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In the name of God amen I Benjamin Mason of Prince Edward
County parish of Saint Patrick, and State of Virginia being in a
low State of health, but of sound mind and memory do think proper
to make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament
revoking and making Void all other wills and Testaments
made by me heretofore, and as touching such worldly estate
wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life, I give,
~~devise and dispose~~ of the same in the following manner and form
1st my Will and desire is that all my just debts shall be paid by
my Executors which is hereafter to be named.
2^{ndly} I Give to my wife Lady Mason the land and plantation
whereon I now live during her natural life or widowhood and at her
death or marriage the above mentioned land is to be sold at twelve
months credit and the money arising from the same to be equally
divided amongst my three Children or the then surviving parts
of which shall be hereafter named (that is to say) Thomas
Mason, Jerry Mason, and Lemmy Mason, to them and their

Mason, Fanny Mason, and Fanny Mason, to them and their
heirs - also I lend to the above named Catey Mason
four negroes (to wit) Sophia, Charles, called ~~but~~ Sage and all
belonging during her natural life, and at her death they are to be
sold and divided between my three children above named
in the same manner as I have directed the above land -
also I lend to the said Catey Mason, two negroes, by name Poll
and Belar together with the third part of my cattle and hogs
two chests, four sitting chairs one small Walnut table the third
part of plate basins, dishes and plates, also her choice one of
beds and furniture found in the house at my death,
3rd - I give to my Son, Thomas Mason my Shop ^{tools} of every
denomination, the pewter moulds and pewter excepted I give
the gun called Long, to said Thomas, he is in possession of his
other guns and horse by name of Flag, also I give him choice of
two negro men one called Yellow Charles and the other named
Tom he is to have one of them at my death -
4th - I give to my daughter Fanny Mason, one negro girl named
Pina and she is to have all

and divided between my three children above named
in the same manner as I have divided the above land
also I lend to the said Catey Mason two negro by name Poll
and Belar together with the third part of my cattle and hogs
two chests, four sitting chairs one small Walnut table the third
part of plaster basins, dishes and plates also her choice one of
beds and furniture found in the house at my death.

3rd - I give to my son Thomas Mason my Shop ^{tools} of every
denomination, the pewter moulds and pewter excepted I give
the gun called Long to said Thomas, he is in possession of his
other guns and horse by name of Flag, also I give him choice of
two negro men one called Yellow Charles and the other named
Tom. he is to have one of them at my death.

4th - I give to my daughter Penney Mason, one negro girl named
Liza and her increase, also one mare called Friday and her calf
one saddle ^{bridle} the same now in her possession.

5th - I give to my daughter Pimby Mason, one negro girl
named Sam and her increase also one horse called named

4 Bull and one woman's Saddle and bridle of a good quality to be furnished
her by my executors out of my Estate,

And In Consideration of my paying of money on several occasions, and
giving all my shop ~~tools~~ to my son Thomas Mason, he is to pay each of his
sisters Jenny and Tempy, fifty dollars to be paid to them as soon as they
arrive of age or marriages. The residue of my estate are to be sold and
divided between my three children above named in the same manner
as I have directed my land, but this is to be done as soon as my
executors shall think most advisable the tract of land that I
purchased that formerly belonged to my father I wish first to be
sold and the money arising from the same to be equally divided among
my three children above named, in case either of my above named
children should die without her lawfully begotten of their bodies
my will and desire is that their Legacy should be equally divided
between the then surviving ones or their heirs.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my friend Jeph Woodson my
son Thomas Mason, and my brother Peter Mason, to act as my
Executors to this my last will and Testament as Witness I have
signed and affixed my seal this fourteenth day of

hereunto set my name and affixed my seal this fourteenth day of
August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & three

Witness

John Quinsbury

William Doswell Junr

Polly ^{her} Quinsbury
mark

Benjamin Mason ^{seal}

At a Court held for Prince Edward County February the 20th 1804
This last Will and Testament of Benjamin Mason deceased was
presented in court and proved by the oath of John Quinsbury a
Witness thereto and at another Court held for the said County April 16th 1804
This last will and Testament of Benjamin Mason deceased was again presented in
court and further proved by the oath of William Doswell Junr a witness
thereto and the same having been before proved by the oath of John Quinsbury
ordered that the same be recorded In the motion of Thomas Mason one of the Executors therein
named with Peter Mason, John Hudson and John Mason his securities entered
into and acknowledged their bond for that purpose in the penalty of ten
thousand dollars and conditioned according to law and took the oath
required by law certificate for obtaining a probate thereof in due form
is granted him and leave given the other Executors therein named to take possession
thereof at another day.