

Mayo Jos.
his Will

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In the name of God amen. I Joseph Mayo, sen^r of the county of Powhatan being weak of body but of sound ^{mind} disposing sense and memory do dispose of my estate both real and personal in the following manner Viz.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Mayo one negro girl named Flora.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Mayo one negro girl named Senah.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Sally Mayo one negro girl named Joice.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Robert Mayo and his heirs all that part of my tract of Land lying on James river in the county of Amherst below Corrage creek.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Mayo and his heirs all the rest and residue of my tract of land lying on James River in the county of Amherst which lies above the aforementioned creek called Corrage.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Daniel Mayo and his heirs the tract of land lying in Cumberland county on the waters of Willis and James river containing four hundred and thirty nine acres it being Lot No 10 which was assigned to my son John Mayo dec^d in the division of Joseph Mayo estate among his legatees under his will and directed by a decree of the High court of Chancery.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Edward Mayo and his heirs the tract of land lying in the county of Mecklenburg on Roanoke river that I purchased of my son Philip Mayo and is conveyed to me by deed bearing date the second day of August one thousand seven hundred & twenty nine.

Item, It is my will and desire that none of my sons (whether herein named or not) shall be deemed accountable for the amount charged them for Lands on my books nor shall they or either of them be called on, or account for any

one negro girl named Tenah.

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Item, It is my will and desire that none of my sons (whether herein named or not) shall be deemed accountable for the amount charged them for Lands on my books nor shall they or either of them be called on, or account for any part thereof, except in those instances where the amount exceeds eight hundred pounds.

Item, It is my will and desire that the lands bequeathed to Edward Mayo, Robert Mayo, & Thomas Mayo shall not be given up to them until they shall respectively come to the age of twenty one years (that is to say) as they come of age they shall receive and inherit their lands, but during

each one's minor age his land shall be kept together with the rest and residue of my Land lying on the east side of Pine Creek in Powhatan county with the rest and residue of my personal estate of every kind untill the natural death of my wife for the support of my family. But on the mean time should any of my children who are now unsettled or unmarried, marry or think proper to demand of my executors a proportion of my estate; my executors are directed and requested to give each of them as the ^{may} marry or demand such negroes and other personal estate as in their judgment can best be spared equal in value and number to the negroes and other personal estate which I have given either of my children who are now settled and advanced, at the time they were advanced and settled. And to ascertain the ^{number of} negroes and their value, and other personal estate with which my children who are married or settled have been advanced, my executors are to be governed by my memorandum book, charging each of my children whom they shall so advance with the negroes and other personal estate given or advanced to them. And at the death of my wife I direct my land in Powhatan county on the east side of Pine Creek whereon I now live to be sold in Lotts or otherwise by my executors

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herein after named to the best possible advantage, and the money arising from the sale of such Land to be equally divided amongst all my daughters namely Mary Trevilian and her heirs by John Trevilian, Rebecca Green her heirs, Lucy Mayo and her heirs, Martha Woodfin and her heirs, Elacey Mayo her heirs. And at the death of my wife should any of my children who are not already advanced with negroes and other personal estate be then unprovided for by my executors with

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And should any of my children die before they come to the age of twenty one years, or marry, it is then my will that the real and personal estate devised them specifically and

their proportion of the negroes and other personal estate, or share or shares of money should it be one of my daughters under the residuary clause of this my will shall be equally divided among all my other children or their heirs.

Item I further direct and desire that if either of my sons George Mayo, Edward Mayo or Robert Mayo shall hereafter call my executors to account for, or demand of my estate payment for any of the rents, issues, or profits which have arisen or may arise from the lands devised them by Jos. Mayo dec^d late of Henrico county while said Lands remain in my possession, or shall sue, ask for or demand the difference of amount in value between their Lands, and the Lots of land of the other devisees of said Josph. Mayo dec^d they shall forfeit the bequest in this will to them contained, and that so far as it respects devisees bequests and Legacies made & given to them it shall be null and void and intirely revoked.

Testy ^{Powhatan County Wills 1797-1806} Frederick Hildon
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Tennelle Goodson and my son Joseph Mayo executors to this my last will and Testament: In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 26th day of November one thousand eight hundred and two.

Jos. Mayo (seal)

Signed sealed & acknowledged as the last will & Testament of Joseph Mayo dec^d in the presence of us

James Comdexter
William Carter
J^{rn} Saunders
William Collock

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possession, or shall we ask for or demand the difference of value
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devisees benevolence and Legacies made & given to them, it shall
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Lastly I constitute and appoint Frederick Weston
(Fennelle Goodson) and my son Joseph Mayo executors
to this my last will and Testament: In witness whereof
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ing witnesses and ordered to be recorded. And on the
motion of Joseph Mayo Jun^r one of the executors named in
the said will who made oath thereof & together with Wm
Mayo his security entered into and acknowledged his bond
in the penalty of Twenty five thousand dollars conditioned
the law directs Certificate is granted him for obtaining
probat thereof in due form: (Test

James Comdexter