

Cosby Charles
his Will

In the name of God amen I Charles Cosby of the county of Powhatan being at this time in my right mind & perfect memory do make this my last will and testament utterly revoking all former wills made and ordained by me. In the first place I commend my body to the earth from whence it came to be entered in a Christian like ^{decent} manner at the discretion of my executors herein after mentioned: and my spirit unto almighty God who first gave it hoping through the merits of his son Jesus Christ to be happy in the enjoyment of him forever: and after my just debts and funeral charges are paid, I dispose of my estate in the following manner, Viz;

Imprimis it is my will and desire that the twenty five acres of land whereon I now live for which I have a deed from Anthony Hunter during his natural life which is recorded in the county court of Powhatan, should be rented out annually by my executors herein after named to the best advantage during the life of the said Anthony Hunter and the money arising therefrom be applied by my said executors to the support and education of my five youngest children named as follows: Horatio, Richard, Christian, and Henry and Patsy.

Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy Hunter the sum of ten dollars current money to be raised from my estate to her and her heirs forever.

Item I give to my son Josiah Cosby the sum of ten dollars current money to be raised from my estate and paid to him by my executors when he arrives to twenty one years of age to him and his heirs forever.

Item I bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Cosby a new feather bed, bedstead and furniture also a side saddle which is now in the house & fifteen geese to her & her heirs forever.

Item it is my will that my slaves named David Lewis Leroy Kelly should be hired out annually by my executors at their discretion until the youngest of my children which may

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Item it is my will that my slaves named David Lewis
Lacey Betty should be hired out annually by my executors at
their discretion untill the youngest of my children which may
then be living shall attain the age of sixteen years. The money
that will arise from the hires of the said slaves shall be equally
distributed among my seven following named children, William
Henry, Polly, Richard, Archibald, Abner, James, & Talsey
for the purpose of their support and education.

Item I now give to my son Charles the sum of ten
dollars to be raised from my estate to him & his heirs forever.

Item I give and bequeath to my son Overton the sum of Twenty dollars current money when he arrives to eighteen years of age to him and his heirs forever.

Item, my will is that at my decease, ^{that} my stock of every kind, household & kitchen furniture, plantation utensils, shop tools &c. should be sold by my executors, to the best advantage and the money arising from the sale thereof be applied to the payment of my debts, and whatever balance may then remain be applied to the educating and subsistence of my said seven children, namely, William Henry, Billy, Richard, Archibald, Abner, James, and Patsy in an equal distribution.

Item, it is my will ~ ~ ~ that when my youngest child which may then be living shall arrive to sixteen years of age, my slaves namely David, Lewis & Abby shall be sold by my executors to the best advantage and the money arising from the same be equally divided among my ten following named children vizt Elizabeth, Charles, Overton, William, Henry, Billy, Richard, Archibald, Abner, James & Patsy to them and their heirs forever.

And lastly I do nominate and appoint my worthy friends Frederick Woodson, Samuel Woodfin, my brother James Cosby, and my son Charles J. Cosby, to execute and fulfill this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand & seal this third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two.

Signed sealed & acknowledged
in the presence of Wm Clarke

John Butler
Peter Pollock

Charles J. Cosby ^{his} L^t
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And at another court held for the said county the 16th day of March in the year aforesaid on the motion of Frederick Woodson and Samuel Woodfin two of the executors named in the said will who made oath thereto, together with Peter, F. Archer and Bennett Goode their securities entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of four thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof in due form.

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Ja Poindexter, C. C.