

Mr. Kay Jan 10
Va. 1797

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN. I James McKay of the parish of Beckfort and County of Shenandoah in the Colony of Virginia being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory calling to mind the mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men ~~orne~~ to dye do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in the mannor and form following Viz first I give & recommend my sole to God that gave it and my body to the ground to be buried in a desent mannor by the discretion of my Exetors and as touching my worldly estate that God has blessed me with is dispose thereof in the following manner first that all my Just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied----



Item I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife Mary that part of my plantation whereon now I live beginning at the lower ford and including the lower field with half of the lower medow and also the pasture ajoyning the lower field along the hill side and timber for the soport of the same and www.virginiapioneers.com that part of my dwelling hous called my room and also the lower end of the bon and likewise two beads, two Cows and calves two yearling heffers all which I shall be of her own chusing and likewise the Darby mare which after her desease shall fall to Susanah Corde the wife of Corle and also what pewter tea pots or other uessels she may think she stands in kneed of with as much poark and grain as shall be necessary for her support at that present & also six sheep and one good breeding sow and six others all of her own chusing all the above moveable to be disposed of at her death as she shall think proper and the Land to fall to my Son Robert who is to find her a full soply of fire wood dure hat life.--- Item I give and bequeath to my eldest son who is deceased his Children that part of my plantation whereon his widow now lives begin at the lane that leads to the upper ford with a strate line from the river up the ^{d.} lane to the back line including all the bottom and upland and to take in the pasture field and the barn and houses where by son Robert now lives - thence down the ^{d.} pasture fence till it intersects with a new fence joining ^{d.} pasture

fence and then along the new fence to the river and thence down the river to the beginning together with three hundred Acres being part of a survey of four hundred Acres lying on the road that leads to Weavers mill. to be equally divided amongst them which land I give and bequeath to them and their heirs and assigns for ever reserved to my daughter in law wife of my son James deceased one half of the said Land for her support during her widow hood ---

Item I give and bequeath to my son Robert that part of my plantation where I now live beginning at the line bequeathed to my son James his children thence down the bottom including the whole of the same my wifes part only excepted to the Lower Ford together with survey of one hundred and twenty seven Acres adjoining Thomas Buck and Isaac Hites lines including the same whereon George Couns now lives Which Land I bequeath to my son Robert and to his heirs and assigns forever.--- Item I give and bequeath to my son in law John Coll him and his heirs and assigns forever that part or parcel of Land whereon he now lives beginning at the run at the upper end of his plantation thence down the bottom including that part of the bottom where my son Robert now lives to a new cross fence and with the line that divides the pasture from the said bottom bequeathed to my son James his children together with one hundred Acres part of the above mentioned four hundred Acres survey lying on the road to Weavers mill. -- Item my further Will and desire is that after my decease there should fall to my share any more Land then what is here bequeathed that the same be equally divided between my daughters Virginia, Susanan, and Lidia untill they shall have as much Land in purportion returning what they have possessed as I have given to my son Robert and if any overplush to be equally divided amongst my above mentioned children and my son James his children to have a child's part of the overplush they paying each of the above mentioned children a proportionable part of the expense of what what is behind what may yet be to come in respect of the grant sute and if it should not hold out as much as as I have bequeathed to my children or my sons children the possessors to pay the aforesd.- cost in purportion to

what they shallhold. - Item my further Will and desire is that the remainder of my moveable estate be sold by my Executors that is not bequethed and the money arising therefrom to pay my debts and for the support of my grant sute.-- Item my further will and desire is that whereas I have apart of a tract of land lying up Matherses arm in s^{d.} County and Andrew McKay the other half if provided he paid all expenses of s^{d.} Land in procuring a deed in my name for the same Which half of mine I desire may be sold and the money rising therefrom to be put to the same use as that of my moveable estate and if any overplush should be - to be equally divided amongst my above children and my son James his children as is before mentioned Item I give and bequeath to my Melator man named Sam his freedom.-- Item I give and bequeth to Sarah Harell three acres of land at the lower end of the lower field and the Nathan medow during her natural life and Lastly I do hereby authorise and apoint my son Robert McKay and my son in law John Corle to be my sole Exetors of this my last will and testament revoking and disallowing all former and others by me heretofore made and have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18 day of July 1797.

Sealed and acknowledged

James McKay

(SEAL)

in the of presents of

James Mathes Juner

James Millar

W Allen

At a Court held for the County of Shenandoah on Tuesday the 12th day of Sept. 1797

This last Will and Testament of James McKay to Court and proved by the oaths of James Matthis Junr. and William Allen witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. John Corle one of the executors refuseth to qualify and on motion of Robert McKay who made oath and entered into bond and security a probat in due form is granted him according to law.

Teste P. Williams C. S. C.

COPY TESTE:

W. H. Williams
Circuit Court of Shenandoah County, Virginia.

Clerk.