

French's
Will

Test. William D. French

In the Name of God Amen I James French of Prince William County in Virginia being sick and weak in body but in perfect sense and memory praise be to god for the same but Calling to mind the mortallity of my body that all flesh is born to die, I do make & ordain and appoint this to be my Last will and testament in manner and form following Viz^t

First I bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty god my maker hoping through the meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer to receive free pardon and forgiveness for all my sins and offences and my body I commit ^{from which it was taken} to the earth to be decently interred in Christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned, And for what worldly goods it hath pleased god to bestow upon me that no strife may arise thereabout hereafter I dispose of as followeth

Imprimis First I bequeath ^{to} my son William French my riding horse bridle and saddle and the best feather bed and bolster and rug and pair of blankets and pair of Sheets belonging to me at this time and

all my wearing Cloaths and two Cows and Calves and my
 two hunting guns and the Chest and lock and key which is ~~4~~
 called mine and one large trunk with lock and key and ~~4~~
 three gallon pewter bason, and two large pewter dishes and
 six pewter plates and one pewter tankard one Large Iron
 pot and one Small one two sows and piggs and all my ~~4~~
 Carpenters and Coopers tools and one frying pan and one
 Iron Candlestick and a new pair of Sheets and three ~~4~~
 leather bottom'd Chairs and high standing bedstead
 and one Chafeing dish and ^{all} my Shoemakers tools

Item. I likewise give and bequeath to my Son William French
 my now dwelling plantation and all the land thereunto ~~4~~
 belonging to him and his heirs lawfully begotten and ~~4~~
 in case he dies without such heirs, then all that is ~~4~~
 bequeathed to him ^{to} be sold to the highest bidder and the
 purchase thereof be Equally divided between my wife and ~~4~~
 all my Children, that shall be then living

Item. I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elisabeth to live
 upon the plantation without Molestation during her ~~4~~

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Item all the residue of my personall Estate after my debts legacies and Funerall Charges are all paid I give to be Equally divided between my Loving wife Elisabeth and my daughter Mary Ann French

Further my desire is that none of my Estate be appraised nor sold. and I do appoint Leonard Hornsby and John Metcalfe to be Executors of this my last will and Testament utterly Revoaking and disannulling all former wills by me made allowing and Confirming this and no other to be my last will and Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixt my Seal this 2. day of November one thousand seven hundred and forty one

James Haggard

James French 

John Moor

Margaret M. Haggard

At a Court held for the County of Prince William the twenty third day of May 1743

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James ^{his} French Seal
mark

^{his} John J Moor

^{mark} Margaret M Haggard

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This will was presented in Court and proved by the oaths

of James Haggard and Margaret Haggard two of the Witnesses (who also made oath that they saw John Moor the other Witness subscribe his name as an Evidence thereto) it was admitted to Record Leonard Hornsby and John Metcalf & Co. Executors therein named refused the burthen of the Executorship, on the motion of William French and Jarvis Ah Doggart and their giving security for their Just and faithfull Administration of the testators estate Certificate was granted them for obtaining letters of Administration with the will annexed in due form

Test
p Wagoner (C. Cur)

KNOW all men by these presents that We Jarvis Ah Doggart William French Leonard Hornsby and John Reno are held and firmly bound unto Robert Jones John Wright John Crump and Benjamin Bullett gentlemen Justices of the County of Prince William in the sume of one hundred pounds sterling to the which payment well and truly to be made to the said Justices their heirs and Successors We bind our selves and every of us our and every of our heirs Executors and Administrators jointly and Severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals dated the 23 day of May in the year of our Lord 1743

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Bond adm.
French & Co

The Condition of this obligation is such that if the above
Bound Jarvis Ah Doggarty and William French Administrators
with the will annexed of all the goods Chattles and Credits of James
French deceased do make or Cause to be made a true and perfect
Inventory of all and singular the goods Chattles and Credits of the said
deceased which have or shall come to the hands possession or knowledge
of them the said Jarvis Ah Doggarty and William French or into the
hands or possession of any other person or persons for him and the same so
made do Exhibit or Cause to be Exhibitted into the County Court of Prince
William at such time as they shall be thereto required by the said
Court and the same goods chattles and Credits and all other the goods
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which at any time after shall come to the hands or possession of the
said Jarvis and William or into the hands or possession of any other person
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said Testament as far as the said goods Chattles and Credits will thereunto
Extend according to the Value thereof and the Law shall Charge them
Then this obligation to be Void and of none effect otherwise to

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Remain in full force and Virtue

Jarvis a Daughtry (Seal)

William French (Seal)

Leonard Hornsby (Seal)

John Reno (Seal)

At a Court held for the County of Prince William the twenty
third day of May 1743

Jarvis a Daughtry William French Leonard Hornsby and John
Reno. Acknowledged this bond to be their Act and Deed and
it was ordered to be Recorded

Test. p Wagoner (Seal)

Additional. Inventory of the Estate of Edw.
Young Dece: appraised

3 Sows @ 6/

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4 Barrows @ 9/

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1 Sheate @ 1/6

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