

In the Name of God Amen. I Rob<sup>t</sup> Yancy of Louisa  
County being in my usual health do make and ordain <sup>this</sup> my  
Last will and testament That is to say: First my Desire  
is that my well beloved wife Ann Yancy remain in the  
full & undisturbed peace & enjoyment of all my  
whole estate both real and personal until one of my Children  
shall come of lawful age and then she shall have only my  
Land with <sup>the</sup> ~~that~~ improvements shall Be on it and one third  
part of all my estate beside which shall be laid off to her  
by my Executors During her natural life and after her  
decease to Be Equally divided between my Children and  
the remainder of my Estate shall be divided in the following  
manner Viz: My sons shall all share equally one with another  
but my daughter or daughters shall have but half as much  
as my son or sons if there shall be such but if there be no son  
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as my son or sons if there shall be such but if there be no son  
my Daughter shall all share Equally and each Child  
shall have her portion at their coming of Lawful age to be  
Divided and laid of to them respectively by my Executors  
or in case of decease by the surviving one or ones and such other  
Person or persons as the Child conceived in the division and  
the surviving Executors or Executors shall Chance to supply  
the place of the Deceased and if none of the Executors be living the  
Court in the division of my Estate to gather what.

The one next above him or her in age and the one next below  
if such there be shall choose three respectable men who are  
disinterested to make out such Division By the Child concerned  
In the division of my Estate I mean the one who is first then  
come of age and portion is then to be laid off but my desire is  
that my Estate be not sold in order to affect the above division  
But that as each Child comes of age the person appointed  
as above to make a division shall Divide my whole Estate  
that shall not be magnified properly by the provision made  
above into parcels or lots according to the number of Children  
who are yet to receive their portion and the dividers above  
mentioned shall Give to each Child the particular part  
or lot they shall think fittest for them But as each Child  
receives his part the remaining shall be thrown together  
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shall have yet their portions to receive, so a new division of  
all that shall remain to be divided shall be made as each Child  
comes of Lawful age and in consideration of my wife hav-  
ing my whole estate till one of my Children shall come of  
Age she shall Raise all the said Children and support them  
During their Minority without charging them for Boarding  
or Clothing or schooling Each of my Children shall have three  
years schooling But in case my wife shall marry she shall  
only enjoy one third part of my Estate so be laid off to her by my  
Executors or the division of my Estate among them during her  
Life and then after her decease to be Equally Divided between all  
all my children as Above directed and if after the marriage of my  
wife it shall appear to my Executors that her husband will  
use her Estate in an improper manner to the detriment of her  
Children it shall Be in the power of my Executors to take the  
said Estate (By which I mean the one third part of all my  
Estate and Land &c)

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and to improve it to the benefit of my wife as far as they shall  
think proper and of my Children and if it should happen that  
all my Children should die before they come of Lawful age my  
will is that my well Beloved wife should enjoy all my whole  
Estate both Real and personal during her life and should further  
have the one half of my Estate to dispose of by will or gift as  
she shall think proper and the other half of my Estate after  
the death of my wife Ann Gancey shall be Equally Divided  
between my two Brothers Charles and Jeremiah Gancey  
to them and their heirs & assigns forever and my will is that  
my mother should enjoy the free use and possession of the Land  
whereon she now lives during her natural life & after her  
decease to go to my Beloved wife Ann Gancey as my other land  
above directed and whereas it may happen that my brother  
Charles Gancey may move out of this Province in which case

my Beloved wife Ann Gancy may incline to move with him  
with her children and her and their Estates which may be  
for the advantage of my wife and my children my will is that  
it shall appear to my Executors to be for the good of my wife  
and Children that they shall that is my my Beloved wife Ann  
Gancy and my Executors hereafter named have the liberty of  
selling my said and other immovable parts of my said Estate and  
the Price of such Land to be laid out in Land where my said  
wife and children with my said brother shall move and the  
said Land and the ~~to be disposed of~~ above directed in case of  
no Removal and my will is that if any of my wife's brothers  
the Crawford's shall be convenient in the said province or  
near the said province that they shall act as Executors of this  
my will and Testament with my Brother Charles Gancy  
and in case none of my wife's Brothers be convenient it shall  
be in the power of my Beloved wife and me or the

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Charles Yancy to chuse one or more respectable persons to act  
as Executors of this my last will and Testament with my Brother  
Charles Yancy and any other Executors that shall and move with  
My said wife and Children shall be released from their Executorship  
And shall not be accountable for any transaction that shall be  
such said removal out of this province and if there shall be any  
case hereafter not duly provided for in this my last will and  
Testament may arise that the same be adjusted settled and  
Determined by my Executors or the dividers of my Estate as shall  
Appear to them most reasonable and advantageous for the good  
of the whole and my will is that a copy of this my last will and  
Testament may be recorded in such province as County Court  
where such removal of my wife and children shall be and I  
constitute and ordain my Brother Charles Yancy Mr John Pru-  
dock and Mr Nathaniel Anderson all of this County &

Executors of this my Last will and Testament and I do here-  
 by revoke and disannul all former wills by me made and  
 And Declare this and no other to be my Last will and  
 Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
 and seal this Sixteenth of March In the year of our Lord  
 one thousand seven hundred and seventy four  
 Signed sealed and delivered  
 in presence of us  
 Nath: Pope  
 John Pope.

Nath: Janyes Esq  
 Indentured Witness

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At a Court held for Laine County on Monday the 10  
 Day of October 1774 This Will was this Day Exhibited in open  
 Court to the Jurors within named and was Read to be the  
 Last Will and Testament of the said Nath: Janyes by the said  
 Nath: Janyes and by the Court and by the Jurors