

50 In the Name of God Amen, I John Matthias
Sr. of the Parish of Lynhaven in the County of Prince
of Anne being Sick and weak in Body but of sound
Perfect Mind and Memory, Thanks be to God, do make
Publish constitute Appoint and Ordain this to be
my last Will and Testament in manner and form
following that is to say I give and
Bequeath unto my Son John Matthias the Land
and Plantation whereon I now live with the
appurtenances thereunto belonging likewise
two Cows and calves likewise my young black
Horse called Dolphin to him my said Son John
Matthias and his Heirs forever. Item I give
and Devise unto my loving Wife Mary Matthias
during her natural Life, my Negro Girl Slave
named Phillis likewise my Negro Man Slave
named London also two Cows and calves and
Two Hundred Pounds Paper Currency of Virgi
nia, likewise three Cows and Lambs one Saddle
Horse called Sweep Stakes and one Bed and
Furniture the first choice in my House likewise
my new Desk, Two Iron Pots and calves, one base
Knives and forks, two Sows and Ten Shoats
two Pewter Dishes Six Pewter plates two large

my new Desk, Two Iron Pots and bales, one box
Knives and forks, two Sows and Ten Shoats
two Pewter Dishes six Pewter plates two large
Pewter Basons & one small one and six Pewter
Spoons, One Woolen and one new Linen Wheel
Fifty pounds of Hackeled Flax, and fifteen pounds
of Wool, and one blue poplar chest one new frying
Pan and one Box Iron and heaters one pick
Fire Tong & Shovel, eight sides of Leather five
sides of small upper Leather and three of Sole
Leather likewise Twenty Barrels of corn and
Seven Hundred weight of Pork and one young
Steer for Beef, likewise one Yoke of Draught
Steers and one Cart and Wheels, John Matthias
Sen? she being to educate Maintain and bring
up my small children, namely Samuel &
Thomas, Simon and Mary, until they my said
Sons Samuel, Simon and Thomas are fit to be
bound out to a Trade or my Daughter Mary -
I am Give and Bequeath unto my Son George
Matthias One young black Mare called Billy
one Cow and one Lamb, one Cow and half my

Silver Watch and my Negro Boy named Peter
one gun, likewise three Hundred Pounds Paper
currency of Virginia to him my said son George
and his heirs forever. Item I give and Bequeath unto
my Daughter Anna Matthias my young Negro
Woman called Nann One Cwe and Sab. and Two
Hundred paper currency of Virginia to her my said
Daughter Anna with the future increase of the said
Negro Woman Nann to her and her heirs forever.
Item I likewise give devise and Bequeath unto
my son John Matthias my Negro Man Slave named
Schmael to him my said son John Matthias and
his heirs, likewise six sides of Leather viz. Four
sides of upper and two sides of sole Leather like
wise my new gun Bayonet and buttouch Box
likewise my riding saddle and Bridle. Item
I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Rebecca
my Negro girl named Moll with her future increase
also three Hundred pounds Paper currency of Virg
inia. Item I give and Bequeath unto my Daughter
Phaenella Matthias One thousand Pounds curr
ent Paper Money of Virginia to maintain educate
and bring her up upon to her and her heirs. Item
I give and Bequeath unto my aforesaid son John
Matthias Twenty Five Pounds Silver Money. Item

and bring her up upon to her and her Heirs. Item
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Matthias Twenty Five Pounds Silver Money. Item
I give and Bequeath unto my Son George Matthias
Twenty Five Pounds Silver Money. I give and
Devise unto my loving Wife Mary Matthias Ten
pounds Silver Money. Item I give and Bequeath
unto my Daughter Anna Matthias Ten Pounds
Silver Money. I give and Bequeath unto my
Son Simon Matthias my Negro Woman named
Violet and her future inheritance to him and his
Heirs for ever, John Matthias Sen^r. Item I give
and Bequeath unto my Daughter Frances Barr
ington Wife of Samuel Barrington, One Hundred
Pounds paper currency of Virginia. I give unto
my Sons Samuel, Thomas and Simon Five Pounds
Silver Money each to be left in the hands of my execu
tors wherein after mentioned to School and Educate
them upon according to the discretion of my said
executors. Item I give and Bequeath unto my
loving Wife Mary Matthias One Side Saddle and
Bridle to her and her Heirs, all the Rest Residue
and Remainder of my Estate of what nature and

kind never not herein before mentioned after
my Lawful debts and Funeral Expenses are
paid I give and Desire it may be and I do here
by ~~by~~ ~~Direct~~ ~~that~~ ~~my~~ ~~executors~~ ~~lay~~ it
out wholly in the Schooling of my Nine Children
John, George, Anna, Rebecca, Phenealla, Sam-
uel, Mary, Thomas and Simon until my said
executors shall think them sufficiently educa-
ted and the Money there arising be wholly
spent in the Education of them my said Nine
Children, John, George, Anna, Rebecca,
Phenealla, Samuel, Mary, Thomas & Simon
Mattheas's. I do hereby Nominate constitute
and Appoint my Friend M^r. Thomas Barte
of Norfolk County and my well beloved son
John Mattheas Executors of this my last
Will and Testament. In Witnes whereof I
have hereunto set my Hand and Affixed
my Seal this Twenty Eighth day of October
in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven
Hundred and Eighty

Signed Sealed Publ^y
Wshed & declared by the, John Mattheas Son & Ex^r
Testator upon 2^d day

Signed Sealed Publ^d
Shed & declared by the John Matthias Sen^r
Testator as and for
his last Will & Testam^t
in the presence of us
Joshua^{his} Matthias Sen^r
Ely^{mark} & Wyltett
In^{mark} Salisbury

At a Court Held for Princeps Anne County February
the 15th day 1782
The above last Will and Testament of John Matthias
Sen^r dec^d was proved according to Law by the Oath
of Joshua Matthias and Ely^{mark} Wyltett two of the
Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded; And on
the Motion of Mr^r Matthias one of the executors
therein named who made Oath and gave Bond
with Security as the Law directs, Certificate is
granted him for obtaining Probate thereof in
due form, liberty is Reserved to the other executor
to join in the Probate when they shall think fit