

In the name of God Amen. I Edward Cox of Powhatan County being in a low state of health though of a sound mind and perfect memory contemplating the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death and that it is appointed for all men once to die to make and Ordain this my last will and testament utterly revoking all former wills made by me. In the first place I commend my soul unto God who first gave it and my body to the earth from whence I came to be interred in a Christian like & decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and after my just debts and funeral charges are paid I dispose of my Estate in manner following.

I give and devise unto my beloved Wife Dianah Cox the free use and enjoyment of my tract of Land and plantation whereon I now live also I lend my said Wife my four Slaves named Dick and Lundy and Hannah and also all my stock of horses, Cattle, sheep and hogs, also my household and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils of every kind all which I lend unto my said Wife during her natural life.

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I also give and devise unto my son Edward Cox when he attain to the age of twenty one years one Negro man Slave named Jacob also the sum of thirty pounds current money either in Gold or Silver to be raised out of my estate to him and his heirs forever.

I also give and bequeath unto my son William Cox one half of my land whereon I now live when my said Wife Dianah Cox departs this life which half of my said tract of land thus devised to my son William I divide from the other half of my said tract of land by a dividing line to run at Okahoot Creek at such distance as will by running a due West course equally divide his my son William Cox part from the other half which I allot for my son John Cox that half lying northerly adjoining Samuel White on the land formerly purchased by Michael Executors from James Munnicut I give to my son William Cox

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discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and after my
just debts and funeral charges are paid I dispose of my
Estate in manner following

I hereby stand to my beloved wife Dianah Cox the free
use and enjoyment of my tract of Land and plantation
whereon I now live also I lend my said wife my four
slaves named Dick and Lundyland Hannah and two
also all my stock of horses, Cattle, Sheep, and hogs, a bed and
house hold and kitchen furniture and plantation utensils
of every kind all which I lend unto my said Wife during
her natural life.

Item I give and devise unto my son Edward Cox when he attain
to the age of twenty one years one Negro man slave named
Jacob also the sum of thirty pounds current money either in
Gold or Silver to be raised out of my estate to him and his
heirs forever.

I hereby give and devise unto my son William Cox one
half of my said tract of land where when my said wife
Dianah Cox departs this life which half of my said tract
of land thus devised to my son William I divide from the
other half of my said tract of land by a dividing line to begin
at Chahocky Creek at such Station as will by running an true
West course equally divide his my son William Cox
part from the other half which I allot for my son John
Cox that half lying westerly adjoining Samout White
on the land formerly purchased by Michael Executors
from James Mannicut I give to my son William Cox
to him and his heirs forever. Item I also give to my
William Cox when he comes of lawfull age one good
and Saddle and bridle and a good feather bed and
furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item I give and devise to my son John Holloway Cox the
half of my said tract of land as my said wife Dianah
Cox's becase being that half aforementioned to my said
son John divided from the half devised to my son William

the half that I give to my son John H. Cox which ⁷⁰³
lies southward of the dividing line before mentioned to him
my son John H. Cox to him and his heirs forever.

I give also to my said son John Holloway Cox when he
comes to legal age a good horse and saddle and bridle to
him and his heirs forever. I also give my said son
John H. Cox, one feather bed and furniture to him and
his heirs forever. I also give and bequeath unto my
daughter Elizabeth Cox when she comes to lawfull age
a manys, my two slaves Nancy and George also a good
feather bed and furniture and a horse and saddle and
bridle to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

I also give and devise to my daughter Nancy Cox when
she comes to lawfull age or marries my two slaves named
Man and Peter, also a good feather bed and furniture
and a horse and saddle and bridle to her and her heirs
and assigns forever.

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daughter Polly Cox when she comes to lawfull age a manys
one slave named Sam, and one slave named Hannah, but
in case either of my woman slaves Hannah or Luce should
bring a living female child the first that the said Hannah
or Luce brings being female. I give to my said daughter Polly
Cox in the room of the boy Ottomus mentioned above, what
the said Ottomus should return to my estate again but should
never of my said negro woman Hannah nor Luce ever
have a girl child then the said Ottomus to belong to
my said daughter Polly. I also give my said daughter
Polly one good feather bed and furniture and one horse
and saddle and bridle to her and her heirs and assigns
forever. I also give my will is that should either of my
children be under age or unmarried that the part of
my estate I devise unto him or her or them should be
equally divided among my surviving children to him
and their heirs forever. I also give my will and desires that
my Executors hereafter named should make sale of some
part or half of the black Smiths tools and all my silver
for the benefit of my family. I also give my will further is that

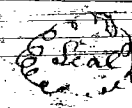
Widow to her and her heirs and assigns forever
I then give and devise to my daughter Nancy Cox when
she comes to lawful age in marriage my two slaves named
Nan and Peter, also a good feathered bed and furniture
and a horse and saddle and bridle to her and her heirs
and assigns forever. I then I give and bequeath unto my
daughter Polly Cox when she comes to lawful age in marriage
one slave named Sam, and one slave named Emanuel, but
in case either of my woman slaves Hannah or Luce should
bring a living female child the first that the said Hannah
or Luce brings being female, I give to my said daughter Polly
Cox in the room of the boy Emanuel an unworked dove, and
the said Emanuel to return to my estate again but should
neither of my said negro women Hannah nor Luce ever
have a girl child then the said Emanuel to belong to
my said daughter Polly. I also give my said daughter
Polly one good feathered bed and furniture and one horse
and saddle and bridle to her and her heirs and assigns
forever. I then I give and bequeath unto my said
children in whole or in part as they shall be
my estate I devise unto them to her or them should be
equally divided among my surviving children to them
and their heirs forever. I then my will and desires that
my Executors hereafter named should make sale of my
part or half of the Black Smiths tools and all my stores
for the benefit of my family. I then my will further is that
at the decease of my wife aforesaid that the whole remain-
der of my estate not hitherto appropriated, should be
equally divided among the whole of my said children
Viz. Edward, William, John H. Elizabeth, Nancy and
Polly, to them and their heirs forever.
And lastly, I do hereby appoint and bequeath my friends
James Bagby Junr, my wife Dianah Cox and my son
Edward Cox to be the Executors and Executors of this

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my last will and testament. I witness whereof I have
hereto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of
seven in the year Anno Domini One thousand seven
hundred and ninety

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in the presence of
Charles McKispan
Wm Clarke

Edward Cox 

William Ferguson

A Court held for Powhatan County at Scottsville on Thursday
the 21 day of July 1791. This last will and testament of Edward
Cox deceased was presented in Court and proved by the Oaths
of Charles McKispan and William Clarke two of the
Witnesses thereto and was by the Court Ordered to be recorded
And on the motion of Sarah Cox the Executrix therein
named who made Oath thereto and together with
William Clarke Clerk of the Court into each of which
them bond in the penalty of two thousand pounds Conditioned
as the Law directs. Certificate is granted her for obtaining
a probat thereof in due form. Leave being reserved to the
Executors in the said Will named to join in the probat
when they shall think fit.

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Testo
A. Brump

In the name of God Amen January 11 One thousand seven
hundred and ninety one I Robert Jordan planter of South
County being of perfect mind and memory thank be to God
for the same and knowing that it is appointed for all men
to die do make and declare this my last will and testament
I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty
God that gave it and my body to the earth to be buried
a Christian like manner and for my worldly estate I give
and Dispose of the same in the following manner and
manner I leave in possession of Elizabeth my wife all
my estate for and during her natural life and at my
decease