

In the Name of God Amen. I George Collins
of the Town of Portsmouth in the County of Norfolk and State
of Virginia, being through the abundant Mercy and Goodness
of God of Sound and perfect Understanding do constitute this
my last will and Testament, and earnestly desire that it may
be received by all as such.

First, I most humbly bequeath my Soul to God my
maker, beseeching his most gracious Acceptance of it, thro the
all sufficient Merits and Mediation of my most Compassionate
Redeemer Jesus Christ, who gave himself to be an atonement for
my sins, and able to save to the Uttermost all that come to
God by him. In this Hope and Confidence I render up
my Soul with Comfort, Humbly beseeching the most Blessed
and Glorious Trinity one God most Holy, most merciful and
gracious to prepare me for the time of my dissolution, and then
to take me to himself into that Peace and Rest, and incompara-
ble Felicity which he has prepared for all that love and fear his
holy Name. Blessed be God, I bequeath my Body to the Earth
from whence it was taken in full Assurance of its Resurrection
from thence it was taken at the last Day. As for my Burial
I desire it may be decent without Pomp or State at the Discretion
of my Executors hereafter Named, who I doubt not will manage
it with all requisite Prudence. As to my Worldly Estate, I will
and positively order that all my Debts be first paid & that with
convenient speed after my Death, As for the Remainder of my
Estate after my Debts and funeral charges are paid, I give in
the following Manner—

Item I Give and Bequeath unto My Son Henry Collins my
Tailors Shop, which now stands on the Land Leased of M^{rs}
Jane Stuart, unto him and his Heirs for ever

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Half part of my Lot where I now live beginning on the Corner
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Item. I give and Bequeath unto My Son Henry Collins my
Tailors Shop, which now stands on the Land, leased of Miss
Jane Stewart, unto him and his Heirs for ever

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Son George Collins, one
half part of my Lot where I now live beginning on the Corner
of King Street and running South, half the distance on Middle
Street then running back to my back line to Asheals Land
then along the said line to the Street called King Street, thence along
the said King Street to the beginning. I also give my son George
my Negro Boy Tom, to have and to hold the said Land Negro

unto him and his Heirs for ever —

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son William Collins the Remaining Part of my Lot where I now live, which lays between the Last mentioned Land given to my son George Collins, and the Land belonging to my son Henry Collins, I also give unto my said Son William my Negro boy Named Humphry — unto him and his Heirs for ever —

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Wife Hannah Collins my Negro Woman Jenny during her Widowhood, I also give her the Choice of one Cow, my best Leather Bed and furniture, one Chest of Drawers, one Pine chest painted Blue, one Trunk, Two pots, one pair of fier dogs, two Dishes and six plates, one Case of Knives and forks, to her own disposal

Item I Give and bequeath unto my said Wife Hannah Collins during her life the Use of the two Middle Rooms in the house that I now dwell in, also one Oval Table, one pair Flat Irons one pair of Tongs —

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary McNeil my Glass Sewfast, one Cow, to her and her Heirs for ever —

Item It is my will and desire that in case either or both of my sons, George, and William, should die before they attain to the age of twenty One, that each or both, of what I have herein given them shall be sold and the money arising from such sale be equally between my surviving Children

Item It is my will and desire that my two Negroes, Anthony, and Sarah, be hired out for the support of my Wife and Son William

Item It is my will and desire that after my Wife's Marriage (if that should be the case) or her Death, then it is my will and desire that the Negroe Woman Jenny be sold and the money arising from such sale be Equally Divided between all my surviving Children —

Item It is my Will and desire that it may be understood that the Part of my Lot whereon I live which is given to my son George Collins be divided as follows, Vizt: Instead of his taking half the distance on Middle Street, from the corner of King Street, he is only to have

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Item It is my will and Desire that the two Rooms that Mr Gadwin now Occupys and the two Rooms that I Occupie with the Conveniences thereto belong, above and below Stairs, be Rented out and the money arising be applyd for repairs and for support of my Wife, & Son William — Untill my son George shall arrive to Lawfull age, then my said son George to take possession of his part as herein given him

Item It is my will and desire that my Grand son George McNeale do come in for an equal share of my Estate that I have left to be sold, as equal as any of my Children

Item It is my will and desire that all the rest and residue of my Estate be it of what Nature soever be sold to pay my just debts, and the Remainder be put to the best Advantage for my son William Collins

I doth I do Nominate and appoint my son Henry Collins my Wife Hannah Collins, and Mr John Smith, my whole and sole Executors of this my will and Testament hereby revoking all former will by me made, and do declare this in the presence of these Witnesses, Given under my hand and seal this 29 day of September 1786

Signed Sealed and
Declared in presence of }

George Collins

Ralph Pigot

Nathan Bagnall

Robert Gifford

At a Court held for Norfolk County the 17th day of December 1792
This last will and Testament of George Collins aforesaid was this day
proved by the oaths of Ralph Pigot & Nathan Bagnall witnesses there
to and ordered to be recorded, and at a Court held for the said County on
the 18th instant Henry Collins one of the executors therein named having
taken the oath and given bond and security according to Law

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I do Nominate and appoint my Son Henry Collins my Wife Hannah Collins, and Mr John Smith, my whole and sole Executors of this my will and Testament hereby revoking all former will by me made, and do declare this in the Presence of these Witnesses, Given under my hand and seal this 27 day of September 1786

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At a Court held for Norfolk County the 17th day of December 1792
This last will and Testament of George Collins and was this day
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certificate for obtaining a probate was granted him in due form

Teste per J. Wilson J. C. C.