

For box Iron chatters 2/6. old bundle 6/-
 For mamber Wugg 4/- 1 Gun 10/- 5 battle 5. 10/-
 For base of timber & Forks 5/- 2 bar 15/- 1 saw 12/-
 For 2 byder backe of 2 tubs 2/- 1 saw & 4 piggs 16/-
 Given under our hand this 20. day of March 1753 30.000

Munday Woboy
 John Smith
 Moses Grigsby

At a court held for Stafford County 9th May 1753.
 This Inventory & appraisement of the Estate of Thomas
 Emerson deceased being returned & admitted to record

Test.
 H. Tyler to

At a court held for Stafford County October the 3rd
 1749.

Burditt Clifton produced in court
 an instrument of writing & the last will & Testament of
 Sarah M^{rs} Gill deceased in word that the same might be recorded
 which was contested by Philip Alexander Gent. who produced
 another writing for her last will whereupon it was ordered
 that the two wills be lodged in the hands of Richard Foote Gent.
 till the next Court & that a deputation of five to take the Depositions
 of the witnesses concerning the said wills

The Deposition of Amos Stanison a good
 about 26 years being first sworn upon the holy Evan-
 gelists said. That in the year 1745 she lived with M^{rs}
 Sarah M^{rs} Gill deceased & that she the said Sarah
 M^{rs} Gill desired her son Burditt Clifton to write her will
 plain that she the said Sarah might read it that at the

Same time he this Depout heard the said Mrs Sarah
McGill say that the said Burdett Blifton had written the said
will plain for that she could read it. The said Depout further
deposed that he saw the said Sarah McGill sign & seal the
said will & desired it might be evidenced by him this Depout.
Jos: King & James Butler that he this Depout heard the said
Sarah McGill declare the said will to be her last will and
Testament & that the said will was evidenced by the said
James Butler, Joseph King & him this Depout. The said
Depout further deposed that the will produced by Burdett
Blifton last October, attested & bount afterwar unto him this
Depout was the will he this Depout saw signed, sealed, and
delivered by the said Sarah McGill & declared as her only
last will & Testament & evidenced as aforesaid. The said
Depout further deposed that at Stafford bounty last October
he heard Capt Alexander say unto the said Burdett Blifton
that if he the said Burdett Blifton would give him the said
Philip Alexander son Philip that negro girl he the said
Burdett Blifton might prove the will directly, and that the
said Burdett Blifton answered he would not. And further
this Depout saith not.

Andrew Harrison

Edward Wallader Dade of Stafford bounty aged about 60
years being sworn saith that he was at Mrs Sarah McGill
among sound affair she showed this Depout a will and asked
him if he thought it was good and he the will to which this
Depout answered in the affirmative & then desired this Depout
to take care of it but he answered that Capt John Alexander
had better take care of it & sometime after this Depout was at
Mrs McGill & she said she wanted some alterations made
in her will which was to give an negro boy to Capt Philip
Alexander son Philip for that Mrs Alexander the wife of

Testament & that the said will was examined by the said
James Butler, Joseph King & him this Depo^t. The said
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Alexander son Philip for that Mrs Alexander thought so of
Philip Alexander had said she thought she ought to give
some part of her Estate to her the said Philip. That he
desired him this Depo^t to request John Alexander to
make that alteration in her will & that sometime
after this Depo^t was at Mrs McGill & she showed this will

Dated November 1748. to this Dependant that she then
was well pleased with the same & that the same was
neither signed nor witnessed. And further saith not
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Margaret the wife of John Oliver of Wagon
County aged about 40 years being sworn saith. That
sometime last summer this Depo^t was at Mr. McGill
among other discourse Mr. McGill says to this
Depo^t do you think that one of my grandsons did not
ask me for a negro. to which this Dep^t answered, which
of them she replied little Philip, Alexander & then this
Dep^t said did you give one to which she answered I told
him to go & choose one & he chose a negro boy named
Will. but she told him he must choose another & then he
chose a negro girl named Hannah, who said she gave it to
the said Philip & told him he must give it a color which
he did. And that the said Mr. McGill informed this
Dep^t that sometime after Capt. Clifton's wife came
there and sent the Coat Horns which was done twice but the third time
sent was kept & that Mrs. McGill said Buddy meaning Captain Clifton
thought to have all she had but she thought Cap^t Alexander Child
ought to have a Negro as well as her the said Cap^t Murdock
Clifton And further this Depo^t says not

Margaret M Oliver
The Deposition of John Alexander aged thirty nine the
26 or 27 day of July next being sworn saith that either in the year
1745 or 46 Mr. McGill came to my House and desired me to write her a
will I told her I desired her to get some one else for that it might cause
a Difference betwixt Capt. Alexander & I but at last with her arguments I
wrote it for her & it was witnessed by my self & my wife & Thomas
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sent it back to my wife to keep for her by my son and she had it
some time last year she went to Church and she told me when she
went home that Mr. Cadwall told her at Church that Mr. McGill
was very sick & desired me to come up & make her a handbill for the
witnessed same Alterations it and I went up directly and when I and my
wife came there Capt. Alexander & Cap^t Clifton being there I had not
the opportunity to talk to her concerning it but (Capt. Alexander & Clifton

home on which I asked Cap: Gifford if he would walk out on purpose as my
wife might speak to her to know what alteration she wanted made and after
I came home my wife told me and I wrote her one & signed both bills
up & read it to her and she said it was just as she had told Mr. Alexander
and asked me how she could get it signed. I told her that I would and for
Nicholas Seven and his wife but as she was better she might as well do
it alone and come down when she was well and I would get it signed
for her but says she I won't destroy this bill till I get the other signed
and I sign it on which I left the two bills with her and the Sunday after
I saw Mr. Gid: Dade at Church and I asked him if he had seen the
Will I had wrote for Mr. M. Gill he told me he had and I says to him
that it was wrote so bad that I was afraid it could not be read and he
answered I could read it very well & I further understood when she
& stalked about it that was the will she intended should stand and I had
her say that Cap: Gifford had a bill and to the best of my knowledge
by James Butler & Andrew Gorman James and she but that should never
stand for a day she says she Sunday has made that to suit herself and
further the Deponent saith that the Will her uncle annexed bearing date
November 1748 is the self same will that he made & gave up to
her and further saith not.

The Deposition of Mrs. Alexander aged between thirty one & 40
two being sworn & examined with that some years ago Mr. Gifford
M. Gill come to my house to get me to make her a gown and said that
she had been ^{lastly} at Nuddy's & asked him for a bill she had formerly
made and left with him & either he or his wife went as she said and
brought it her and she told me she put it in the fire and burnt it and
said now Sunday I have got no bill he answered and said no brother
without you'll make me another and she told me she could get round
for him begging & praying of her to make him another and at last she
told him she might write an other and bring Andrew as she would
I told her she had signed it & it was the same

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told him do might for its an other and being distressed & she wold
sign it which he did & she told me she had signed it & it was the same
& laughed & said how Dadey thought her he had tricked her
leaving all her Estate only two negroes to himself to give to his
children as he pleased but she said I wold give to who I pleased
for she said that will will satisfy Dadey all she now has is

that shall never be my last will for I am some down to get Mr. Alexander to make me another & he wrote her another which she signed & Mr. Alexander & myself & Thomas Fiklon Evidenced and she carried it home with her and told me she got Mr. Cad. Dade to read it to her and that every thing was gave as she desired and soon after that she sent it down to me and when I saw her she desired me to keep it for her till she was dead and then for Mr. Alexander to deliver it with his own hands to the Court and I believe I kept the will two years or more till some time after I went to Church & Mr. Cad. Dade told Mr. McGill was very bad & desired Mr. Alexander to come up & alter her will on which I went home and told him & He & I went up & when we came there Capt. Alexander & Capt. Clifton was both there & soon after Capt. Alexander went home & Mr. Alexander walked Capt. Clifton out of Doors on which she told me she had sent for Mr. Alexander to alter her will for she wanted to leave little Phelley Alexander a Negro girl I asked her if that was all the Alteration she wanted she said it was but she said it can't be done here for when I am sick they all come about me so that I can do nothing I told her that I thought that that was all the Alteration he could do it at home she said if he could he should be mighty glad for she wanted no other Alteration for she liked every thing very well and we came home and I told Mr. Alexander & he wrote her another Will making no other alterations but what I told him & the next day he carried to her & the other Will & left them with her & a day or two before she was taken for death I went to see her she asked me if I thought if she should die before she signed that Will whether it would stand good I told her I thought Not because she had got two other wills signed by her she said that Will at Toudoy Clifton's can never stand because all the Evidences is Dead or Runaway but once I told her I thought that one was sufficient to prove that will she desired me to send my Chair for her the first good day that came I told her that Mr. Alexander was a going to

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Alexander was going up the River but the first good day after his
return I would send for her and she desired I would for she said she
should never be easy till she came down and signed that Will & I
left it with you for I am forced to keep both my wills in Mr. Canade's box for when
am sick they all come here & Run away every thing I have in the world.

have ordered & me that if I should die before I had it paid for
to be sure and give it to Sunday. (Yestern as soon as I am
Dead for she said that it is the Will I want to stand and
further this Dependent says - not

The foregoing Dependent sworn to before us
this 9th day of Nov^r 1749

Bernard Toole

In the Name of God Amen I Nathl
Macgill of this County of Kafford being sick & weak of body but of
perfect sound mind & memory thanks be to God for it, do make and
ordain this my last Will & Testament Saying & enrolling all that
heretofore by me made said & principally given in good to the Honor
of Almighty God & my Duty to the Church to be exactly carried out the
Direction of my Executor hereafter named Item I give to my dear Wife
Alexander as Housewary King of twenty shillings per Annum I give to
my Son David Clifton as Housewary called Harry & as Housewary
per Annum & two of her Children & Item I give to my dear Wife
is bound to me them & their Increase during his natural life & at his death
to be divided amongst all his Children lawfully begotten so that each of them
may have an equal proportion thereof which I give to them & their heirs
I give to them & their heirs for ever Item I give to my grandchild
Clifton three shillings per Annum & two of her Children & Item I give to my
my best & dearest loved & furnished I have in my house at my death by the
decease given to my dear Wife Clifton which I give to her & her heirs
future Increase I give to him & his heirs & his heirs & his heirs
for ever And my desire is that my dear Wife Clifton should have the
sum of eighteen. Item I give to my dear Wife Clifton a silver
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