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In the name of God amen I Alexander Scott of
Overwharton parish Stafford County & Colony of Virg^a Clerk being
sick weak and in firm of body but of sound and perfect memory
& Judg^t considering the Uncertainty of this life and that it was ap-
pointed for all men once to die and being willing & desiring that no
Difference may arise about what Estate God of his
goodness hath bestowed on me do make constitute and appoint
this my last will and Testament hereby Revoking Cancell^{ing}
and Annulling all other will or wills Testament or Testaments
by me heretofore made and ratifying & confirming this only as my
last will and Testament In manner and form following viz
Imprimis, I give and Bequeath my precious & immortal
soul to God Almighty my Creator in hopes of a full & free pardon
& Remission of all my sins and Transgressions in and thro the
merits and mediation of Jesus Christ my Saviour & I desire
my body I leave to be interred in such a decent and Christian manner
as shall seem fit and convenient to my Exor^r herein after named
in full assurance of a blessed Resurrection to eternal life and
to be covered with a Tomb or grave Stone with such Inscrip^t
and Letters as I shall direct to be put thereupon, And as for
what world ly goods and Estate God of his Superabundant good-
ness hath blessed me with my will and meanings is that they be
disposed of in manner and form following viz **Item** I
give ^{Bequeath} and Bequeath that hundred acres of land lying on the north
side of Aquia Creek in Stafford County which I bought of Joseph Whitson
and all my right Title and Interest therein also all my right title and
Interest in and to another hundred acres adjacent thereto the name
whereof I bought of Samuel Whitson and in & to which James Baller had
a right for and during his natural life **As also** a negro boy named Peter
the son of Peg to Giles Brent my Godson the son of Capt Wm Brent
if brought up a protestant of the Church of England And to the
heir of his body if lawfully begotten & brought up protestant as aforesaid the said
land and right of Reversion to be Delivered to the said Giles Brent if he sur-
vived therewith when he arrives at the age of eight teen years complete and
for default of such heirs and so Educated as aforesaid Expressed then to my
loving brother James Scott and his heirs forever my true intent well known
is that the above devised land shall not pass to the above named
and the heirs of his body as aforesaid if he shall die before he is of legal age
that the said land shall pass to the said James Scott and his heirs forever

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^{Devise} give and Bequeath that hundred acres of land lying on the north
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a right for and during his natural life **As also** an negro boy named Peter
the son of Peter Giles Brent my Godson the son of Capt William Brent
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heirs of his body if lawfully begotten & brought up protestants as oft the said
land and right of Redemption to be Delivered to the said Giles Brent if he pre
sented therewith when he arrives at the age of eighteen years complete or
for default of such heirs and so Educated as above expressed then to my
loving brother James Scott and his heirs forever my true intent and mean
ing is that the above devised land shall not pass to the above named Peter
and to the heirs of his body as above expressed unless he or they duly pay
the third of the yearly rent to the said James Scott during his natural life
as is agreed with him after that he or they or any other person for him or
posseped of the said land and that he or they or any other person for him or
posseped of the said land and continue in the said payment according

to the Church of England otherwise the same to be void and null as be
mentioned my true intent and meaning that the said Mary Scott
during her nativity of the third of the year 1697 of the hundred
acres bought of Joseph Chelton. I do give devise and bequeath all
that tract of land consisting of four hundred and fifty acres near Wythneth
marsh in Spring Hilliam County whereon Ebenezer Ham did live in
negro girl named Betty with her father's name as to my god son John
Scott the son of the said David Scott the minister of St Pauls Church
County and of his wife and to the heirs of the body of the said child
lawfully begotten in fee simple and for default of such heirs to my loving brother
James Scott aforesaid and his heirs forever. Item I do give devise and
bequeath all the rest of my lands tenements and hereditaments my right to the
interest in and to all lands tenements of houses and other premises
or else where with all my slaves and their increase to my beloved son
and devised to my dear and loving brother James Scott of the body
of his body lawfully begotten and for default of such heirs to the heirs
of my loving brother George Scott lawfully begotten bearing the surname of Scott
and to the heirs of his body lawfully begotten bearing the surname of Scott
and for default of such heirs then to my daughter Katherine the wife
of Alexander Gordon of Cambridge and to the heirs male of her body
who shall assume the surname of Scott and for default of such heirs
to my right heir at law my true intent and meaning that the
surname of Scott to my brother George son is that whereas my old brother
Scott manifesting a wife of the surname of Thompson did covenant and agree by
marriage contract that his first son should bear the surname of his mother
I not being willing that any of my estate should go or descend to any of that
surname either in fee simple fee tail or otherwise have
therefore devised the same as above expressed. I do give devise and bequeath
my old loving brother George Scott to be paid by my true heirs after my death
within three years after the proof of this will one hundred pounds sterling
money of great Britain on this special condition that the said George Scott
shall fully and absolutely quit all claim right interest demand which
he now has may have or pretend to have to the land near about Lough
Dipblas Creek near Egin in the shire of Down which the right to be
and interest lie in me either for himself or his heirs to the said land to be
void & of no effect & that neither he or his heirs shall any time hereafter
or bequest the said sum to the church near the said Lough Dipblas
in this parish then pounds sterling money of great Britain five pounds
in any year and half after the proof of this will by my true heirs after my death
to the church near the said Lough Dipblas and for the same purpose I do give
a silver chalice for the use of the church near the said Lough Dipblas

named shall within the time before mentioned send for the above mentioned
 flaggon Paltin Chalice and cover & have them brought of good
 sufficient and substantial workmanship my true intent will
 and meaning is that this legacy shall not be paid or take effect un-
 less the churchwardens and vestry of this parish shall duly and
 honestly pay to my Exor after named whatever salary or other
 dues either in money or Tobacco shall be owing to me at the day
 of my decease without any molestation trouble or suit in Law
 and the said money shall be put to no other use whatsoever else
 to be returned to and retained by my Exor I Item I give and be-
 queath three thousand pounds of Tobacco to be disposed of by my Exor
 for cloathing and schooling three of the most needy and poor
 children of this parish. I Item I give to my friend Mr William
 Williams living at Mrs Ann McGaw one as much fine Scotch
 plaid as will make him a Bannan. I Item I give and bequeath
 to my Godson William Grant the Son of John Grant a feather bed
 bolster and two pillowes & a pair of sheet pair of blankets & Rug.
 I Item I give and bequeath a mourning gold Ring of twenty Shillings
 Value to each of the following persons viz Mr William Macdonald Mr
 David Stuart Jean his wife Mr James Keith Capt Wm Brent Mr
 John Grant and Mr William Williams. I Item I give and bequeath
 to Mrs Eliza Davis my house keeper if she live with till my decease
 one thousand pounds of Tobacco and above what shall be due to her
 for her wages. I Item I give devise and bequeath all my remaining
 Personal personal Estate after my just debts and funeral charges are paid
 to my loving daughter James Scott whom I appoint sole & whole Exor
 thus my last will and Testament and my will is that none of my Estate
 be brought to an Appraiment. IN WITNESS whereof I have set my
 hand and seal hereto this nineteenth Day of January in the year of
 our Lord God One thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Seven
 Inter lined and on the margin thereto signing and Sealing this will
 lawfully begotten due to her

Signed Sealed published and Declared
 to be his last will and Testament in presence of

John Hamilton, Nathl Smith
 Harrison, Eliza ^{harrison} ^{marphy}
 Mr Murphy, William ^{Scott} ^{father}

Alexander Scott Seal

A Court held for Stafford County April 10
 Stafford County Wills 1729-48

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 Mr. Murphy, Wm ^{mark} ^{scott}

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A Court held for Stafford County April the
 Eleventh 1780.
 This last will and Testament of Alex Scott late dec'd was presented in
 Court by James Scott the Exor therein named who made oath that he was
 to lawfully being proved by the oath of John Hamilton Wm Harrison & J. M.
 Smith John Murphy & Wm Scott & that the said Alex Scott was
 for obtaining a probate thereof in due form & that the said