

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Mathies of St. Georges parish in Spotsylvania County being very sick and weak but of sound Mind Sense and Memory (thanks be given to Almighty God for the same) do make this my Last Will and Testament in Manner and form following In presence I Bequeath my Soul to my Great Creator hoping for the Remission of my Sins by the most precious passion and Death of my Dear Redeemer Jesus Christ, and my Body to the Earth to be ^{Buried} Decent at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned and as for my Worldly Goods as it have pleased God to Endow and Bless my Endeavours With I Give and Bequeath in the form following after my Just debts and Funerall Charges are first paid and Satisfied as

Item I Give unto my Dearly Beloved Wife all my Estate both Real and Personal only my young Mare which I Desire may be sold at the fall by my Executors and fifty Shillings Curr^t Money which shall arise from her Sale I Give then to my son Joseph Mathies and the Remains of the money if any by her Sale I Give to my Beloved Wife During her Natural life and I will and Desire after my Beloved Wife's Decease that my Plantation and Land be sold by my Executor or Executors and the money so arising be Equally Divided between my sons Samuel Joseph & William Mathies or their Lawfull Representatives

Item I will and Desire after the death of my wife that my Daughter Ann have a feather bed and furniture a pewter Bason Dish and three Plates With two Cows and Calves

Item I will and Desire that my son Joseph Mathies have a feather bed and furniture a pewter Bason Dish and three Plates With two Cows and Calves

Two Cows and Calves c

Item. I wills and Desire after the Death of my Wife that my Daughter Frances have a feather bed and furniture, With one Cow and Calf. c

Item. I wills and Desire after the death of wife that my Daughter Sarah have a feather Bed and furniture With one Cow and Calf. c

Item. I wills and Desire after the Death of my Wife that my Daughter Martilla have a feather Bed and furniture With one Cow and Calf. c

Item. I wills and Desire after my Wifes Death that my son William have one Steer Yearling and my Gun. c

Item. I wills and Desire after my wifes Death that my Daughter Mary Bowles have one Cow and Calf. c

I do hereby Appoint, Constitute, and Authorize, my Beloved Wife, Anne and my Trusty Neighbour & Friend Thomas Macneals my only & Solely Executors and Executor of this my Will, Revoking and Disannulling all other and former Wills & Testaments by me made Ratify, and Confirming this and only this, and to be my Last Will & Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have set my Hand & Seal this fourth day of February Anno Domini 1757.

Benjamin Mathis
his
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Signed, Sealed, Published & Declared
by the Testator to be his Last Will
in presence of us Witnesses

To the worshipfull Court of Spaldywan

have a feather Bed and furniture With one Cow and Calf. e

Item. I will and Desire (after the Death of my Wife) that my Daughter Martilla
have a feather Bed and furniture With one Cow and Calf. e

Item. I will and Desire (after my Wifes Death) that my son William have
One steer Yearling and my Gun. e

Item. I will and Desire (after my wifes Death) that my Daughter Mary,
Bowles have one Cow and Calf. e

I do hereby Appoint, Constitute, and Authorize, my Beloved Wif. Anne
and my Trusty Neighbour & Friend Thomas Macneale my only &
Solely Executrix and Executor of this my Will, Revoking and Dis-
annulling all other and former Wills & Testaments by me made Ratify, &
and Confirming this and only this, and to be my Last Will & Testament.
In witness whereof I have set my Hand & Seal this fourth day of February
Anno Domini 1754. e

Benjamin Mathis

Signed sealed published & Declared
by the Testator to be his Last Will
in presence of us Witnesses

Wallerjune
Marion Gair
Mathis

To the worshipfull Court of Justices
This is to certify that I the Subscriber doth make known content
against the proof of my fathers will as witness of my hand
Jas Matheson
Jan. Matheson
Feb 4 27. 1755

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County On Tuesday February the 4th 1755

The last Will and Testament of Benjamin Mathis Deceased was proved by the oaths of John Waller and Mary Pain witnesses thereto, and sworn to by Ann Mathis one of the Executors therein named Thomas Mt. Neil the other Executor having in court refused the Executorship ordered that the same be recorded, and the s^d Ann having entered into bond, certificate for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form is granted,

Test W. Waller *Wm*

It now all men by these presents that we Ann Mathews and Thomas McNeil are held and firmly bound ^{John Thornton Robert Jackson & Henry Willis} to Benjamin Grymes Gentlemen Justices of the Court of Spotsylvania County now sitting in the sum of fifty pounds Curr^t. money of Virginia to the payment whereof well & lawfully to be made to the said Justices and their Successors We bind our selves and each of us our and each of our Heirs Ex^{ors} & Adm^{rs} jointly and severally firmly by these presents, sealed With Our Seals this 4th day of February in the year of our Lord 1755 and in the 25th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the Second

The Condition of this Obligation is that if the above bound Ann Mathews Executor of the last Will & Testament of Benjamin Mathis deceased do make or Cause to be made a true and Perfect Inventory of all