

William Sparkes
Will

In the Name of God Amen November the Twenty-fourth in the
year of our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty four
I William Sparkes of Prince Williams County Virginia being sick &
weak in Body but of sound & perfect Memory thanks be to God for the
same and knowing the uncertainty of this life on Earth and being
desirous to settle things in Order do make this my last Will & Testament
in manner & form following First & Principally I Commend my soul
to Almighty God my Creator Assuredly believing that I shall receive full
Pardon and Remission of all my sins & be saved by the Precious Death &
merits of my Blessed Redeemer Christ Jesus and my Body to the Earth
from whence it was taken to be buried in such Christian manner as to
my Executrix hereafter ^{named} ~~mentioned~~ shall ^{be} thought meet & convenient
And as Touching such worldly Goods as the Lord in his mercy hath lent me
I do Constitute & Ordain & appoint my Well beloved Wife my Sole Exec-
utrix of all my Stock of Cattle, Hogs, Household Stuff or any thing or things
whatsoever now belonging to me the same to Dispose & make use of as
she thinks proper and no other Person or Persons whatsoever
and after my wife's Decease my desire is that James Brown or William
Caddis do take the same and sell the same and pay the money to my

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trix of all my Stock of Cattel, Hogs, Household stuff or any thing or things
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she thinks proper and no other Person or Persons whatsoever
and after my wife's Decease my desire is that James Brown or William
Gadde do possess the same namely the above mentioned Goods and Chattells
the which she was possessor of

In Witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand & Seal the Day & Date above named
Signed sealed & Delivered in the Presence of

John Champlin
Bridget ^{his} Knowland

William W Sparks
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At a Court held for Prince William County the Eighteenth Day of June 1733

This Will was Presented unto Court by Mary Sparks sole Executrix
 of her name who made Oath thereto according to Law and the same being
 further proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto subscribed was admitted
 to Record & on the Motion of the said Mary and she performing what
 is usual in such cases Certificate is Granted her for Obtaining a Probate
 thereof in due form

Test. Catesby Locke Clk Cur

Know all men by these Presents that We Mary Sparks & Thomas
 Smith are held and firmly bound unto Denis McCarty the first Justice in the
 Commission of the Peace for Prince William County for & in behalf and to
 the sole use & behoof of the Justices of the said County and their Successors the
 Sum of One hundred Pounds to be Paid to the said Denis McCarty This Executors
 Administrators & Assignes So the which Payment well & truly to be made We bind
 our selves & every of us our & every of our Heirs Executors and Administrators
 Jointly & severally firm by these Presents sealed with our seals and Dated this
 11th 1733

Mary Sparks &
 Thomas Smith on Bond -

Eighteenth Day of June 1735

The Condition of this Obligation is such That if the above bound Mary Sparks Executrix of the last will & Testament of William Sparks Deceased do make or cause to be made a true and Perfect Inventory of all & singular the Goods Chattels and Credits of the said Deceased which have or shall come to the hands Possession or knowledge of the said Mary Sparks or into the hands or Possession of any other person or persons for her and the same so made do Exhibit or cause to be Exhibited into the County Court of Prince William at such time as she shall be required by the said Court and the same Goods Chattels & Credits and all other the Goods Chattels & Credits of the said Deceased at the time of his Death which at any time after shall come to the hands or Possession of the said Mary Sparks or into the hands or Possession of any other person or persons for her do well & truly Administer according to Law & further do make a Just & true account of her Actings & doings therein when thereto required by the said Court & also do well & truly pay & deliver all the Legacies contained and specified in the said Testament as far as the said Goods Chattels & Credits will therunto Extend according to the Value thereof and the Law shall charge her Then this Obligation to be Void and of none Effect otherwise to remain in the mark of

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The Court held for Prince William County the Eighteenth Day of June 1735
 Mary Sparks and Thomas Smith acknowledged this Bond on oaths
 Court which is administered & Recorded. J. Catesby Cooke Clerk