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In the Year of 1796 I was shown evidence of
Montgomery County and State of Virginia being through
the abundant mercy of God of a kind and perfect man
standing and meeting me in my last will and testament
and I have it may be received by
as such. I give my soul to God who gave
it in hope of a joyful resurrection. I give my body to
God to be disposed of in my last will and testament
I give my body to the church from whence it came to be
buried at the discretion of my Executor hereafter named
I give that all my left debts and funeral charges being
paid that the residue of my estate be disposed of in manner
following. I give and bequeath unto my loving
wife Sarah all my real and personal estate during her
natural life and then over three fourths of my personal estate to be
wholly at her disposal and will. I give and bequeath

wholly at her disposal and Well. I give and bequeath
unto Thomas Labaree Son of Henry Labaree the plantation
and live on adjoining James Smith's land. I likewise give
to him the said Thomas Labaree the two thirds of all my personal
estate after the decease of my loving wife to him and
his heirs to assign forever. I then I give and bequeath unto
my three sons John Laurence, William Laurence and
Thomas Laurence a certain tract of land lying on
the north side of the Little river the said land to
be equally divided between the three to them and their
heirs to assign forever. I then I give and bequeath unto
John Wharton of Carolina a tract of land lying on the east
side of the bounding mill branch between John Laurence
land and James Wharton land James Smith's land and
with Smith's land to said branch to him and his
heirs to assign forever. I then I hereby constitute and

at 100 after the seizure of my loving wife to him and
his wife to assign forever. Item I give and bequeath unto
my three sons John Laurence, William Laurence and
Thomas Laurence a certain tract of land lying on
the north side of the waters of Little river the said land to
be jointly divided between them and their
heirs assign forever. Item I give and bequeath unto
my daughter Mary a certain tract of land lying on the east
side of the preceding mill branch between John Laurence
lands and Thomas Charlton lands James Lambson lands and
with Lambson line tract to said branch to him and his
heirs assign forever. Item I hereby constitute, ordain
appoint and empower my three sons John Laurence, William Laurence
and Thomas Laurence Executors of my last Will
and Testament hereby appointing and nominating

