

Executor of this my last will and Testament as Witness
do hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty fifth day of March the
thousand seven hundred and eighty one

Signed & Sealed
in Presence of us

Richard Minter

Robert Murray

Edmund Logwood

John Stratton

At a Court Held for Powhatan County the seventeenth day
March Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and eighty
this Last Will and Testament of Richard Minter deceased was
Presented to Court and Proved by the Oaths of Edmund Logwood
John Stratton &c. &c. to be Recorded. And Anthony Minter
the Executor therein named refused to Qualify. Administration
of the Estate of the said Richard Minter deceased was granted to
Martha Minter with the Will Annexed, who gave Bond with
John Minter Surety in the Penalty of thirty Pound
According to Law.

Teste

Thos. Miller

In the Name of God Amen. I James Hays of the County
of Powhatan and Parish of Southampton being of sound and disposing
mind and memory do make and constitute this my last Will and Testam-
ent in Manner and form following,

Impremis, I leave to my beloved wife Mary during her natural life
Five of all her Doves, Nine Negroes Namely Simon, James, Peter,
Frank, Sue, Yellow, Sam and Jane; as also Kitt, I also lend
her the use of the Land and Plantation whereon I now dwell
during life. Further I give and bequeath to my said Wife and
her Heirs for ever twenty head of horned cattle such as she herself
shall choose out of my stock also all my stock of Hogs and
and all my household & Kitchen furniture of every sort upon
trust and confidence that she properly maintain and school
Children, untill they Respectively come of age or marry.

for ever
m. I give unto my sons James & Francis and their Heirs forever, my
four hundred Acres of Land lying in Buckenham County to be
Equally divided between them. I do give and bequeath to my said
Son James and his Heirs for ever, My Negroe Man Joe. I give and
bequeath likewise to my said Son Francis and his Heirs for ever,
my Negroe Boy Sam.

1776, I give and bequeath unto my sons Stephen & William and their
Heirs forever after my said Wifes Decease the four Hundred Acres of
Land at now time on to be Equally divided between them.
Further my Will and Desire is that after my said Wifes Decease
my Negroe Girl her in View of her Dowry be then sold at the direction
of my Executor hereafter named and the money arising from such
sale to be divided in the following Manner, to wit, that my two sons
Stephen and William have each of them two shares and the Rest of my
Children One Share each only of the aforesaid money. Further it is my
Will and Desire that if any of my Children above named depart this
Life before they come of Age or Marry, that such Childs Part shall be
Equally divided amongst the Survivors. I do now appoint
my Friend John Hope Executor of this my Last Will and
Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and Seal this thirteenth day of August A.D. One thousand seven hundred
and eighty One.

The word Mary on the 16th line
inserted before Signed.

James X Hope (H)
Mark

In Presence of us
Jm. Hyde Secunder.
John Speare
Thomas Vow

At a Court Held for Powhatan County at Scottsville the Twentieth
Day of March Anno Domini One thousand seven hundred and
eighty five. This Last Will and Testament of James Hope deceased
was Presented in Court by John Hope the Executor thereon named
and was Read by the Clerk of Court John Hyde Secunder and John Speare
two of the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded. Also on this Motion
of the said Executor who made Oath and entered into bond
to pay Her Security in Penalty of Three thousand five hundred
to said Probate thereof was granted him in due form.