

In the name of God Amen I John Bailey of the Parish of Saint Thomas in the  
County of Orange being of perfect mind and sound memory and calling to mind  
the uncertainty of human life do make this my Last Will and Testament First I  
commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God trusting in his mercy and the  
merits of my redeemer for the redemption of all my sins my body I commit to the  
earth to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named And as to  
my Temporal Estate I bequeath and dispose of it in the following manner  
I give and bequeath to my son James the one half of the Lands I purchased of  
Gt. George Taylor of Sumner Parish being four hundred and eighty five acres to be divided  
by two men whom he and his Brother Jonathan shall choose whom I give the other  
part to I also give my son James one negro named Agg when James comes of age  
Also I give my son Jonathan a negro boy named Barnaby when Jonathan comes of age  
I give to my beloved wife Theodosia Parry the one half of the Land I  
now have or to be set apart by two men whom she and my son Jacob shall choose  
whom I give the other half of the Land to when he comes of age I give to my son  
Jacob four Negroes named Robert Rachel Bob and Thamar during life I also  
give to my son Jacob the one half of the Land I now have or to be set apart by two men whom  
he and my wife shall choose when he comes of age and the whole  
of said Land at his mother's decease I give to my daughter Elizabeth  
one negro boy named Will when my son Jonathan comes of age I give to

Bequeath to my daughter Jonathan one Negro boy named Dick son of Hobson when  
my son Jonathan comes of age. I suppose I give to my Daughters Sarah one  
Negro girl named Heller when my son Jonathan comes of age. My Will is  
that if either the said Negroes should die before the time of my children or children  
receiving them that they should have another out of my Estate of the same value  
or if either of my children should die before the time of receiving their negro  
that the said Negro should be equally divided amongst the living. I suppose  
my Will is that the money due to me should be kept at interest till my son  
Jonathan comes of age or at the time when he would have come of age if he had  
lived in case he should die and then to be collected in and to be equally divided  
between my children James, Sarah, Jonathan, Elizabeth and  
Sarah Parleys. I suppose my Will is that at the time of my son Jonathan  
comes of age all the rest of my Negroes should be equally divided between  
my aforesaid children by two men whom they shall think proper judges to  
divide the same. also at the same time my will is that all and every parcel and  
parcel of my estate not before mentioned to be equally divided between my said  
wife Phoebe Parley and my aforesaid children. I suppose my Will is  
that if either my son James or Jonathan Parleys should die before they  
come of age that the other should have the whole land left between them.  
I suppose my will is that if my son should die that all my lands should



and appoint William Bell Joseph Parley and Thomas White Executors  
of this last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and disannul  
all former Wills and Legacies by me heretofore in anywise left or made  
now and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this nineteenth day of July  
Anno Domini 1775.

Test. Isaac Davis  
Elizabeth Davis  
James Davis

John Parley (S)

At a Court held for Orange County on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1775  
This last Will and Testament of John Parley dec<sup>d</sup> being presented into Court by  
Joseph Parley and Thomas White two of the Executors therein named & proved  
by the oaths of Isaac Davis and James Davis two of the witnesses thereto, was  
ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of the said Executors who made  
oath according to Law Certificates is granted them for obtaining probate  
thereof in due form. Whereupon may appear. In Witness whereof  
their Securities entered into and Acknowledges their Bonds for the same  
in the Sum of £5000 current money. Leave being reserved for the  
said Executor to Qualify at a future day.

Test. James Taylor Clk.