

In the name of God Amen I John Minor of Spotsylvania County
being of Sound & perfect Sense and Memory thanks be to god for the same
Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form
following that is to say first I recommend my soul to god hoping to receive
pardon and Remission of all my sins through the Merits and Intercession
of my Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ & my body to y^e Earth to be
Interred in Christian burial at the Discretion of my Executors herein after
named & for what worldly good in his Mercy hath been pleased to bestow upon
me I give and bequeath y^e same as followeth Viz^t ~

Item It is my Will that all my Debts & General Expenses be first Satisfied & paid
Item I bequeath my Loving Wife y^e Tract of Land whereon I now live during her Natural
life & I give unto my said Wife my two Negroes Cyrus and Sarah & my
Chaise Horses and harness therunto belonging &

Item I give and bequeath unto my Son John my Silver Watch my broopers

Arms and One hundred pounds Current money and a gold ring ^{provis} no recompense
but Love! but he is not to have the Ring untill my Wifes death. with this provision
that he shall relinquish all Claim or Demand against my Estate for the use I
Have had or may have of negro Harry of Toping Castle from M^{rs}. Carrs death
untill he shall come to the Age of Twenty One years, which if he shall refuse
to do, then this bequest or clause, to be Void P

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son William and to his heirs for ever all that part
of my Tract of Land that I bought of Francis & John Brother that lies below the north
Ruck River, adjoining to the Land of Capt^s. Compton in Culpeper County with this
provision that he shall relinquish all Claim or Demand against my Estate
for the use of Negro Young Balack from M^{rs}. Carrs Death untill he shall
come to the Age of Twenty One years, which if he shall refuse to do then this
Bequest or clause to be Void, and the fee simple Estate of J. Sand. I do
Vest in my Executors in the same Manner & for the same uses as is
hereafter provided for J. Sand of such of my Sons as may depart this life
before they come to age ~~and~~ Harry P

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Thomas & to his heirs for ever, all that part of
the Tract of Land I bought of Francis and John Brother that lies above the north

The Tract of Land I bought of Francis and John Brotherton that lies above the north
Rush River with this provision that he shall Relinquish all Claim or Demand
Against my Estate for the use of Negro Sarah from Mr. Cars Death untill
he shall Come to the Age of Twenty One years Which if he shall refuse to do
then this bequest a Clause to be Void and the fee Simple Estate of J. Said I do
Hereby Vest in my Executors for the Same use as above mentioned in my

Son William's Clause &

Item I Give and bequeath ^{up} to my Son Garritt & to his heirs for ever five hundred and Seventy
Acres of Land lately bought of Henry Gambell in Culpeper and Eighty pounds
Current Money &

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son James and to his heirs for ever Eight hundred Acres
of Land whereon my plantations now are on James River in Louisa County &

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Dabney and to his heirs for ever Six hundred and forty
Two Acres of Land lately bought of Charles Hasaunagh in Culpeper County

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Son Vernon and to his heirs for ever the Tract of Land whereon
my plantation now is in Orange County and One hundred pounds Current money

Item I Give ^{I bequeath} unto my Son Peter and to his heirs for ever the Tract of Land whereon I now
Live, Reserving to my wife J. Sole use of it during her natural life. I Give him the

Against my Estate for the use of Negro Sarah from the time she shall
he Shall Come to the Age of Twenty One years Which if he Shall refuse to do
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Peter One hundred pounds Current money which said Sum and that above given

To my son ~~John~~ I do Impower my Executors to lay out in ~~land~~ for me
It Convenient so to do I also Impower my Executors to lay out the Eight pounds given
To my son Garrett if a Tract of Land ~~lying~~ to his & Belonging to Robert ~~brother~~ should
be Offered to Sale before he comes of age &

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary if she heirs three negro Slaves and
their Increase Viz^t Nan Bock and Sam Children of Grace with this provision that
She shall quit all claim or Demand against my Estate for the use of negro Frank
from Mrs. Carver's Death untill she shall come to age which if she or husband
if married, shall refuse to do then this bequest or Clause to be Void and the negro
Do remain in my Estate &

Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth if she heirs three negro Slaves & their
Increase Viz^t Dick Hannah and Lotty Children of home Toll &

Item It is my Will that my negroes not heretofore in this my Will Given away together with
all other my personal Estate shall be Equally Divided amongst my wife &
Children &

Item It is my Will that if any of my Children shall Depart this life before they come
To age Or Marry then their part of my Slaves and personal Estate shall be
Equally Divided amongst my Surviving Children and the Issue of such as may
have Married & be dead ^{in case of the} but any of my Son or Sons except John that dies fore
they come to age Or Marry then and that Case I do hereby Impower my Executors
To Sell the Land of him or them & to make Deeds to convey the fee Simple Estate

thereof to the purchaser or purchasers and the purchase money to be added to my personal Estate and Devided as aforesaid

Item I appoint and constitute my friends John Carr, John Waller, Rue Curtis and William Carr or any two of them, to Divide my Slaves & personal Estate except my Stock of Cattle, Hogs, Horses and Sheep, into Lots and that my Wife shall take her choice of them my Children, or some person for them to draw according to age of the Lots so drawn, to be entered in a Book with the Childs name, and This I appoint as a Sanfull Devision of my Slaves and personal Estate, except my Cattle, hogs, horses and Sheep, which I do Order in the following manner, viz When One of my Children come to age, I appoint the persons aforesaid or any others my Executors and their Child shall agree on, to give or alot him, his share of my Stock, as it then is, if so on for every Child as they come to age, but is my Intent And meaning that notwithstanding the Devision of my Slaves into Lots that they shall be for the General use of my Estate untill the Child they are allotted to come to age, to claim them, and as my Children Receive their Lots or part of my Estate, they shall pay or Secure to be paid to my Executors their part or share of the money I have heretofore given away, that shall be then not raised out of my Estate If any such of in Case my Wife shall marry then I appoint my son John and if he be dead my son William Guardian to all my Children with full power

To take them and their Estates into his Immediate possession I also give all my
Children ^{but John} gold ring each &

~~Now~~ I appoint and constitute my Loving wife executrix and my son John Executor
Of this my last Will and Testament and in case my son John Dies then I
Appoint my son William Executor in his stead it is also my Will that my Execu.
shall not Give Security for their Execut. ship nor stand to the loss of any part of
my Estate I also appoint and constitute my friends John Carr and John Waller
Executors I trust to see this my last Will full filled, and to advise and Direct
my son John in the management thereof and lastly I do revoke & make Void
all former wills heretofore made by me and do declare this to be my last Will
and Testament in Wits whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
28. day of October 1754

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All a Court held for Spotsylvania County On Tuesday September the 2: 1755

The last Will and Testament of John Minor Gent Dated was
proved by the oaths of John Goodloe and David Davenport two of the witnesses thereto
and John Minor Eldest son and heir at law to the Dated, appeared and said he had
no Objections to make against the proving the same and the said John Minor one of the
Executors therein named proved the said Will and it is Ordered to be Recorded &

Test W. Waller Clerk