

Locke's
Wills

In the name of God Amen

I Stephen Lockitt of Prince Edward County being at this time of sound mind and perfect memory (all glory be to god for his distinguishing goodness) do make and publish this My last Will and Testament in the manner and form following and do hereby revoke and disannul all former Wills of whatsoever tenor or date by me heretofore made. I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Mary Lockitt during her natural life Two hundred Acres of land on the West side of Sailors Creek in the aforesaid County of Prince Edward, to be taken off by a line running from the River Appomattox to Shepherd's line beginning at a Hickory and two Black Oaks at the Mouth of a Gut. Three Negroes vizt. Jude and her two sons Lewis and Isaac One Horse and at the same time after named a holds part of the Stock and in lieu of her dower. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lucy Towns Bitt Two Negroes Jephthah and Eloy, the money lent to John Bitt and the Stock and house hold Furniture which was lent them to her then heirs power.

Item I will and decree that my Slaves with such a part of my Stock as may be my Executors hereafter named be bound to be kept by

Item: I will and desire that my Slaves with such a part of my Stock
as may be by my Executors hereafter named be thought requisite to be kept together
on the plantations where I now live and that the produce of these labors after the
second support of my surviving Family and educating of my Children
and paying my just Debts at the period hereafter mentioned be equally
divided between my Children (Lucy Towns Butt excepted my wife to have the
part above mentioned.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Son Oliver Lockett all my lands
lying on the west side of Sailors Creek in Prince Edwards County to him and
his Heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my Son Edmund Lockett
all my lands lying on the East side of Sailors Creek in Prince Edwards County
to him and his Heirs forever. Item. I give and bequeath unto my Two Sons
Henry Wilson Lockett Samuel Lockett all my lands lying and situate in
Halifax County to them and their Heirs forever to be equally divided between
them. But either should die without Heir or before he comes of lawful age
then it is my desire that the said land should be to the Survivor alone and
his forever. And if they shall both die before they come of lawful age

or without War as before then the said Land shall be divided equally among all my Children then living. *Item* I will and desire that on the twenty fifth of Decr one thousand seven hundred and ninety four or before if my debts are discharged my Slaves, Stocks of every kind, house hold furniture and whatever money shall be at Interest or saved after maintaining and supporting my family and paying my debts may be equally divided between all my Children Lucy Towns Bitt excepted my beloved wife having the part before directed Osborne Lockett Edmund Lockett Henry Wilson Lockett Patty Lockett Sammet Lockett Lilly Lockett share & share alike to them and their heirs forever but if any of these said Children should die before they come of lawful age or without an issue then their shares shall be equally divided among all my surviving Children.

Item I will and desire that at the death of my beloved wife Mary Lockett the personal part of ~~the~~ estate lent to her be equally divided between all my Children (Lucy Towns Bitt excepted). *Item* I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife above named and my two sons Osborne Edmund Lockett executors of this my last will and Testament and desire that such of the

Lockett Executor of this my last will and Testament and desire that such of the
Hock and other perishable part of my Estate as they find can be spared may be by
them sold to the best advantage and disposed as before directed. —

In testimony of this being my last will and Testament
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Eleventh day
of December in the Year four Lord one thousand Seven Hundred
& Ninety Two

Signed Sealed and . . .

Stephen Lockett

acknowledged in the presence of

The word Edward being first

Interlined

Jacob Lockett

John Hutchinson

Branch Wallhall

James Higginson