

I Matthew Parley of Powhatan County, being of sound Mind, do hereby
this my Last Will and Testament here by me following to be
First, I bequeath to my daughter in law Portience Parley the use and Occupa-
tion of all my land during her natural life, and at her death
I desire my said Land to my Executors hereinafter named, and
if they shall die by them, or a majority of them or their heirs
or Survivors of them, Sold at their discretion, and the
Money arising from the sale thereof to be Equally divided
among the Children of my deceased Son in all their lives
or their legal representatives, with this proviso, That the said
Portience my Faithful friend and housekeeper, I desire she
continue to live in my present dwelling house, to the
end of the year in which I shall happen to die, and
leave to her own use all the Crop that shall be made
on the plantation that year, to be made and finished
my negroes therein, except the said Negroes Old and Young and
Clothing as usual; out of the said Crop - and that she have
more all the Corn and provisions of every kind, together with the
Soup & another which shall be in house at the time of
my death, for the support of her self and negroes to the
end of the year - I give and bequeath to my son
Thomas the parcel of land which my Negro Girl named
and my Negro boy named Peter my young black man
and 6 Men, my Slave Parula & Beulah, Two Good Cow Hides
and 2 Cow Hides the bed she generally lies on, with the
bedstead of iron furniture, the Chest she keeps her clothes
in, my Loom & Lays and Stairs, a spinning wheel
pair of Cotton Cards, a small Iron stove or
plate, looking glass, a low Chair and a small
five Coffee against the wall and a flat Iron
I give and bequeath to my daughter Phibe B. with her
hairs, my negroes Lewis, Pat, and Lucy, and also my
Isaac and Bob, a feather bed and furniture and
Chest in which I keep my clothes and my Mantle
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arranging the Will of my deceased son at Bath in Sa-
in the legal authorities, with this proviso, that the
said my Faithful friend and housekeeper, Judith W.
continue to live in my present dwelling house, to the
end of the year in which I shall happen to die, and
have to her own use all the Crop that shall be made
on the plantation that year, to be made and finished
my negroes thereon, except the said Negroes Old and Young and
Clothes as usual, out of the said Crop - and that she have
now all the corn and provisions of every kind, together with
Soup and other which shall be in house at the time of
my death, for their support after I am dead and negroes to the
of the year - I am. I give and bequeath to my said
housekeeper Judith Cook, my Negro Girl named
and my Negro boy named ~~William~~ my young black man
and a ~~Bill~~ my said Sarah & B. Cole, three Good Cows
and a good horse - the bed she generally lies on, with the
bedstead of iron furniture, the chest she keeps her
in, my loom & Lays and Staircase, a spinning wheel
a pack of Cotton Cards, a small Iron safe, a
pocket looking glass, a low chair and small
five coffee cups & saucers and a small Iron
I am, I give and bequeath to my daughter Phoebe Booth the
ring, my Negroes Lewis, Patsy, and Lucy, and also my
Ishack and Bob, a feather bed and furniture and a
chest in wood, for the support and maintenance
of my Peter Wally (who is of unsound mind) during his
natural life, and at his decease, to the use of my
said daughter Phoebe Booth and her heirs
I am, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann and
her heirs, my Negroes Patsy and her child Spencer
I am, I give to my daughter Sarah the skin of my
and I give during her natural life, and at her death
the said Sarah Negroes, with the Coward of Bell Lake, I give
divided among the children of my said daughter.

On their legal representatives also the said Governor be one with
 the said Governor. Then, I give and bequeath to my Executors my
 Negroes Oby, and Wm in trust to be by them sold, and the
 money arising from the sale to be equally divided among the
 children of my daughter Sarah & her husband deceased,
 I give to my daughter Maria Abundance & her my part and
 four pence, with the yokes, chains, then being, being
 My desire is that all the rest and residue of my estate be
 sold by my Executors, and after paying my debts and
 at my expense, the residue of the money arising from the sale
 to be equally divided among the children of my deceased son
 in spiritual Part. Lastly I do appoint & constitute
 Messrs of Bathurst Robert Jackson, Howard Moore
 and Edward Watkins Junior Executors of this my
 Will and Testament hereby revoking all wills by me
 heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set
 my hand and affixed my seal the day and date
 hereinafter written in full and in presence of

Signed sealed published
 and declared by the said
 testator as his last will and testament
 in presence of us, who at his request
 have subscribed our names for
 witnesses thereto
 Thompson Howell

Mat Parley

1777

A Court held for Fairfax County at Falmouth
 Thursday the thirteenth day of February 1777
 and twenty two this last will and testament of the said
 was presented in Court and proved by the oath of Thompson
 Howell a Witness thereto and taken need for further proof
 And at one other Court held for the said County the
 twentieth day of February 1777 and seven hundred
 and seventy seven presented in Court

...by my Executors, and after paying (as per inven-
at the time, the value of the same and giving the same
to be equally divided among the children of my deceased
in legal Party. Lastly I do appoint of Trust with them
Marilyn of Balthuswood Robert Perkins, I trust M. W. W.
and Edward Watkins Junior Executors of the said
Will and Testament hereby making all wills
heretofore made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed my seal the day and date
one thousand seven hundred and nine

Signed sealed published
and declared by the said
testator as his last will and testament
in presence of us, who at his request
have subscribed our names for
witnesses thereto
Wm Fleming
Thompson Mowall

Wm Farley
Wm Farley

At a Court held for Powhatan County at Fettiplace
Shored on the nineteenth day of February One thousand seven hundred
and ninety two this last will and testament of the said testator
was presented in Court and proved by the oath of Thompson
Mowall a Witness thereto and confirmed by the Court
And at another Court held for the said County the
twentieth day of September One thousand seven hundred
and ninety two the same was again presented in Court
and proved by the oath of William Fleming the other
Witness thereto and by the Court ordered to be recorded

Wm Mowall