

William You the names of God, - amen, I, William Fletcher of the
Fletcher County, Virginia, being weak in body,
and of perfect mind and memory, thanks
be to a kind providence for the same and calling to mind
that it is allotted to man once to die, do make and
ordain this my last will and testament in the following
manner, to wit: first, it is my desire that all my just
debts be paid. Secondly - it is my will that my wife Elizabeth
Fletcher shall have as dower during her life the dwelling
which we now occupy, the yard and garden and other land
bounded as follows: beginning at the lower corner of the garden
at the road, thence running with the failings rather an East
direction to the corner of the garden, from thence to the corner
of Mr Leatherage's garden at a pear tree and to continue the
same course until you strike the pavement, thence down the
pavement until you come to Jones' land, thence with Jones'
land until you come to Rollins' land, thence with Rollins'
land until you come to Jones' land again, thence with Jones'
land until you come to Rollins' land again, thence with Rol-
lins' line until you come to a corner at the Gate between
Rollins and Fletcher, thence with the line between Dejes tract
and Bragg tract until you come to a forked cheonut on a
white gravelly hill in the woods, thence to a lower corner
of Mrs. Priest's Wood land not far from Stephen Morrison old
tract, thence rather a North West course to the nearest point
of the line between Duster and Fletcher, thence rather a
South West course along the line between Duster and Fletcher

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pavement until you come to Jones' land, thence with Jones'
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land until you come to Jones' land again, thence with Jones'
land until you come to Rollins' land again, thence with Rol-
lins' line until you come to a corner at the Gate between
Rollins and Fletcher, thence with the line between Dejes tract
and Boagz tract until you come to a forked cheornut on a
white gravelly hill in the woods, thence to a lower corner
of Mrs. Priest's Wood land not far from Stephen Morrison old
tract, thence rather a North West course to the nearest point
of the line between Turley and Fletcher, thence rather a
South West course along the line between Turley and Fletcher
to a large white oak which is a corner to Turley and Fletcher
er, thence with Turley's line until you come to Battle Run
Mountain, thence including Battle Run Mountains, all except
twenty five acres which lies on the North side of the moun-
tain which land belonged to Morrison tract, not including
the Norman tract and including the meeting house field,
the quarry field and the barn field and barn and uniting
again at the corner of the garden. And I give to my wife
Elizabeth Fletcher the following named negroes to be held
as slaves by her during her life, namely: little Jack, John
Jedatim, John Liza, (Bunkie), Malinda, Sarah, Fathimie,
Jana, Maria, white, Perry, little Sally and little
white Abigail, white, little Sally, Belton, and
And for the negroes and slaves to be held

My life, and I give and bequeath to my wife Elizabeth
Sketcher one thousand dollars and all of my household
and kitchen furniture to do as she pleases with.
Thirdly - the money I have given to James W. Sketcher to
buy the Leech farm on which he now resides and eleven
negroes and my notes for ten thousand dollars I have
given him dated 26th of March one thousand eight hun-
dred and fifty six - I give him the notes in order to
aid him to pay for the Kelly farm which notes bears
interest the first day of January one thousand eight hundred
and fifty seven, he is not to account for as I have given
John J. Sketcher the money to buy the George Eastham
tract which is deeded to him and am bound to pay for
the Henry Miller tract of land, which is deeded to him and
have given him other land, and have given John J. Sketcher
and Hamilton S. Sketcher negroes to equal James W. Sketcher's
negroes, the account of horses, cattle and tools &c that I
have got James W. Sketcher charged with as an advancement,
he will have to pay for them as an advancement. Fourthly -
the money I gave to John J. Sketcher to buy the George
Eastham land he is not to account for and the money
I have to pay for the Henry Miller tract of land John J.
Sketcher is not to account for, but the land is deeded to
him. I give and bequeath to my son John J. Sketcher all of
the Norman land and twenty five acres of the Battle Run
mountain which belonged to the Morrison tract, to be

Mountain which belonged to the Morrison tract, to be
taken off the end of Battle Run Mountain adjoining the
Morrison land wherever the said John J. Fletcher may choose
to take it. I give and bequeath to my son John J. Fletcher
all of the land I bought of Giggby's heirs and I also
give him twenty five hundred dollars, and the negroes I
have given to John J. Fletcher a Deed of Gift for, he is not
to account for them as James W. Fletcher and Hamilton
S. Fletcher have negroes to equal John J. Fletcher which
I have given them a Deed of Gift for, them. I give and
bequeath to my son John J. Fletcher all of the land I
bought of Anderson containing about one hundred acres
and bounded by Murphy's tract, the Bragg tract and James
Fletcher's old place. Fifthly - I give and bequeath to
my son Hamilton S. Fletcher all the balance of the land
that I possess or have any claim to except the land which
I have given away by will, and after the death of my
wife I give and bequeath to my son Hamilton S. Fletcher
all of the dower land which I have willed my wife.
I have given Hamilton S. Fletcher a Deed of Gift for ten
negroes which he is not to account for as I have given
James W. Fletcher and John J. Fletcher negroes of the same
value to each of them during the lifetime of my wife
when my wife's third is taken out the remainder of the
property except the land is to be divided between my three
sons James W. Fletcher and John J. Fletcher, Hamilton S. Fletcher
at the death of my wife the remainder of the dower prop-
erty except the land which I have willed to my wife.

any part of James W. Fletcher, John J. Fletcher and Hamilton S. Fletcher
land, prove not to be good, it is my will, that each of
them will have to bear the loss in equal proportion and
do hereby appoint James W. Fletcher, John J. Fletcher and Ham-
ilton S. Fletcher executors of this my last will and testa-
ment to act without giving security, hereby revoking all
former wills by me made. In testimony of which I have
unto set my hand and affix my seal this 26th day of
March 1836.

William Fletcher (Seal)

I Teste,
John J. Daniel
Wm S. Wood
Lewis E. Dulin
James M. Dulin
Benj F. Kinsey

In Rappahannock County Court, 10th day of August 1837.
This last will and testament of William Fletcher de-
ceased was this day produced to the Court, proved by the
oaths of Wm S. Wood, Lewis E. Dulin and James M. Dulin
three of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be
recorded. And James W. Fletcher and John J. Fletcher two
of the executors named in the said will, this day came
into Court and refused to take upon themselves the burden
of the execution thereof. And on the motion of Hamilton S.
Fletcher the other Executor named in the said will, who

Lewis E. Dulin
James M. Dulin
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Test,

W. J. Minnefee C. C.