

In the name of God Amen I Francis Taliaferro of Spotsylvania County
being of sound mind & memory thanks be to God therefore calling to mind
my mortality & knowing that it is expedient for all men once to die, do
make this my last Will & Testament & therein dispose of my Estate
after my just Debts paid in manner & form following that is to say

Item I give and devise unto my Daughter Anne Hay Brooke all that Tract
of Land & plantation in Spotsylvania County whereon she now lives which
I purchased of Thomas Turner of King George County Gent, and Thomas
Turner & Mary his wife late of Spotsylvania County, unto my said Daughter
Anne Hay & after her Heirs for ever

Item I give and devise unto my Daughter Elizabeth Taliaferro one thousand
Acres of Land in Orange County formerly Spotsylvania, which was granted
to me and my Deceased Brother John Taliaferro by patent bearing date
the 28th of September in the Year of our Lord 1728. to my said Daughter
Elizabeth & her Heirs forever

Item I give unto my said Daughter Elizabeth Taliaferro one negro boy named

I purchased of Thomas Turner of King George County Gent^l and Thomas —
Turner of Mary his wife late of Spotsylvania County unto my said Daughter

Ann Hay & after Heirs for ever —
Item — I give and Devise unto my Daughter Elizabeth Taliaferro one thousand
Acres of Land in Orange County formerly Spotsylvania, which was granted
to me and my Deceased Brother John Taliaferro by patent bearing date
the 28th of September in the 9th year of our Lord 1728. to my said Daughter
Elizabeth after Heirs forever —

Item — I give unto my said Daughter Elizabeth Taliaferro one negro boy named
Moses and one negro girl named Glacey —

Item — I give & Devise of bequeath unto my Son Lawrence Taliaferro all my Estate
both real & personal in Caroline County as well what I now have in
possession as all other Rights or Titles that may hereafter accrue
to me in the said County in Reversion or ~~Reversion~~ to my said Son
& Lawrence and his Heirs forever —

Item — I give unto my said Son Lawrence Taliaferro Twelve hundred acres

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of Land & two Plantations thereon in Orange County it being one moiety
of two thousand four hundred Acres taken up by my father Lawrence Talia-
ferro and my uncle John Taliaferro and is adjoining to the Land
where William Taliaferro now lives, unto my said son Lawrence
and his heirs forever - - - - - # P

Item I give unto my said son Lawrence Taliaferro two Negroes named Titus
and Billy. - - - - - # P

Item - I give devise & bequeath unto my son Ray Taliaferro and to his
heirs forever all my Estate both real & personal in King George
County, and two negroes named Dudley & Robin - - - - - P

Item I give Devise & bequeath unto my son Ray Taliaferro and to his heirs
forever two thousand Acres of Land in Orange County one thousand
Acres thereof purchased by my of Richard & William Taliaferro and the other thousand acres purchased by me -
Acres thereof purchased by my of Thomas Smith - - - - - # P

Item I give Devise & bequeath unto my son Francis Taliaferro the Land
and Plantation whereon I now live in Spotsylvania County to have
and to hold the same according to the Division made between
me & my Brother John Taliaferro Deceased, recorded in Spotsylvania
County Court to my said son Francis & his heirs forever # P

County Court to my said Son Francis & his heirs for ever // P
Item - I give & bequeath unto my said Son Francis Taliaferro all the house-
old furniture ~~on the~~ said land & premises last mentioned, and two
negroes named Daniel & Phil // P

Item - I give & devise unto my ^{son} Francis Taliaferro & his heirs for ever one
thousand acres of land in Orange County it being one moiety of two
thousand acres which was impattented by my brother John Taliaferro
Deceased of me, and Divided between us which Division is Recorded in
Spotsylvania County Court, to have and to hold the same, according
to the said Division it being that part of the said Tract where I now have
a Quarter & was first seated by Thomas Downer // P

Item - I give & devise & bequeath unto my son John Taliaferro my land and
plantation in Spotsylvania County whereon my brother John Taliaferro
lived to have and to hold the same to him & his heirs for ever according to
the aforementioned Division made between me & my said brother
Deceased // P

Item - I give and bequeath unto my said Son John Taliaferro all the
land & premises last mentioned, and two

Item. I give & devise unto my ^{son} Francis Taliaferro of his heirs for ever one thousand acres of land in Orange County it being one moiety of two thousand acres which was impattented by my brother John Taliaferro Deceased of me, and Divided between us which Division is Recorded in Spotsylvania County Court, to have and to hold the same, according to the said Division it being that part of the said tract where I now have a quarter of was first seated by Thomas Downer — P

Item. I give & devise & bequeath unto my son John Taliaferro my land and plantation in Spotsylvania County whereon my brother John Taliaferro lived to have and to hold the same to him of his heirs forever according to the aforementioned Division made between me & my said brother & Deceased — P

Item I give and bequeath unto my said son John Taliaferro all the household furniture on the last mentioned land & premises, and two Negroes named Harry & Codar — P

Item. I give and devise unto my said son John Taliaferro one thousand

Aces of Land in Orange County it being the other moiety
of the aforementioned two thousand Acres which was Impartented
by my Brother John Taliaferro ^{Deceased} and that part whereon
Nicholas Christopher lived to my said Son John & his heirs forever ¹⁴⁸

Item My Will and Desire is that if either of my two last mentioned
Sons Francis or John should happen to die before attaining the age
of twenty one Years that then and in such a Case the Survivor
of them two shall Inherit & enjoy all the Estate of the Deceased to such
Survivor and his Heirs forever

Item my will is that my Brother William be decently supported and
taken care of at the joint Expence & Charge of my said Children
Lawrence, Ray, Francis, John, Ann Ray & Elizabeth, and if they
dont perform the same, that the Sum of one hundred pounds
Curr^t money be paid Yearly in equal parts out of their Estates
for his support & maintenance, to such person or persons as
the County Court of Maryland shall think fit from time to
time to Direct

Item I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth and Ann Battaley two
Daughters of my friend Mosley Battaley one hundred

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pounds Curr. m. money to be equally divided between them
that is to say fifty pounds to each, and if either of them happen
to die before marriage or attaining the age of twenty one years
the whole to the survivor

Item my will is that all my negroes not heretofore given or
bequeathed by this my last will, and all the rest of my Estate both
real and personal herein not before mentioned be equally divided
between my six Children Ann Hay Brooks, Lawrence, Hay,
Francis, John and Elizabeth Taliaferro

Lastly - I do nominate constitute Ordain & appoint my four Sons
Lawrence, Hay, Francis & John Taliaferro, Exec^{rs} of this my
last will & testament, and I do revoke all other wills & testam^{ts}
by me heretofore made, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set
my hand & affixed my Seal this 20th Day of February 1756.

Signed sealed & published in

In the presence of

James Tull

Francis Taliaferro



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In the presence of

James Tull

John Waller

+ Humphrey Brooke

+ Rich^d Tull jun^r

Francis Taliaferro



And Whereas I have by this ^{my} last Will disposed of some Estate in my Possession
belonging to my Brother William Taliaferro which I claim as his apparent
to him unto several of my Children, to the said ~~son~~ Taliaferro being found
an Idiot by a jury of inquest for that purpose summoned of them and their
Report Recorded among the records of Spotsylvania County Court, my will
and desire is that if any of my ^{said} Brother William's Estate is disposed of
should after my Decease be taken from any of my Children by any
Act or Deed of his or any other person claiming or to claim by from
or under him that such Child or Children of mine so losing any part
of his Estate given by my will be made whole out of my other Children's
portions so that my Children may have Estate according to my Will
as near as may be, But that my Lands in Spotsylvania given by
my Will to my two younger Sons Francis & John pass according to
my Will to them & their Heirs forever notwithstanding any loss that
may happen on account of my said Brother William's Estate. ~~And~~
and my will and desire is further that if any Child or Children of mine
should at any time contravert or endeavour by course of Law or equity to
invalidate or set aside any part of this my Will that the Child or Children
so doing shall forfeit their ~~all~~ the Estate then ~~to~~ be ~~to~~ them.

so doing shall forfeit & lose all the Estate given them by this my last will
& Testament, and that the same be left in my other children in
equal proportions, and my will & desire is that my Estate be kept
entire without any Division unto all my Debts & Legacies are paid,
that then it be divided according to my Will, In Testimony whereof and
of all & singular the premises I have hereunto set my hand & seal this
26th day of February 1737

Signed sealed & published

Fran. Taliaferro



In the presence of

Rob^t Jackson

Jm^o Catlett

Thom^s Catlett

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County on Tuesday March the 7th 1738

The last will & Testament of Francis Taliaferro dated
being exhibited in Court by Lawrence Taliaferro one of the Executors
therein named and was proved by the Oaths of Humphrey Wiche
and Rich^d Tuttle two of the Witnesses thereto and the Corroborators of the

Law and good bond & which is recorded in
Book 1st Page 114
and was full on record by the Clerk of James Will another of the Executors
of the will of said Taliaferro & put on

that there it be divided according to my Will, In Testimony whereof and
of all & singular the premises I have hereunto set my hand & seal this
26th day of February 1757

Signed sealed & published

Francis Taliaferro



In the presence of

Rob^t Jackson

Jm^o Catlett

Thom^s Catlett

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County on Tuesday March the 7th 1758.

The last will & Testament of Francis Taliaferro dated
being exhibited in Court by Lawrence Taliaferro one of the Executors
therein named and was proved by the Oaths of Humphrey Brooke
and Rich^d Tuttle two of the Witnesses thereto and the Codicil of the
said Will was proved by the Oath of Rob^t Jackson Esq^r a Witness thereto
and by the Court ordered to be recorded

Test. W. Waller

See in the Margin

now by the date of James Will motion of the Court to record
of the will of said Taliaferro & Lawrence Taliaferro & out one of the
which is recorded in Court with Waller