witherson (Seal)

At a Court held for King Geo. County Sep: 5th 1781

The Last Will of Taylor presented into Court by
One of the Exors. whomade oath to the Same. & was proved
proved by the Witnesses & Ordered to be Recorded

Test J^{as}. Robinson Sec^{ry}

In the Name of God Amen. I Richard Bernard
of the County of King George with my own Hand do make this my
last Will & Testament in Manner and form following. Viz.
Imprimis. To my loving Wife Ann Bernard I give the
Plantation whereon my Mother in Law now lives together
with the Plantation my Grandfather purchased of Robert
Washington, together with eight working Hands, exclusive of
Servants employed in the House at the Time of my Death,
which House Servants I also give her, as also my dwelling
house, yards, & Gardens, with all out Houses thereunto
belonging, as also the Stocks of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and
sheep on the said Plantations, as also the Household and
kitchen Furniture; my Meaning touching the above
Devises, is, that my Wife shall enjoy the above Estate to
her devise d, during her widowhood, but if she should
incline to marry. I revoke the above Devises and give her
Seven thousand five hundred pounds of Cash Tobacco, to be paid
equally by my Two Sons. per Annum & any two Servants
she may choose during her Life. I give to her my Pheasant
and Horses forever. Item I give to my eldest son Thomas
Bernard all my Lands in the County of King George, as
also my Lands in the County of Fauquier to him and his
Heirs forever. Item. I give to my son Thornton
Bernard all my Lands in the County of Spotsylvania, as
also my Lands in the County of Henry to him & his Heirs
forever. Item. I desire that all my Mulattoes & Negroes
together with Stocks and all kind of Personal Estate may
be equally divided between my two sons by them and
their Heirs. Item. I Give to my Daughter, not yet
baptized. One thousand pounds in Gold or Silver to be
paid equally by my two sons. which Thousand Pounds

I desire may be placed at Interest and that my Daughter
be Maintained from the Interest or by my two sons equally.

Item. I desire that my Executors hereafter Named may
immediately after my death purchase two Young Negroes
a Boy & Girl, or choose them from among my Negroes.
& give them to William Suttles son of Sarah Suttles to him
and his Heirs. Item. I desire my Executors may pay

the greatest Attention to the having my two sons well
educated and brought up to some genteel Profession.

Item: I desire my ne appraisement may be made of my
Estate. Lastly I nominate & appoint my Friends John
Storke and William Storke fell together with my Wife. Exe-
cutors & Executrix of this my last Will & Testament. in
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 15th day of October 1783..

Test

Robert Mafsey } Ric^d. Bernard }
Sukey Hemmeday } 

At a Court held for King George County the 3^d day of
March 1785.

The Last will & Testament of Richard
Bernard Esq^r. Dec^d. was presented into Court by
William Storke fell one of the Executors therein Named
who made Oath thereto. and being further Proved by
the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto. Certificate is
Granted him for Obtaining Probate thereof in due
Form. the said Executor first performing what
the Law in such cases require.

Test


Wm. Robinson Esq.

In the Name of God Amen I John Peck of the County of King George being at this time very sick but of perfect sense and sound Memory, do make & constitute this my last will and Testament in manner & form following. Imprimis. I give to my Nephew Strickling Peck one Mare Colt called the Wilke Colt to him & his Heirs forever. Item. I give to my Nephew Charles Peck one Mare commonly called Springfast, to him & his Heirs forever. Item I give to my Nephew William Peck Ten Pounds to him & his Heirs forever. Item. I give to my Nephew Joseph Peck Ten pounds to him & his Heirs forever. Item. I give to my Niece Franky Peck Ten pounds to her & her heirs forever. Item, my Desire is that the rest of my Estate now not devised shall be exposed for Sale to the highest Bidder & equally divided between my three Brothers William Peck. Thomas Peck & Samuel Peck. to them & their Heirs forever. Item my Desire is that William Boon. Dennis McHorney & Robert Dade be Executors to this my last Will & Testament. in Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand & seal this 24th day of December 1784.

Test Enuch Berry
Andrew ^{his} Thompson

^{his} John X Peck ^{mark} Seal

At a Court held for King George County the 6th day of January 1785.

John Peck was presented into Court by Wm. Boon as Executor therein named, who made oath thereto. & further proved by the witnesses thereto. the s^d Exec^r gave bond for the performance thereof as the Law Directs.

Test J^s. Robinson to. Clerk

The last Will and Testament of Mr. Thomas Oliver of
Marlbrough in Stafford County Virginia.

In the Name of God Amen. I Thomas Oliver
Steward to James Mercer Esq^r. at Marlbrough in
Stafford County being in perfect mind & Memory. tho-
weak in Body. make this my last Will & Testament
in Manner & form following. First in the Most
submissive manner I recommend my Soul to Almighty
God hoping for pardon for all my past iniqui-
ties through the Merits of his only son. my Ble-
ssed Lord & Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ—
Secondly. after all my Just debts are paid, I
leave my Dear Wife Elizabeth Oliver in full
possession of all my Worldly Goods. without enumer-
ating particulars. all things I die possessed of
my Estates in King George County. Real & Personal
with all things thereon, Animated & Inanimated
and all my Personal Estate at Marlbrough in
Stafford County. Viz. in both places all I Possess
without any Exceptions what ever. Thirdly. I leave
to my Dear Wife as aforesaid full power as afore-
said agreeable to the Laws now in being. or any such
Laws as may be hereafter transacted in favour of
Widows. to sue for and recover all debts due to
me at my death. Fourthly. least I should not
be fully understood, or least Evil minded Person
should take the or an Advantage of my Wife. Eliz-
abeth Oliver after my Death because I have
not set down particulars. I here again repeat
it, that all things I die Possessed of under the
Canopy of Heaven whether in Land. Houses, Slaves,
Stocks of all species. Cash. Grain, & everything that
bears a Name at my death becomes her Private.

private property. And is hereby declared by me to be
sole Executive of this my last Will & Testament
in Witnes whereof I hereunto set my hand and
Seal this second day of September One thousand
seven hundred & seventy seven. In presence of the
Witnesses.

Thomas Oliver



William Chadwell
Anne Chadwell

At a Court held for King George County the 4th
day of August 1785.

The Last Will & Testament of
Thomas Oliver deceased was presented into Court
by Elizabeth Oliver Executrix therein named, who
made Oath thereto. & was further proved by the
Oaths of the Witnesses thereto. Certificate is granted
her for obtaining Probate thereof in due form, she
first performing what the Law in such Cases re-
quires.

Test

Jos. Robinson C. Clk

In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Witherson of the County of King George and Parish of Henric being in Good Health and Perfect Sense and Memory thanks be to Almighty God for it, Do make and Ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament in manner & form following: Wt. Item: I Give & bequeath unto my Son Thomas Witherson one hundred Acres of Land which I purchased of Francis Forrester, to him and his heirs forever, I also Give him a Negro Slave named Jacob. I Give my Son Suttle Witherson one hundred and five Acres of Land adjoining to my Son Thomas Witherson's Land aforesaid, to him & his heirs forever. I also Give him a Negro Girl named Rachel. I Give unto my Son Augustine Witherson one hundred and five Acres of Land adjoining to my Son Suttle Witherson and the Land of Thomas Smith to him and his heirs forever, I also Give him a Negro Girl named Anna. I Give unto my Daughter Junima Witherson a Negro Slave named Syrus, and after his Decease to her son Bennett Witherson, I also Give my said Daughter a feather bed & furniture. I also Give to my Grandson Bennett Witherson a Gray Mare called Mouse. I Give to my Daughter Mary Witherson a Negro Girl called Dinah, I also Give her a feather Bed & furniture. I Give to my Daughter Catharine Witherson a Negro Boy called Charles. I also Give her a feather Bed and furniture. I Give to my Daughter Judith Suttles a Negro Woman named Hannah, I Give to my Daughter Linney Sullivan thirty Pounds Cash. My Will is that my Daughters Junima, Mary & Catharine Witherson's Should Peaceably & Quietly have hold and Enjoy the Plantation whereon I now live, and that all my three Sons shall bear an Equal Proportion of what Land they shall want to make use of as long as they or any of them shall live Single. I also Give them two as good work Horses as any on the Plantation.

I also leave in their Care my Desk as long as they shall live Single. and also my Sister. - All my Estate not Specially mentioned I leave to be equally Divided amongst all my Children. Lastly I cons- titute and appoint my Son Thomas Wilkerson my whole & Sole Executor of this my Last will & Testament in Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 6th day of April 1785.

Signed Sealed and
Acknowledged in the
presence of us

Thomas ^{his} Wilkerson ^{my}



Woffindal Kindal.

Saleb Smith.

William Boon Jnr

William White.

At a Court held for King George County the 5th day of May 1785.

The Last will and Testament of Thomas Wilkerson. Late deceased was Presented into Court by Thomas Wilkerson Executor thereunto Named who made Oath thereto According to Law. and being further proved by the Oaths of Woffindal Kindal. Saleb Smith & William White three of the Witnesses thereto, the said Thomas Wilkerson first Performing what the Law in such Cases require. Pro- bate is granted him in Due form of Law. which on the motion of the Said Thomas was Ordered to be Recorded -

Test

Jos. Robinson C. C. J.

In the Name of God Amen. I George Marshall of the Parish of Hanover and County of King George being weak of Body but in perfect sense and memory thanks be to God for it, do make this my last will and Testament in Manner and form following. As for my truly Soul I recommend it into the hands of Almighty God who gave it; and as to such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give and bequeath in the following Manner; First paying all my Just debts: *Item* I leave the use of the Plantation whereon I now live to my beloved wife Ann Marshall during her Natural life / it being the Plantation I bought of the Vestry of Hanover parish, and at her death I Give and bequeath the aforesaid tract of Land to my Son George Marshall and his heirs forever. I also give to my loving wife during her Natural life five Negroes. to wit; Matt, Leah, Solomon, Rodger, and Betl. and after her death the aforesaid five Negroes and their increase to be equally divided between my two Sons James Marshall and George Marshall or their Heirs, I also give to my beloved wife my Riding Chair and harness and two Horses. also one third part of Stocks of Cattle, Sheep and Hogs and all my Household Furniture which I desire should be equally divided at my wifes death between my sons James Marshall and George. = *Item* I Give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Jane Ford four Negroes to wit; Scipio, Ben, Darkas and Matt the younger to her and her Heirs forever, I also leave her the use of a Negro Girl named Belia. during her Natural life; and after her death I Give and bequeath the said Negro Belia and her Increase to my Son and Daughter Betty Ford to her & her heirs forever; *Item* I Give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Mary Gury. Negro Alice, Joe, Aaron, Lydia and Lucy to her and her heirs forever. *Item*. I Give and bequeath to my beloved Son James Marshall all my other Lands with my Grist Mill to him & his Heirs forever. Also one Negro Man named Dick and all the Blackmen

Tools to make Lands as equal as I can. - *Item* I give and bequeath to my beloved son George Marshall Negro Isaac and Reuben to him and his Heirs forever. *Item* I give and bequeath to my beloved son James Marshall Negro Jacob and Harry which he has now in Possession - *Item* I leave all the rest of my Estate to be equally divided between my sons James Marshall and George Marshall or their Heirs forever. Lastly I do appoint my beloved wife executrix and my two sons James and George Marshall Executors of this my Last will and Testament, revoking all other wills heretofore made by me, and I do order my Executors to pay my Just debts. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this twentieth day of October One thousand seven hundred and Eighty four -
Signed Sealed and delivered

Presence of }
John Lovell

William Marshall
William ^{his} Wilkerson
nik

George Marshall 

A Codicil to the Will above. I give and bequeath to my beloved son George Marshall my Still and worm, also my Seined to him and his Heirs forever. Given under my Hand and Seal this Twenty fifth day of October Seventeen hundred and Eighty four.

Signed Sealed & }
Presence of }
John Lovell

George Marshall 

William Marshall

At a Court held for King George County the 6th day of
October 1785. The last will and Testament of George Marshall
Deceased was Presented into Court by James and George
Marshall two of the Executors therein Named who made
Oath thereto, ^{and being further proved by the Oaths of the}
^{was read with records of} Witnesses thereon, and on the Motion of the said Executors
Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof
in due form, the said James and George first performing
what this Law in such Cases require.

Test

Jos. Robinson C. Clk

In the Name of God Amen. I John Mofs of the
parish of Saint Paul and County of King George being low &
weak, but of perfect mind and memory, do make constitute
and appoint this my last will and Testament in manner &
form following: to wit: Imprimis. I give unto Charles Miles
my young Horse Sforce, and a new Saddle & Bridle as
also a Compleat Suit of good Cloths to be purchased, & paid
for out of my Estate = Item: I give unto my Sister Sarah
Minnis my Cub Mare, as also a Saddle & Bridle to be paid
for out of my Estate. - Item. I give unto William Rodgers
the Colt which the Cub Mare is now in foal with. Whereas
I have at this time one Daughter, by Name Lucy Mofs
Guthridge, and have the Greatest Reason to Conclude that my
loving Wife Jane Mofs is at this time Pregnant - Should the
said Child be a Daughter, it is my will and Desire that the
above Lucy Mofs Guthridge, & the said Child being a Daugh-
ter do equally inherit my Estate as well Real as Personal.
But provided, and in Case the Child with which my loving
Wife is now Pregnant with should be a Son - then it is my
Desire that he have my Land, and my Daughter Lucy Mofs

Give the whole of my Personal Estate after pay-
ing my Just debts, and Legacies herein mentioned. Lastly
I appoint as Executors to this my Will my worthy friends
Woffindal Muddall, Jacob Smith, Nathaniel Jones &
William Morke. In witness whereof I do hereunto set
and affix my hand & Seal this 16th day of December in
the year 1784.

Test
William G. Stuart } John ^{his} Moss 
Jane Moss. }
Thomas Atwell. }

At a Court held for King George County the 6th
day of October 1785.

The Last Will and Testament
of John Moss deceased was presented into Court
by Woffindal Muddall one of the Executors therein
named, who made Oath thereto, and was further
Proved by the Oaths of the three witnesses there-
to, which on the Motion of the Woffindal Muddall
Certificated is granted him for Obtaining Probate
thereof in due form, the said Executor first perform-
ing what the Law in such Cases require.

Test
Jos. Robinson C. C.

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In the Name of God Amen. February 7th 1784

I William Deer in the County of King and Parish of Hanover
being sick in Body but of Perfect sense and memory thanks
be to Almighty God for his bestow'd on me. do make and

Ordain this my last Will and Testament as followeth—
Item. I give to my beloved wife Elizabeth Deer one Bay
Horse, also one Side Saddle, one Hogshead of Cyder, likewise
one third part of my whole Estate after my just debts are
paid.— Item. I give to my Son Bernard Head all my win-

-ning cloths and one Horse Saddle, & One Gun.

Item. my Desire is that the Girl now living with me Sarah
Head. should have two years Schooling paid for out of
Estate. Item. I give to my Daughter Jane Head one

Shilling Sterling. Item. I give to my Daughter Mildred
Head all the Remainder part of my Estate that is not
already bequeathed. I likewise constitute Ordain and

appoint William Boon and John Jones to be the Executors
of this my last Will and Testament, as witness my hand
and Seal this day & Date a bove Written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered

in presence of us

John Atwood

John Bailey

George ^{his} Burn
_{mk}

William ^{his} Deer _{mk} 

At a Court held for King George County the 6th day of
October 1785.

The Last Will and Testament of William
Deer Deceased was Presented into Court and proved & by
the witnesses thereto, and the Executors therein named (Pur-
-sued their Rights of ~~the~~ Executorship. Administration
with the will annexed is granted Charles Farver; on
the Motion of the said Farver Certificate is granted
for obtaining Probate thereof in due form. the said
Charles Farver first performing what the Law in such
Cases require.

Test

Jos. Robinson Clerk

In the Name of God Amen. I James Rawlins
 of King George being of disposing sense and Memory, do
 make this my last Will and Testament to dispose of
 my Worldly Goods in Manner and form following
 that is to say. I leave to my loving wife Margaret,
 during her Natural life my Negro Woman Jane &
 my Negro Girl Winny, and at her death to Leathen &
 their Increase divided amongst my then Surviving Bro-
 thers. *Item.* I leave to my loving wife Margaret all
 my Household Furniture and Stocks of Black Cattle, Hogs
 Sheep & my two Horses one Called Thomson, and the other
 Teanothing. *Item.* I leave to my Father & Mother dur-
 ing their Natural lives my four Negroes, Judy, Frank,
 Reubin and Jane. which Negroes at my Father & Mothers
 death shall return equally among my then Surviving-
 Brothers. *Item.* I Give to my Father Joseph Rawlins my
 two Horses Ball and Lady. *Item.* I Give to my Brother
 Henry Rawlins all my Outstanding Debts. - I appoint my
 Brother in law John Price, and my Brother Henry Rawlins,
 Executors to this my last will & Testament, Revoking all
 Wills heretofore made. In witness whereof I have here-
 unto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 14th day
 of October in the Year of Our Lord 1785.

Test

Daniel Edgington James Collins in 

John H. Suttle

} At a Court held for King George
 County the 3^d day of November 1785 }

The Last Will and Testament of James Rawlins Dece^d. was Presen-
 ted into Court by Henry Rawlins one of the Ex^{ors}. therein named who made
 there to, & was further proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto, & on
 the Motion of the S^r. Henry Volificate is Granted him for obtaining a
 Probate thereof in due form. The S^r. Executor first Performing what the
 Law in such Cases requires.

Test Jas. Robinson Clk

In the Name of God Amen. I Gerard Hooe
 of King George County in the State of Virginia being very sick do
 make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form follow-
 ing: my whole Estate both real and personal of what nature or
 kind soever I give, devise and bequeath to my loving Wife to be
 disposed of among my Children in whatever manner she thinks
 proper, and I constitute and appoint my loving Wife Sarah Hooe
 my Son in Law George Mason Executors to this my last Will and
 Testament and Guardians to my Children revoking all former
 Wills by me made, 'tis my Desire that my Executors heretofore name-
 ed as Exrs and Guardians to my Children without giving any se-
 curity. Sealed with my Seal and Dated this 29th day of De-
 cember 1785.

Gerard Hooe

At a Court held for King George County the 1st day of June 1786.

The last Will & Testament of Gerard Hooe Gent.
 Deceased presented into Court by Sarah Hooe the Executrix therein named
 who made Oath thereto according to Law, and the Court being fully
 satisfied that the said last Will was of the hand writing of the Tes-
 tator, Certificate is granted her for obtaining a Probate thereof in due
 form of Law - which was ordered to be recorded.

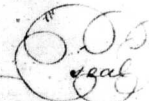
Test.

J. Robinson. Clk.

In the Name of God Amen. This is the last Will
and Testament of Alexander Rose of the County of King George:
I appoint Messieurs Gavin Lawson, Thomas Fitzhugh and
Robert Dunbar of Stafford the Executors of this my Will.

I give and devise to my said Executors the survivors and Survivor
of them and to the heirs of such survivor for ever, all my property
real and personal to dispose of and Convey the same as they think
fit, for the benefit of my Nieces Anne Hay and Jean Hay forever,
in order to the payment of my British and Country debts, and to a
debt in writing made to Hugh Rose of Anherst, and to the pay-
ment of two hundred pounds Sterling to my Wifes Niece Helen
Grant of Edinburgh One hundred pounds to be remitted soon after
my death and the other as soon as conveniently can be. If my
Nieces should choose to qualify themselves according to Law to be
co-heiresses in said property. Then the Title to the whole is to vest in them
and their heirs in joint Tenancy subject as aforesaid. - If Anderson
debt to my Wife should be recovered, I give One third thereof to the
said Helen Grant, and One third to her Brother Captain Charles
Grant, and the remaining third I give to my Executors for the use of
Thomas Grant. My Will is that my property shall not be apprais-
ed, and that my Executors shall not be obliged to give security. In
Testimony whereof I have hereto put my hand and seal this ^{twenty}
second day of June in the year of Our Lord One thousand seven hundred
and eighty Six.

Signed, Sealed, & Acknowledged
in presence of
Gavin Lawson, Robert Rose
John Berry, Thomas Berry

Al: Rose. 

At a Court held for King George County
the 7th day of September 1786.

The last Will & Testament of Alexander Rose Esquire deceased, as
aforesaid, was then presented into Court by Gavin Lawson and Thomas
Sibbigh Gents, two of the Executors therein named who made Oath that the
said Will was according to Law, and being further proved by the Oaths of Robert
Sim Berry, and Thomas Berry three of the Witnesses thereto sub-
scribed, it was admitted to record: And on the Motion of the said Executors
performing what the Law in such cases requires: Certificate is granted
for obtaining a probate thereof in due form of Law.

Test,

Jos. Robinson. Esq.

I William Chapman being Sick and weak in body do make this
my Will and Testimony in manner and form as following. I appoint
my well beloved Brother in Law Charles Burton my whole and sole Executor
of this my last will and Testimony. I then give and bequeath to my
beloved Sister Joseph Chapin my Negroe fellow Servant, provided, he pays
my beloved Sister Elizabeth Coleman the yearly rent of the annual
of Eight pounds Current money, on every Christmas day, as long as
she lives Single, in case the said Joseph Chapman doth refuse to pay in
the said Charles Burtons hands the said sum of Eight pounds, then
my desire is that my well beloved Executor Charles Burton, shall take the
Negroe fellow Servant in his hands and I do give him the same right

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I have before given my Brother Joseph Chapman, my farther Will and desire is that all my Just and lawfull debts should be paid, first the Bonds and then the open Store Accounts and then if any thing in my Executors hands my desire is that he shall pay Thomas Drake Thirty pounds, my further Will and desire is that my Executor shall have a Justy sellment of my Land in Stafford County and as soon as it is adjusted, my will is that my Executor shall have full power and authority to sell the said Land and make Deeds for it in such like manner as if I was present, my further will is that my well beloved Executor Charles & Dexter apply to Mr Andrew Buchanman and Sir Symon Hooe for particular suits put in their hands I further desire that you will apply to Gabriel Jones in Augusta County, for a Bond of Philipe Pices for twenty five pounds, which I do expect the said Jones has obtained by this time, my further will and desire is that my Mares and Colt should be sold to the best advantage.

September 23rd 1773. —

Test :

Abraham Woodall

Sarah McWilliams

Will^m Chapman

At a Court held for King George County the 7th day of Octr 1773.

The last Will and Testament of W^m Chapman was then presented into Court, & proved by the Oath of Abraham Woodall, and Ordered to be Certified. And at another Court held for the same Co^{ty} the 7th day of Sept 1776. was further proved by the Oath of Sarah McWilliams the other evidence thereto; and admitted to Record —

Test;

Jos. Robinson. Clk

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In the Name of God amen. I James Warders Son
of the County of King George and Parish of Hanover being very sick
and weak of Body but of perfect sense and Memory thanks be to
Almighty God for it, do make and Ordain this to be my Last Will
and Testament in manner and form as follows, First I commit my
Soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body
to be Buried at the Discretion of my Ears hereafter named, and as for
my Worldly Goods that it hath pleased God to bestow on me I give and
bequeath as follows *Sigⁿ* Item. I give and Bequeath unto
my son James Warders all my Land Containing Two hundred and
twenty two Acres more or less and bounded as follows *Sigⁿ* Beginning at
a Hickory Corner tree to the said Warders and Lovell White, thence
along the said White's line down to the Dam, thence up the Dam to a
white Oak a line ~~tree~~ of the Land that I bought of Green, thence
along Green's line to another White Oak Corner to the said Warders
and Daniel White, thence along the said White's line to the Beginning
tree. Likewise I give unto my son James Warders my Mill to
him and his heirs forever. — *Item*. I give and Bequeath unto
my Daughter Lucy Rollings one Cow and two Ewes and Lambs and
one Bee hive to her and her heirs forever. — *Item*, all
the rest of my Estate of what kind so ever, it is my will and desire that
it shall be equally divided between my four Children to wit, my Son
Wm. Warders, my Son James Warders, my ^{son} Stephen Warders, and
my Daughter Winney Warders. — Lastly I constitute and
appoint my beloved Wife Ann Warders and my son William War-
ders my whole and Sole Executors of this my Last Will and Testa-
ment. — *As Witness* my hand and Seal this 5th day of August,
One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty one. —

Ronley Warders
Stephen Bailey
Elizabeth ^{son} Warders
mark
Aaron Warders.

this
James X Warders *Per* E. E. Will
March
At a

At a Court held for King George County
the 5th day of April 1787.

The last Will and Testament of James Warders dec'd was then presented into Court and Proved by the Oath of Stephen Bailey one of the Witnesses thereto, and Lodged in Court - and at another Court held for the same County the 7th day of June 1787. was further proved by the Oath of Rowley Warders another Witness to the said Will subscribed - and was ordered to be Recorded.

and is so;

Test: Jos Robinson &c.

I John Ashten of the County of King George do make this my last Will and Testament in manner following. *Impremis.* As a Provision for my beloved Wife, I devise to her as followeth (viz) the use of my Plantation and tract of Land whereon I now live, with the following places - (to wit) Hill, Williams, Milly, Little Frank, Linney, Paris, George, &c. (Charity); also the use of the Stocks of Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep, Plow horses and Caring Wensels upon my said Plantation - I further devise to my said Wife the use of the whole of my Household and Kitchen furniture - my meaning touching the above devises to my said Wife is, that she enjoy the full use of them during her Widow hood and no longer. Item. I give to my Wife my Chariot and Chariot Horses forever. Item. I give to my Daughter Mary Watts Ashten, one Negroe Girl Mary and her increase, to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give to my Daughter Sarah Washington one Negroe Girl Charlotte, and her increase to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give to my Daughter Peggy Ashten one Negroe Girl Lydia and her increase to her and her heirs forever. Item. I give to my Daughter Hannah Ashten one Negroe Girl Sarah and her increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item

Item. Whereas some time ago gave up to my son Charles Ashton two Tracts of Land, and he will at my Death enter into the full Possession of a very valuable Estate in other lands by inheritance from his mother, & Provision having been made for him in the Will of his Grand Father. I cannot in Justice to my other Children do more for him than to give him the cropping Utensils upon my Plantation at Mattore, which said Utensils I do give to my said son. Item. I give to my son Henry Ashton, one Negroe Boy Ben forever. Item. I give to my son Richard Watts Ashton one Negroe Boy James Cox forever. —

Item. I give to my son Laurence Ashton one Negroe Boy Jack forever.

Item. I give to my son Burdett Ashton one Negroe Boy Edmund forever.

Item. I give to my ^{son} West Ashton one Negroe Boy Tom Peyton forever.

Item. I give to my son John Ashton the Plantation and Tract of Land wherein I now live to him and his heirs forever in fee simple, subject nevertheless to the Devises to my Wife and three Daughters, Mary Watts, Peggy, and Hannah, I also give to my said son John one Negroe Boy Charles forever. — Item. I give the Residue of my slaves

with their increase, and whatever part of my Estate may not be comprehended in the above Devises to be equally divided amongst my eight following Children, Richard Watts, Laurence, Burdett, West, Mary Watts, Sarah Washington, Peggy, and Hannah; I mean that the Negroes, Stocks & Furniture, devised to my Wife be at her Death or Marriage, also equally divided amongst these my eight last mentioned Children. Item. It is my desire that my three Daughters Mary Watts, Peggy, and Hannah, with such slaves as are devised to them, continue upon my Plantation together with my Wife so long as they my said Daughters remain unmarried; and whereas I have devised to my son John Ashton a fee simple in my said Tract of Land at the Death or Marriage of my Wife; It is my Will nevertheless that my three Daughters Mary Watts, Peggy, and Hannah

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Still continue upon my said Plantation, with such slaves ^{they} as shall be in Possession together with my said Son so long as they my said Daughters remain unmarried and no longer. I desire my Estate may not be appraised, and do appoint my two Brothers Laurence and Burdett Ashton, & my two sons Charles and John Executors of this my Will and Guardians to my younger Children together with their Mother whom I particularly desire may have the care of my Daughters. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 13th day of October 1787.

Signed, Sealed & Acknowledged
in Presence of

John Ashton Seal

Wm. Short, W. Lodge, M. L. Bernard

At a Court held for King George County
the 1st day of February 1788.

The Last Will and Testament of John Ashton Sen^r Gent^l read as aforesaid was then presented into Court by Charles Ashton, one of the Executors therein named, who made Oath thereto according to Law and being proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, was admitted to Record; and on the motion of the said Ex^r, he performing what the Law in such cases require Certificate is granted for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form of Law.

Test:
Laurence Berry. Clk

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