

In the name of God, June 22nd day One thousand seven hundred and ninety seven I Stith
Bolling of Monocacy County being Sick of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do
make and Ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following Viz. Imprimis
It is my will and desire that all my Just debts should be paid as soon as possible after my decease
out of the profits of my estate. Item I lend unto my loving wife Charlotte Bolling the use of my
Land and plantation whereon I now live known by the name of Pavery side which I purchased of
Charles Lewis together with the plantation adjacent the said plantation and land I lend unto my
loving wife during her natural life and no longer. I also lend unto my loving wife during
her widowhood the use of all the cleared ground on the west side of the branch which bears near the
county road including the school house. It is also my desire that my loving wife shall and may
have the privilege benefit and use of as much Timber as may be necessary for enclosing and keeping
in repair the last mentioned ground during her widowhood at the direction of my executors hereinafter
mentioned from any part of my Land that I now or hereafter possess which may be most convenient
to the Land above lent. I also lend unto my loving wife the use of the following negroes Abram
Nell, Silvie, Robin, Sharper, James, Annakey, Upsey, Joe, Dinah, and Arny and all their fu-
ture increase during her natural life and no longer. I also lend unto my wife one fifth part
of all my stock (except ^{ing} horses) during her natural life and no longer. I also lend unto my
loving wife the use of all my household and kitchen furniture during her widowhood, but
in case she marries then I only lend her one fifth part of the said household and kitchen fur-
niture during her natural life and no longer. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving wife
Charlotte Bolling my four wheel carriage and harness together with four horses or Mares which
ever she may make choice of out of my estate and it is my will and desire that if either of the
said horses or mares so made choice off should die, stray away, or be disabled during her widowhood

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have the privilege benefit and use of as much Timber as may be necessary for inclosing and keeping
in repair the last mentioned grounds during her widowhood at the directions of my executors hereinafter
mentioned from any part of my land that I now or hereafter possess which may be most convenient
to the land above lent. I also lend unto my loving wife the use of the following negroes Abram
Holl, Helie, Robin, Sharper, James, Annakey, Uzey, Joe, Dinah, and Arny and all their fu-
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ever she may make choice of out of my estate and it is my will and desire that if either of the
said horses or mares so made choice off should die, stray away, or be disabled during her widowhood
that my executors shall replace such horse or horses out of the profits of my estate as near the same
value as may be. The above carriage and horses I give unto her and her heirs forever.
Item I give unto my loving wife corn sufficient for the ^{use} of her plantation and family for
one year after the division to be delivered to her by my executors the above legacies which
I have given and lent to my loving wife is in lieu of her right of dower in my estate.
Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Rebecca Brown Spragins and her heirs
one black filly about three years old known by the name of (Betsey Fisher) also two

Cows and Calves, of better quality also two Small Deer Stags that is now at my Charles River
 and six head of Sheep of breeding quality. Item I give and bequeath to my executor
 hereafter named the four following Negroes and their increase to wit John, Little Bob, Mary
 and Sarah in trust to hold them for the use and benefit of my daughter Rebecca Brown and
 Spragins during her life and at her death to divide them and their increase equally between
 the children that my daughter has and may have by lawful marriage or marriages and
 in case she leaves no child or children, or should she leave a child or children and that
 child or children by her left should die before it or they arrive to the full age of Twenty
 one years and leaving no lawful issue, then and in that case the said four negroes
 and their increase are to be equally divided by my said executors and Trustees between
 my four sons Seth, Robert, Edmunds and Thomas which shall be vested on them and
 their heirs forever. Item It is my desire that all the rest and residue of my estate of what
 nature or quality soever may be kept together on my plantation or plantations for the
 use and benefit of my four sons Seth, Robert, Edmunds and Thomas under the care
 and direction of my executors. Item I give and bequeath to my son Seth and his heirs
 when he comes to the full age of Twenty one years one fourth part of my land which I now
 possess or hereafter may possess including the land that I have lent to my beloved wife
 during her life to be laid off by my executors the survivors or survivor of them in conjunction
 with three men chosen by my executors hereafter mentioned the above lands to be laid off into four equal
 lots as near of equal value as possible at the time that my son Seth comes of age, but in making
 this division my executors must take into their consideration the incumbrance of my wife's life
 estate in that part loaned her, and after the said

lots as near of equal value as possible at the time that my son Sam comes of age, and in making
this division my executors must take into their consideration the incumbrance of my wife's life
estate in that part loaned her, and after the said lands are laid off in four equal parts
it is my will that my said son Stith shall ballot for his proportion and whichever
shares shall fall to him I give to him and his heirs forever. The remaining three lots I desire
may be kept together for the benefit and advantage of my three sons Robert, Edmund & Thomas
untill Robert comes of age then I desire that the above residue may be laid off as above by
my executors the survivors or survivor of them including the three men to be chosen by them
into three equal parts as near of equal value as possible at the time my son Robert comes of age
having regard to the life estate of my wife in the land loaned provided my son Stith should not
draw it for his lot and after the said land is laid off into three equal parts as directed it is my
will and desire that my son Robert shall ballot for his proportion and the part he draws I
give and bequeath unto him and to his heirs forever. Then it is my will and desire that
the other two shares shall be kept together untill my son Edmund comes of age then to
be equally divided between my two sons Edmund and Thomas by my executors the survivors or
survivor of them including the three men chosen by them as above directed. But in making this
equal division should neither my son Stith nor Robert draw that part which I have loaned
my wife and she should be then living, my executors with their assistants herein directed
to be chosen, are to take notice of the incumbrance of her life estate in that part loaned her
and the land that falls to my son Edmund by ballot I give and bequeath to him and his
heirs forever. The other share of land that may be left I give and bequeath unto my son
Thomas and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my
estate of what nature or quality soever to my four sons when they come of age to be
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May be kept together for the benefit and advantage of my three sons Robert, Edmund, Thomas
until Robert comes of age then I desire that the above residue may be laid off as above by
my executors the survivors or survivor of them including the three men to be chosen by them
into three equal parts as near of equal value as possible at the time my son Robert comes of age -
having regard to the life estate of my wife in the land loaned provided my son Stith should not
draw it for his lot and after the said land is laid off into three equal parts as directed it is my
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be equally divided between my two sons Edmund and Thomas by my executors the survivors or
survivor of them including the three men chosen by them as above directed. But in making this
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my wife and she should be then living, my executors with their assistants herein directed
to be chosen, are to take notice of the incumbrance of her life estate in that part loaned her
and the land that falls to my son Edmund by ballot I give and bequeath to him and his
heirs forever. The other share of land that may be left I give and bequeath unto my son
Thomas and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my
estate of what nature or quality soever to my four sons when they come of age to be
equally divided by my executors the survivors or survivor of them in conjunction with three
men chosen by my executors to assist them in the division. The above residue is to be di-
vided at the same time and in the same manner as my land was by ballot. Item
It is my will and desire that my executors hereafter named shall have the privilege

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I lay out any money that may arise from ~~my~~ my estate by ~~disposing~~ or any other way for the benefit of my four sons after supporting & educating them, in lands or negroes, after getting the consent of the court, and I desire that the court may give their approbation provided the application of my executors for that purpose is reasonable. Item I give and bequeath to my four sons to be equally divided between them by my executors the personal estate ~~bequeathed~~ bequeathed to my wife during her life or widowhood except a negro woman named Moll to be divided at the death of my ^{wife} But should one or more of my sons die before they arrive to full age of twenty one years then the survivors are to have the whole of the above legacies Item If either of my sons should die before he arrives to the age twenty one years or is my will and desire that his share of my estate before given shall go to the survivors or survivor of my sons. Lastly I hereby constitute appoint and make my Friends Francis Fitzgerald Robert Fitzgerald and William Irby Executors to this my last will and Testament and guardians to my four sons. It is my will and desire that my estate shall not be inventoried nor appraised and hereby revoke deny and disannul every Will by me heretofore made and do publish and declare this to be my last will and testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year above written Signed Sealed and delivered as my last will and Testament in the presence of

J Paterson
Jos. Quenichet
Richard Bennett Sen.
G Green

Wm Bolling Esq

Interlined before executed and acknowledged "except a negro woman named Moll"

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I do by way of codicil to this my last will and Testament Give and bequeath to my
daughter Rebecca Brown Spragins One Negro woman named Moll at the death of my wife -
I give the said negro woman to her and her heirs forever, the above negro woman Moll
contained in this devise is the same which I have loaned to my wife during her life. In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this twenty eight day of June, One
Thousand Seven hundred and ninety Seven

Sig. M. Sealed and delivered
In the presence of

J. Paterson

Jos. Quenick

G. Green

Richard Bennett Junr.

Sith Bolling

At a Court held for Howaway County at the courthouse on Thursday the 7th of September 1797
This Last will and Testament of Sith Bolling dec^d was offered for proof by William Irby an executor
therein named and was proved by the oaths of John Paterson Richard Bennett Jr. and Grief Green
three of the witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of the said executor
a certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of this will he having taken the oath of an
executor and with Abner Osborne his security entered into & acknowledged a bond according to law

Teste

Peter Randolph Clerk

Truly recorded of

Teste

Thos. M. Todd Sec