

James J. Alexander Barric of the district & County of Solis Court, & State
of Virginia, and by the blessing of God, in sound & perfect mind
and memory and doth make, publish & declare, this instrument of
writing with my own hand, & seal, ink & paper to be my last Will
& Testament in manner & form, following and revoking by hereundering
null & void, every other will & Testament before this date as the articles
in them cannot now be established, nor the Ex^{rs} to them can now
act upon them present, Montgomery County Wills, 1793-1809
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and further confirm the full & perfect freedom from all manner of
Slavery or servitude that I have given to my Negro Woman named
Melley & to her son named Alice & also the bequest given to her the
said Melley of her other son named James, a Boy in a State of insa-
nity & is not to be put under the direction or control of any person what-
ever, but his mother during his life & after that he is to be taken care of
by his Kindred or hereafter mentioned if the State of insanity continues
upon him, so that he cannot manage his own person & property.

Slavery or servitude that I have given to my Negro Woman named
Milly & to her son named Aluk & also the bequest given to her the
said Milly of her other son named Jume, a Boy in a state of insa-
nity & not to be put under the direction or control of any person what-
ever, but her mother during her life & after that he is to be taken care of
by her Kindred as hereafter mentioned of the State of insanity continues
upon him, so that he cannot provide support for himself and which any
Justice of peace near to his said place of residence are requested
to judge of & report accordingly and if it should ever be necessary to have
any reference to the original freedom Bill or Bond for Milly & Aluk's
freedom & the bequest of Jume it is upon Record in the clerk's office of
Richmond County in July 1792. Therefore can I am not obliged to
suppose of any of the same. Milly & other three children in my lifetime
named Louisa Anna & Polly & are now bequeathed at my death

to any of the said three children of ^o^r Melly that are not otherwise
disposed of before then & their children, full & perfect freedom from all
maner of slavery, or servitude but such as they chuse to engage in of
their own free will & for their own benefit provided if need be that they shall
contribute to the comfortable support of their mother Melly & brother
Jerome so far as the said two Justices of Peace shall judge is necessary
and incumbent upon each of them that obtains their freedom; to con-
tribute thereto ^{Montgomery County, Va. 1796-1809} ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} And I give and bequeath to the said Melly & any of
the said three children that continues to live with her for their mutual
benefit one plough horse two Cow half my wearing apparel and one
hundred acres of land that I may be possessed of, and to be laid off
at the discretion of any executor for the said Melly & any of the said
three children that continues to live with her to live upon during the
longest lives of them & to occupy the same as they think proper for their
own benefit And severally I request of Mr David Ross in case I cannot
accomplish my last bequest with him. With all

own benefit And secondly I request of Mr David Ross in case I cannot
accomplish a final settlement with him of the affairs between us in my
life time that he will give the Bay in his possession named Alick Murray
the son of Jimmy who belonged to me full & perfect freedom and when he
is master of the trade he has put him to learn to pay to him or to my
Executors to be bestowed upon him when it shall be judged the most proper
time to set him up in business for himself the sum of Four hundred
dollars \$400 out of the money ~~to be sent to me from Mr Ross and lastly~~
and for the residue of my affairs in the hands of the said David Ross
& statement of which with acc^{ts} of his letters in my possession my executors is referred
to but it is expected that Mr Ross will render to my Executors hereafter named
fair & distinct & conscientious acc^{ts} of what should be coming to me
from these affairs of mine in his hands which should not be less than
the full & present value of Fort Lewis estate consisting of 3113 acres
of land most of the negroes & other property thereon when he took the
illegal purchase of it in the year 1786 as the title is now

in master of the trade he has put him to learn to pay to him or to my
Ex^{rs} to be bestowed upon him when it shall be judged the most proper
time to set him up in business for himself the sum of Four hundred
dollars ~~to be~~ out of the money coming to me from Mr. Rof and lastly
and for the residue of my affairs in the hands of the said David Rof
a statement of which with cert^y of his letters in my possession my wife is referred
to but it is expected that Mr. Rof will render to my Executors hereafter named
fair & distinct & conscientious account of what should be coming to me
from these affairs of mine in his hands a bill should not be left that
the full present value of Fort Lewis estate consisting of 3113 acres
of land most of the negroes & other property thereon when he took the
illegal possession of it in the year 1786 in the place and not been sold
had it not been for his criminal use of breach of duty to me his constant
use thereof the very large sum of money that has been sunk & wasted
in a detestable manner in consequence of his not fulfilling his

at the sale of the place to him, by advancing the money stipu-
lated to purchase an other place or rather saying that I was
fixed upon an other place to my satisfaction before he took illegal
possession of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~deeds~~ but it is still expected that for his own conscience
and reputation sake he will make a reasonable & equitable settle-
ment of these affairs, and all the residue that is recovered from him
in real or personal property and after any small & just debts that
I may be owing & funeral expenses are paid I leave given & bequeath
unto bot^m William Bain the son of the rev^d James Bain deceased
for the only proper use & behoof of the said bot^m William Bain &
his heirs forever provided he or they pay into the hands of the Kirk
Session of Cardross five pounds sterling for the benefit of the poor of that
parish and also to attend to & see that Alexander & John Murray the
two sons of my sister Susan are comfortably maintained, if the other
friends from their other relations prove insufficient and I constitute
and appoint as Executor to this my last Will & Testament Andrew

Donald near the Neck of Otter in Bedford County, whose relations
in Scotland are acquainted with mine and Archibald Bryce of
Yorkland Co. And in Witness whereof I have signed & sealed the
same this first day of January one thousand eight hundred
1st January, 1807

Published & declared by Alexander
Baine that this instrument of writing
is his last will & Testament in presence of
us who have hereunto subscribed our names
as Witnesses in presence of the testator.

Alex^r Baine Test

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At Montgomery March 6th 1807

A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Alexander
Baine deceased was presented in Court and the bona veritas of the
said alleged be was proved to the satisfaction of the Court by the oath
of Gordon Stacey, Charles Taylor and Allen Taylor and the said

same this first day of January one thousand eight hundred
1st January 1800

Published & declared by Alexander

Before that the instrument of writing
is her last will & Testament in presence of
us who has hereto subscribed our names
as Witnesses in presence of the Notary.

Alex^r James Esq^r

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A paper purporting to be the Last Will and Testament of Alexander
James deceased was presented in Court and the hand writing of the
said deceased being proved to the satisfaction of the Court by the oath
of Gordon Taylor, Charles Taylor and Allen Taylor were thereupon
admitted to be his will.

John Gordon Taylor Esq^r