

The Sages contained and specified in this Testament
as far as this good. Chattels & Credits will therefore be
and as the Law shall change, then this obligation to
be void & of no effect or else to remain in full force
& Virtue

Notar Public for Louisa County
Nov^r 12th 1770. This Bond was this
Day set by John & John Lips-
comb, John England and
John Smith B.L. and Assured to be True & Co.

Teste John Nelson Clk. Cur.

In the name of God Amen John Tallas of Louisa Coun
ty being at this time in good Health & Pleased to God of Perfect
good Sense and Memory, and calling into mind the Uncertainty
of this Transitory Life & that all Men must yield unto Death
and therefore for and to the use of his Heirs & Assigns
do hereby make and give the following

First and Principally I give my Soul to God that gave it me & my Body 87
to the Earth to be Interred in such Decent and Christian manner as to
my Heirs hereafter named shall think meet & convenient in sure &
certain hopes of its Resurrection to Eternal Life, And the merits of Jesus
Christ my Blessed Saviour and Redeemer, And as to what Temporal
Estate God hath been pleased to bestow upon me, After my Just &
Lawfull Debts are paid I Give, Devise and Bequeath as followeth
IMPERSONALLY I give Devise and Bequeath unto my Beloved Son
Sam^r Overton alias Two Hundred and Fifty Acres of Land Includ-
ing the Plantations whereon I now live begin^d at a corner of the Pen-
nedy's and Rich^d Wright's on the North Fork of Little Rocky Creek
thence to Run a Course towards the Northana River Below the Spring
that belongs to my new designe, and to continue that Course till there
must be a Corner made to strike John Pennedy's line below Little
Rocky Creek or Downport Pennedy's line on the " Creek so as to
Include the Afores^d Two Hundred and Fifty Acres thence along up
the Creek as the line now runs to a corner of Rich^d Wright's thence
N^W 1/4 to the Beginning to the said John & Abigail forever

Along his line to the Beginning to him, his Heirs & Assigns forever
Them I give Devise and Bequeath unto my son John Waterman
Two Hundred and Twenty five Acres of Land Beginning at the corner of my
son John Waterman's lot that is to be made in his line, Running thence
to the Northward River, thence down this River to a corner of Charles
Kennedy's below the mouth of Little Rocky Creek, thence along this
Kennedy's line, to the line whereon my son John Waterman's holds this
line to include this Two Hundred and Twenty five Acres to him
his Heirs and Assigns forever Them I give Devise and Bequeath
unto my son John Waterman. Acres Two Hundred & Twenty five
Acres of Land Beginning in the Flat Mountain River at my
son John's corner thence up the River to a corner on W. Graves's
line upon this River thence along this Graves's line and William
Acres of Maryland, then to a corner and Run a straight line to my
son John Waterman's line to include Two Hundred & Twenty five
Acres to him his Heirs and Assigns forever Them I give
unto my son John Waterman all the Remaining part of my
land and better known as the Flat Mountain River.

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From my Will and Desire is that if any of my Sons Dies before
they come of Lawfull age, or with without legal Issue that then
those part of my ~~estate~~ be Equally Divided among the Surviving
Brothers or their Lawfull Representatives, Now I give unto my
Son Sam^r Overton Pettus one Negro Woman named Coat ~
with her hereafter Increase also one Feather Bed & Furniture
and my Silver Watch, To him his Heirs and Assigns forever
Now I give unto my Son Jⁿ^s Waters Pettus one Negro Girl
named Rachel and her Increase, also one Feather Bed and
Furniture and a Gold Ring with a Corie let written be a Guide
to me to him his Heirs and Assigns forever Now I give unto
my Son W^m Overton Pettus one negro Boy named Turney also
one Feather Bed and Furniture To him his Heirs & Assigns forever
Now I give unto my Son Tho^s Waters Pettus one Negro Boy name
Harry, also one Feather Bed & Furniture To him his Heirs & Assigns
forever Now I give unto my Daughter Anne Overton Pettus one Ne-
gro Fellow named Robt also one Feather Bed and Furniture & a
Gold Ring with a Oppie True Love is Endless, and a Chest with 20
Dovons in it to her her Heirs and Assigns forever, Now I give unto
my Daughter Mary Waters Pettus one Negro Woman ne

give Yellow named Matt also one Feather Bed and Furniture & a
Gold Ring with a Paper True Love is Indefinite, and a Chest with ^{two} Drawers
in it to her her Hues and Abnegs forever, Then I give unto
my Daughter Mary Waters Pettis One Negro Woman named
Fannie with her headdress Increase, also one Feather Bed and
Furniture, and a Chest with Two Drawers in it to her her Hues
and Abnegs forever. Then I give unto my Daughter Barbara
Overton Pettis, One Negro Yellow named Matt, also one
Feather Bed & Furniture and my Chest of Drawers to her her
Hues and Abnegs forever, Then I give unto my Daughter
Lucy Waters Pettis One Negro Yellow named Frank, also
One Feather Bed and Furniture and a small Chest, to her
her Hues & Abnegs forever. Then It is my Will that all my
Cattle Bred and Carryings be Equally Divided among my
Four Sons, and all my Plant Bred, Then my Will and De-
sire is that if any of my Children Dies Under Age, or rather
not so full of years, that then there part be equally Divided
Among the Remaining Brothers and Sisters or their Lawfull
Representatives, Then my Will and Desire is that if in case
any of the Negroes that I have here given to my Children
Dies before the Child that I have him to come to Lawfull
Age or Marries, that then the Child or Children be made

and Abnegs forever, Item I give unto my Daughter Barbara
Cotton Mills, One Negro Tallow named Matt, also one
Feather Bed & Furniture and my Chest of Drawers to her her
Heirs and Abnegs forever, Item I give unto my Daughter
Lucy Watson Mills One Negro Tallow named Frank, also
One Feather Bed and Furniture and a small Chest, to her
her Heirs & Abnegs forever, Item It is my Will that all my
Cotton Mills and Land be Equally Divided among my
Four Sons, and all my Plant Mills, Item my Will and De-
sire is that if any of my Children Dies Under Age or with-
out Lawfull Issue, that then those part be Equally Divided
Among the Remaining Brothers and Sisters or their Lawfull
Representatives, Item my Will and Desire is that if in case
any of the Negroes that I have here given to my Children
Dies before the Child that I have him to come to Lawfull
Age or Marriage, that then this Child or Children be made free
out of our State, Item my Will & Desire is that my Negro
Tallow named John and Nance named Hannah be kept on the
Plantation with the other Negroes and not sent out of the State

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execution of my last Will till my son Samuel comes of Age and then sold and the
Money Equally Divided Among all my Children. Item I give unto my Son
John Waters Pettis my Desk and my small looking glass and a Sermon
Book Doctr Edward Works, Item my Will and Desire is that all my
Hard Mettle Porter be Equally Divided Among all my Children,
Item my Will & Desire is that all my China ware and Earthen ware and
Stone Images and Jugs be Equally Divided among my four Daughters
Item I give unto my Son Sam^r Overton Pettis my Copper Kettle, Item I give
unto my Daughter Ann Overton Pettis my Tea Kettle Item I give unto my
Daughter Mary Waters Pettis my Bell metal Shillet Item I give unto my Daughter
Barbara Overton Pettis my Iron Shillet and my least Iron Pot & Hooks, and my
Daughter Lucy my Warming Pan Item I give unto my Daughter Lucy
Waters Pettis my Second least Iron Pot. Item I give unto my Son Wm
Overton One large Pot & Hooks. Item I give unto my Son Tho^r Waters
Pettis my great largest Pot & Hooks and a Sermon Book of East
Works Item I give unto my Son Wm^r ^{Overton} Pettis my Gun Item my Will
and Desire is that my Son Sam^r Overton have my Horse and my
Daughter Ann Overton have my

and desiring that my son Saml. Freeman have my Horse and my
Daughter Ann Swinton my Bay Mare & my Daughter Mary Waters
my other Mare and my Daughter Ann Swinton her Mother's (old)
Saddle. Item I give unto my Three Youngest Sons and Two Youngest
Daughters Two Bows each. Item my Will and Desire is that
the Remaining part of my Household Furniture and all my Stock be sold
and the Monies arising from such Sale together with all the other part
of my Estate not before given be Equally Divided Among all my Children
Item my Will and Desire is that my Nephew Rich^d Eggleston have the
Care and Bringing up of my Daughter Ann Swinton's Child and my
Daughter Lucy Waters Child and the Care of my Children. Item so
the Care and Bringing up of my sons hereafter named. Item I com-
mend and Appoint my loving Friends Stephen Childs Wm. Paine and
Edmund Eggleston my whole and sole Executors of this my Last Will &
Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal
this Twenty Sixth Day of February the Thirtieth Year of our said
Sovereign

Signed Sealed and Published
In presence of us
Richard Wright
James Miller

John Peltus