

In the Name of God Amen I James Colman of the  
County of Orange and Parish of St. Thomas being of Sound mind  
and disposing memory do make and ordain this my last  
Will and Testament in manner and form following Principally  
most humbly to place the mercy of Almighty God through the  
Merits of Jesus Christ to grant me eternal Life and Happiness  
and my Desire is that My Body be decently buried at the direction  
of my Executors hereafter named and as for my Temporal Estate  
which it hath pleased God to bless me with I Give and Bequeath  
after paying my lawful debts and funeral <sup>Expenses</sup> ~~charges~~ in the follow-  
ing manner I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter  
Betty both the Negroes Sarah and Angela which I have already  
Delivered to her with their Increase for the term of years and for  
the future also the Stock and <sup>household</sup> Furniture which I have delivered to  
her I give the same to her and her heirs forever It is my  
Will and Desire that the Negroes Sampson and Jack which I  
have already delivered to my son John be his sole property  
and that he enjoy the same for ever and as to the said household

Furniture which I have already delivered to him. Item the my  
Wife and Desire that the Negroes Mandy and Sarah with the stock  
and Household Furniture which I have already delivered to my  
Daughter Mary Holland with the Increase for the Time past and  
for the future of the said Sarah to her (the said Mary's) sole property  
and that she Enjoy the same Forever. Item I give unto my  
Son James Two Hundred Acres of Land which I Bought of Henry  
Bailey also Two hundred Acres of Land which I bought of William  
Ogilvie also Three Hundred Acres of Land which was granted  
to me by Patent bearing Date the twentieth Day of September One  
Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty five also One hundred  
and Thirty three Acres of Land which was granted to me by Patent  
and which is adjoining to the above mentioned Patent of Matthew  
Aces which said Tracts or parcels of Land now lies in the County of  
Albemarle and which I give to him the said James and his Heirs  
Forever I also give and bequeath unto the said James, the Negroes  
Cupid and Mestapher also the stock and Furniture which I have  
already delivered to him and his heirs forever Item I give and  
bequeath unto my Niece Mary Coleman Ellis Fifteen Pounds  
Current Money also one old Bed and Furniture and Chest which

she has the use of, and one Spinning Wheel Lastly all the rest  
and residue of my Estate of what nature kind or Quality soever not  
before devised or bequeathed my Will and Decease is that the same be  
Equally Divided Amongst my Four Children Ambrose and James  
Soliman Betty Scott and Maria Holland and I Do hereby Direct that  
my said Estate be not Appraised and also I Do hereby constitute and  
appoint my Son in Law <sup>the</sup> Thomas <sup>of</sup> with my wife Execution to this  
my last Will and Testament and do hereby revoke and make void  
all former Wills by me made Declaring this only to be my Last  
Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
Hand and Seal this Tenth Day of October One Thousand  
Seven hundred and Eighty Five

Signed Sealed Published and Declared by the  
Testator to be his Last Will and Testament

James H. Soliman (Jr.)  
mark

In the presence of us who have subscribed  
our names as Witnesses in his presence (the Word  
Amos) in the first and the third line on the seventh  
and the word Soliman in the thirty second line  
from the beginning being first mentioned  
James Madison & Philip Carter.

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At a Court held for Orange County on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 1764  
The Last Will and Testament of James Coleman deceased was  
Presented into Court by <sup>off</sup> Thomas Scott Executor named  
and was proved by the Oaths of James Madison Rich<sup>d</sup> Beale  
and Richard Eastin Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded  
and on the motion of the said Executor who made oath according  
to Law Certificate is granted ~~to him~~ for Obtaining Letters of  
Probate thereof in Due form he giving Security whereupon he with  
Richard Beale his Security entered into and Acknowledged  
there bond in the sum of Two Thousand <sup>and ninety</sup> Pounds According to  
Law  
Test  
Geo Taylor C. C. C.

In Chancery  
In county  
An Order of Orange County bearing Date the  
20<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1764 in the Subscribed being first Shown  
Before James Madison Gent. one of his Majesty's Judges of the  
Court for the said County made return and reported in Court  
of Thomas Jackson Debtor as followeth Viz