

In the name of God Amen I Edward Bray of the County of Prince George Virginia do hereby certify that I am now in the full possession of my mind and memory and I do hereby make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament. First I give & bequeath unto my wife Mary Bray the whole of my estate both real and personal together with my body to the earth to be decently buried according to the desire of my Executors hereafter named & for my worldly estate I give as follows. I give & bequeath to my loving wife Mary Bray the work & service of three negroes Tom Sampson & Hannah during her natural life & after her death I desire that my young child should have them my intent is that that child that my wife now goes withal should have them & in case that child dies without heir then my desire is that the said three negroes should be sold & the money equally divided between my three daughters Mary & Olive & Mary. I give & bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Bray a negro girl named Hannah & her increase to her & her heirs forever I give a negro girl named Increase to my two youngest daughters Mary & Olive Bray to them & their heirs forever. I give to my loving wife the plantation whereon I now live during her life & after her death to be sold & the money to be divided equally amongst all my children. I give & bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary Bray all my real estate & stock that I am now possessed withal, I also nominate & appoint her my wife to be my whole & sole executrix of this my last will & Testament whereunto I have set my hand this first day of January 1726: (Interlined before signature)

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used in the
presence of
my wife
and Mary

Princess Anne: At a Court hold the 4th April 1727
Then the within last will of Edward Bray doe was
presented in Court by Mary Bray his wife whom I do
oath thereto & being proved by the oaths of all the
witnesses thereto is admitted to Record

March the 7th day 1726/7 By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ I make this my
will & Testament I give & bequeath my father beo whereon I live & furniture to my
to Sarah & to my new chest also one middle size powder dish & a silver
plate all new also one smoothing Iron one new saddle & pole & one old cow & a
called Lillie & also one year old horse. I give to my daughter
one powder bason & also one middle size new powder dish & a new plate
a pole & also one young cow & cow calves & their increase forever
all belonging to my young man. I give to my son Henry