

In the name of God Amen. I William Mather of Elizabeth
County in the Colony of Virginia being in health of perfect sense
and memory do make and ordain this my last will & Testament
in manner & form following.
I give and bequeath unto my dear & loving wife her heirs
& assigns the following negroes vizt. Henry, Tom, Duff &
Phadwick together with all my House hold furniture. I like-
wise give her during her natural life the following negroes
vizt. Joe, Jack, London, Will, Edinbrough, Leith, Glasgow,
Dick, Marchus, Bristol, Lattise, Humphrey, Robt, Young
Whitie, & the two Negro's Mary & Jane with
the up of both my plantations vizt. that whereon I live
& that uper one joining Edmund Crichtons land with all
the lands ~~lying~~ belonging thereto together with all the
stock of Cattle, Horses, Hogs & Sheep with all utensils of
house hold &c. on the said plantations the maintaining
my two younger sons Samuel & William & my daughter Mary
I likewise give her my Book of Divinity.

I desire that my lots in Town & the land up the Indian
Creeke being that on Norfolk & part in Accomack County
may be sold and the money arising therefrom be ap-
plied in paying my both debts and what remains
to be equally divided between my son Cary Mather flag-
Cary Mather, Stephen his heirs & assigns the following
negroes vizt. Luff, the son of Cary, Jan to Sam: Tabina
Hannah & her daughter Nanney, and at the decease of
my loving wife I give them an equal fourth part of the
negroes before given her during her natural life. Except
Peg & young Bridget with their increase to be divided as her
after directed.

I give and bequeath unto my son Samuel Mather his
heirs & assigns the following negroes vizt. George, Edinbrough,
John, Bob, young Phobis, Nanney, the daughter of the Idg. &
Ed: Sarah & daughter which died at the decease of my
loving wife. I give him young Bridget & her increase.
I likewise give him an equal fourth part of the other negroes
before given my wife during her natural life. Peg excepted
I likewise give & bequeath unto my son Thomas his heirs
and assigns at the death of my loving wife the plantation
whereon I now live with all the lands adjoining thereto
together with one half of all the stock of Cattle, Horses

Samuel should die before he arrives to the age of twenty one
years then I give the above mentioned lands to my son
William Hopper his heirs & assigns
Item I give and bequeath unto my son William Hopper his
heirs & assigns the following negroes viz Young
Joffrey Young Bridget, Sally, Young Hannah, Mary, and
Midge. I likewise give & bequeath unto my son William at
the decease of my living wife my upper plantation adjoining
Edmund Cree houses land & all the land belonging to me &
now lying in three several parcels together with one
cow with the stock of cattle Horses & other goods
one half of all utensils now belonging to the plantation
to be equally divided between him & my son Samuel to their
heirs & assigns. And if it should happen that my son
William should die before he comes to lawful age then
I bequeath the said lands with all the stock of cattle, horses
Horses & Hops & utensils &c to my son Samuel Hopper
his heirs & assigns. I likewise give my son William at
the decease of my living wife one equal fourth part of
the negroes to her devised during her natural life Peg
Young Bridget & their increase excepted
Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Hopper her
heirs & assigns the following negroes viz Young
Barraba, Young Tom Simon the daughter of Bridget & he
increase Young Peggy & Menba & at the decease of my
wife Old Peg and likewise at my wife's decease one fourth
part of the other negroes given my wife during her natural
life
Item I desire that the Reverend Mr Charles Smith & Capt John
Smith (here after appointed Executors) may divide the
negroes devised to my living wife during her natural life
except before excepted I mean Peg & Bridget & their
increase as how as may be convenient, after my de-
cease into four equal parts or lots of which each
my children are to have one according to their share
if my desire is that by allotment they may have
and at the decease of my living wife they may possess
the negroes according to the same
Item my will & desire is that if either son should die before
they arrive to lawful age or my daughter before marriage
or before she comes to the age of twenty one years then the
negroes given to the wife to divide shall be equally divided
amongst the other three children that may survive

Jeffrey Young Mr. [unclear] at
bridge. I likewise gave a bequest unto my son William at
the decease of my loving wife my apparel plantation adjoining
Edmund Bee houses land & all the land belonging to me and
to be lying in three several parcels together with one
half of the stock of cattle horses & horses with
one half of all utensils or more belonging to both plantations
to be equally divided between him & my son Samuel to their
heirs or assigns. And if it should happen that my son
William should die before he comes to lawful age then
I bequeath the said lands with all the stock of cattle horses
& horses & utensils &c. to my son Samuel & his
heirs or assigns. I likewise gave my son William at
the decease of my loving wife one equal fourth part of
the negroes to her devised during her natural life Peg
Young bridge & their increase or offspring.

Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary Hopper her
heir and assigns the following negroes. Barchus, Young Tom, Simon the daughter of Bridget & her
increase, Jeany, Peggy & Mienba & at the decease of my
wife old Peg and likewise at my wife's decease one fourth
part of the other negroes given my wife during her natural
life.

Item I desire that the Reverend Mr. Charles Smith & Capt. Johan
Smith (here after appointed Executors) may divide the
negroes devised to my loving wife during her natural life
except before excepted I mean Peg & Bridget & their
increase as soon as may be convenient after my decease
into four equal parts or lots of which lots each of
my children are to have one according to their seniority
of my desire is that by all means they may have
and at the decease of my loving wife they may possess
the negroes according to the same.

Item Mr. Will. & desire is that if either son should die before
they arrive to lawful age or my daughter before marriage
or before she comes to the age of twenty one years then the
negroes given to them are to be sold that the proceeds
I amongst the other children that may be born
I likewise desire that my estate may not be impaired.
And I do appoint Mr. Johan Smith & Capt. Johan
Smith & the said Mr. Charles Smith to be

executors and my loving wife ~~to be~~ to be executrix of
this my last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and affixed my this
in the year our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and fifty seven

I give & bequeath all the
the remainder of my Estate William Happer

into my ~~last will~~ only give away
Nell the daughter of my daughter Mary
My will & desire is the Land on the Indian Creek
to be sold to Solomon Heath. when he pays down
the money according to agreement witness my
this 13th day of Feby 1757. William Happer
Signed sealed
and delivered in presence of

James W. Hunter
William Happer Junr

