

In the name of God Amen, I Richard Foster of Talbot County in the state of Virginia being aged infirm sick and in a low state of health and being sensible that it is appointed for all men once to die do in my right mind memory and senses make and proclaim this my last Will and testament. In presence, &c. First I bequeath my soul to Almighty God who gave it me hoping and fully trusting that I shall be Eternally saved through the merits of my Dear Redeemer Jesus Christ who suffered for me and all man kind my body I commit to Earth from whence it came to be therein. To be buried in a Christian like manner by my Executors hereafter named and as for what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow on me with I do dispose of in form and manner following.

Item I give and bequeath to my loving wife Ann Foster my land and plantation containing one hundred acres to the same more or less during her life and also my stock of cattle hogs and sheep my riding mare all my house hold furniture tools of every kind and every thing that belongs to my Estate both real and personal during her life.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Jane Foster one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs after my wife's decease.

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Foster my bed and furniture whosoever he my self or his heirs after my wife's decease.

Item I give and bequeath to my son George Foster five shillings cash to him and his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Joel Foster five shillings cash to him and his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son John Foster five shillings cash to him and his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Rebecca Amers five shillings cash to her and her heirs for ever.

Item, My Will and Desire is that after my wife's decease my son John Foster shall have all my land on the north side the brickthorn branch with all the appurtenances thereto belonging. And the remainder part of my land on the south side of the said branch I give to my wife to Dispose of as she shall think proper to any of my children my further will and desire is that the remainder part of my estate except my bed and furniture which I give to my wife to Dispose of as she shall think proper that is not given out, all ready to be equally divided between my three children Jane Foster, Sarah Foster and John Foster to them and their heirs for ever.

Item I constitute and appoint my loving wife Ann Foster <sup>and</sup> my friend William Bates my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do by these presents make void all Wills whatsoever made by me or for me before ratifying and allowing this only to be my last will and Testament In Witness whereof the said Richard Foster hath hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this seventeenth day of February one Thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

sign. seal & acknowledge  
In the presence of  
William Bates  
Margaret <sup>his</sup> Ford  
Charles <sup>his</sup> Ford  
mark

Richard <sup>his</sup> Foster  
mark

A Court held for following County at the Courthouse on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October

them, My Will and Desire is that after my wife's death my son John Foster shall have all my land on the north side the huckabury branch with all the appurtenances thereto belonging. And the remainder part of my land on the south side of the said branch I give to my wife to dispose of as she shall think proper to any of my children my further will and desire is that the remainder part of my estate except my bed and furniture which I give to my wife to dispose of as she shall think proper that is not given out all ready to be equally divided between my three children Jane Foster, Sarah Foster and John Foster to them and their heirs for ever.

Now I constitute and appoint my loving wife Ann Foster my friends William Bates my whole and sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and do by these presents make void all Wills whatsoever made by me or for me before ratifying and allowing this only to be my last will and Testament in Witness whereof the said Richard Foster hath hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this seventeenth day of February one Thousand seven hundred and ninety six.

My seal I acknowledge

In the presence of

William Bates  
Hoseaiah <sup>his</sup> Ford  
Abner <sup>his</sup> Ford  
marks

Richard <sup>his</sup> Foster  
mark

A court held for following County at the Courtouse on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1796  
This last will and Testament of Richard Foster deceased was offered for proof by William Bates an Executor therein named and was proved by the oath of William Bates and

Just  
Peter Randolph C. S. C.

Truly recorded

Just  
Thomas Waring Esq. H.

Francis Doctor Holmes Langdon Brockway Holmes John Ballard Holmes Union  
Brockway Holmes and Lucy Holmes in account with Elizabeth Holmes their mother  
22 June 1796 J. W.

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|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 17.6.3 Cash received from John Grandfather's Estate | £ 20. 0. 0                     |
| By Disb. for same                                   | 15. 15                         |
|                                                     | Balance due the Orphans 35. 15 |

Attesty So  
This day Elizabeth J. Holmes came before me and made Oath to the Justice  
of the Peace according to the oath given me that the above is the  
Richard Blount

Witnessed & signed by me the 6<sup>th</sup> of October 1796

The account being returned, and examined by  
me the same is allowed & ordered to be received

Just  
Peter Randolph C. S. C.

Just  
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