

In the name of God Amen. John
Tail of the Parish of St. Martins in the County of London being sick
and weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given
to almighty God for the same, but having to mind the uncertainty of
this Transitory Life, and being willing to settle my Worldly Affairs in
order do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form fol-
lowing. I Imprimis Give & Bequeath unto my son Zacharias Tail & to
his Heirs & assigns forever One Negro man named Charles which he
has now in Possession Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Jack-
eus Tail & to his Heirs and assigns forever One Negro man named
Davery which he has now in Possession. also one Negro Girl named Ra-
chel Item I Give & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Inelson & to
her Heirs & assigns forever one Negro Woman named Winney which is
now in her Possession. also one Negro Boy named Micajah Item I Give
and bequeath unto my son Jemius Tail and to his Heirs & assigns
forever One Negro Boy named Liger. also my Smiths Tools Item I Give
& bequeath unto my son John Tail & to his Heirs & assigns forever One Negro
Boy named Jupiter which he has now in Possession. also one Negro Girl na-
med Aggey. Item I Give and bequeath unto my son Madely Tail & to
his Heirs and assigns forever One Negro Boy named Tom also one Negro
Girl named Cecilia Item I Give unto my Daughter Sarah Tail & to
her Heirs & assigns forever one Negro boy named Phillip also one Negro Girl

boy named Jupiter which he has sold to Joseph also one Negro Girl
named Agger. I then Give and bequeath unto my son Maddy Tail & to
his Heirs and Assigns forever one Negro Boy named Tom also one Negro
Girl named Cecilia. I then Give unto my Daughter Sarah Tail & to
her Heirs & Assigns forever one Negro Boy named Phillis also one Negro Girl
named Melly. I then Give and bequeath unto my son Stephen Tail
& to his Heirs & Assigns forever one Negro Boy named Bess also one Negro
Girl named Leah and one Rifle Gun. I then Give ^{and bequeath} unto my son
Zedekiah Tail & to his Heirs & Assigns forever the Land and Plan-
tation whereon I now live containing four hundred & twelve Acres
more or less also one Negro Boy named Robin I then Give ^{and bequeath}
^{and} Daughter Mary Tail & to her Heirs & Assigns forever one
Negro Boy named Martin also one Negro Girl named Melly I
then I lend unto my well beloved wife Mary Tail for ^{the support of} her
Natural Life or Widowhood eighteen Slaves & their Increase Viz.
Abram, Ned, Blackman, Jack, Isaac, Will, Matt, Lucy, Cloc, James,
Phillis, Doll, Agger, Duke, Helmut, Gilbert Reuben, & Jack, together
with all the Right & Residue of my Estate both Real & Personal of what
Nature, Kind, or Quality soever, & from & immediately after her Decease
I Give & bequeath the Estate to as above lent to her to be Equally divided
Between my ten Children herein before mentioned. But if my Wife
should marry then it is my Will & Desire & I accordingly order

it so, that the So as above lent to her During life shall Immediately after
such intermarriage be Equally Divided between her and my 1st ten Children
share and share alike, ~~Item it is my Will & Desire~~ that if one or more of
my said Ten Children should Die without Issue that then, What I have
before given such Child, or Children so dying shall be Equally Divided
between the Survivors of them. ~~Item it is my Will & Desire~~ that my
Estate be not Appraised & ~~legally~~ I constitute & appoint my Will
beloved Wife Mary Tait my son Zacharias Tait and my Friend
David Anderson Executors of this my Last Will & Testament In Tes-
timony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this Twenty Day
of November One Thousand seven Hundred & Sixty Eight.

Sealed & Delivered

In presence of

Anne Terrell

Anne Terrell

Mary C. Terrell

Richm^d Terrell

James Bell

A Court held for Louisa County

Sept^r 4th 1769.

This Will was this Day produced in open Court
and was by the Oaths of ^{proved} Richmond Terrell
& Anne Terrell ^{two of the W. & A. residing thereto} ~~proved~~ & Ordered to be Recor-
ed

Teste John Nelson C. & Co

KNOW all men by these Presents that we Mary Tait Zacharias
Tait Waddy Thompson John Hawkins & Jas^{ts} Tait Sen^r are held & sworn
by Court unto Tho^s Johnson & als Gent Justices of the Court of
Louisa County, now sitting in the sum of Two Thousand Pounds to
the payment whereof We and Each of us are bound to the Justice &

their Successors, we bind ourselves, each of us, our Heirs, Executors,
Exors, & Admins, jointly & severally, firmly by these Presents sealed
with our Seals this Eleventh Day of September in the year of our
Lord One Thousand seven Hundred & Sixty Nine, and in the
Ninth year of our Sovereign Lord George the third
The Condition of this Obligation is such, That if the above bound
Mary Taub & Zacharias Taub each of the Last Will & Testament
of John Taub Dec^d, do make, or cause to be made, a true & perfect
Inventory of all & singular the Goods, Chattles & Credits of this Dec^d
which have or shall come to the Hands, Possession or Knowledge of
the s^d Mary and Zacharias or into the Hands and Possession of
any other Person or Persons, for them and the same made, do
exhibit into the County Court of Louisa at such time as they
shall be thereunto required by the s^d Court, and the same Goods,
Chattles & Credits, and all other the Goods, Chattles & Credits of this Dec^d
which at any time after shall come to the Hands Possession or
Knowledge of the s^d Mary & Zacharias or into the Hands & Possession
of any other Person or Persons, for them do well & truly Administer
According to Law, and further do make a just & true Account of their
actions and doings therein when thereto required by the s^d Court,
and also shall pay & deliver all the Legacies contained & Incurred
in the s^d Testament as far as the Goods, Chattles & Credits will there-

unto Entered, and the Law shall Charge, Then this Obligation
to be void & of none Effect, or else to remain in full force & Virtue
Sealed & Delivered
in the presence of

Mary ^{by} Tait
Zacharias Tait
Waddy Thompson
John Hawkins
Jas. Tait

A Court held for Louisa County Sept^r 11th 1769
Mary Tait and Zacharias Tait acknowledged this Bond to be
their Act & Deed, and by the Court Ordered to be Recorded
Teste John Nelson C. L. C.

In the name of God. Amen
I Robert
Tombham of the Parish of St. Marlow's and County of Louisa being in health
of Body and Sound mind and Memory God be praised for the same
do make constitute and Appoint this my Last Will and Testament in form
and manner following, I promise, My Soul I commit unto God who gave it,
my Body I commit unto the Earth from whence it was taken, As for
such Worldly Goods as God hath been pleased to bless me with, after all
my Lawfull and Just debts are paid, I Will and dispose of the Remainder
in the following manner, that is to say, I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Mary West all that corner of land above John Shelmors Branch