

I Joseph French of Stafford County & Colony of Virginia do make a public & solemn  
last will & testament in manner & form following to wit that all my debts being paid & satisfied  
I have entrusted & imposed on my friends & neighbors to wit my brother Joseph French  
Peter Hedgman and Mr Henry Lytle to make over & confirm unto my son Daniel French  
this heirs forever my dwelling plantation & mill & land that I bought of John & Mary  
on the north side of Potomack Creek & the following negroes Nussach & his wife & three  
Nan & Jeffrey & twelve head of cattle & half the stock of hogs on the said plantation & my  
horses three or four if they shall think worthy & disposing of it after my will & desire so that they  
shall dispose of the said lands & negroes & other things as equally as they can to my son Daniel  
& Mason a native here forever this I give & bequeath to my son Daniel French & his heirs  
for ever the one half of the land I bought of Mr French that half that is parcelled out in the  
following negro Tom George Daniel & all those things that he is entitled to by law  
on the said plantation fourthly I give and bequeath to my son Mason French the other  
half of the land that I bought of Mr French & all those things that he is entitled to by law  
George County five cows & calves & feather bed & furniture & five hogs & five large sheep  
& the following negroes Sharper & his wife & Mary & Daniel which land & goods I give to  
my son Mason & his heirs forever and a white Servant man & white fifthly I give  
bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth French the following negroes & more she has  
a feather bed & furniture three cows & calves to her & her heirs forever & the  
sixthly I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary the following negroes Sonny & his wife  
and Sarah a feather bed & furniture & three cows & calves to her & her heirs forever  
Seventhly I give & bequeath to my daughter Ann the following negroes & more  
Winey Rachael & Harry a feather bed & furniture & three cows & calves to her & her  
heirs forever Eighthly my will & desire is that the bequest of my Negroes should  
to discharge my debts after my family are first provided and if my should then be  
wanting to discharge my debts my will & desire is that the following negroes & more  
Harry & Joe be sold by my executor for money to discharge & pay of my debts and if the said  
Negroes be not sold then my will & desire is that they be divided among my five youngest  
children All the rest of my estate I leave to my friends and neighbors before mentioned to be  
disposed of as before directed by this my will My will & desire is that my wife  
the wife of Capt John Washington have the care & tuition of my daughter Mary  
she is of age or married & that immediately after my decease she take into her possession  
my said daughter & estate  
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shall dispose of the Land & negroes & other things as equal as they can to my sons and Daniel  
& mason and their heirs forever thirdly I give & bequeath to my son Daniel French the heirs  
forever the one half of the Land I bought of Mr. Brent that half that the plantation was the  
following negro Tom George Daniel & all those things that he is to have & be  
on the said plantation fourthly I give and bequeath to my son mason French the other  
half of the Land that I bought of Mr. Brent also two or three acres of Land lying in  
George County five cows & calves a feather bed & furniture a fine still & a hog & a large  
& the following negroes Sharper Bass Grace Jimmy & Daniel when Land & a pig I give to  
my son mason & his heirs forever and a white sero man or white fifthly I give  
& bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth French the following things more or less  
a feather bed & furniture three cows & calves to her & her heirs forever & a pig  
Sixthly I give & bequeath to my daughter Mary the following negroes Sonny Miller  
and Sarah a feather bed & furniture & three cows & calves to her & her heirs  
Seventhly I give & bequeath to my daughter Ann the following negroes  
Winny Rachael & Harry a feather bed & furniture & three cows & calves to her & her  
heirs forever Eighthly my will & desire is that the corpse of my wife be sold for money  
to discharge my debts after my family are first clothed and if money should then be  
wanting to discharge my debts my will & desire is that the following negroes Sonny  
Harry & Joe be sold by my executor for money to discharge & pay of my debts and of the said  
negroes be not sold then my will & desire is that they be divided among my five younger  
children All the rest of my Estate I leave to my friends and friends before mentioned to be  
disposed of as before directed by this my will My will & desire is that Mr. Washington  
the wife of Capt. Jay Washington have the care & tuition of my daughter Mary  
she is of age or married & that immediately after my decease that she enter her possession  
my said daughter & take my will and desire that Capt. Jay Washington  
have the care & tuition of my daughter Ann till she is of age married or  
after my decease the title into her possession my said daughter & take my will  
that the title in the Land bought of Brent between my son mason & my  
son George be divided equally between them and if they be divided  
my desire is that it be divided equally between my son mason & my son

his possession only I desire to may make no bargain without his brother  
6 Daniel's advice & consent. In Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and Seal this fifth day of October 1700. 1700  
Signed Sealed and Declared  
in presence of us the

Words Committed that themself on the  
Land bought of Brent be between  
my sons Daniel and Mason being first Interlined  
William Henry Terrett

St. Tyler  
Thomas Dent

It is my desire if either of my sons Daniel or Mason die without  
issue lawfully begotten of their bodies then my will is the longest live take  
all the Land given them by my will. Item whereas Wm. Gabe & Ann  
his wife have acknowledged to me in the Genl Court added for one hundred  
acres of Land out of which I am to reserve twenty seven acres as by the words  
of the deed whereon my dwelling house now stands & the mill & half an acre  
of Land on each side thereof the residue I give & bequeath unto the said Wm.  
Gabe & to his heirs & assigns forever In Witnes whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and Seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1700. 1700  
Signed Sealed and Delivered

in presence of us (two witnesses) before Hugh French

St. Tyler Thorne Dent Saml Waugh

At a Court held for Stafford County September the 13<sup>th</sup> 1737

The last will & testament of Hugh French Gent<sup>l</sup> deceased was presented into  
Court by Dan<sup>l</sup> French & Mason French Es<sup>rs</sup> therein named who made con-  
fession according to Law Hugh French the heir at Law appearing & consenting  
to the Probation thereof which was further proved by Henry Tyler & Henry  
Terrett two of the witnesses thereto & also an edict to the said will was proved by  
the oath of James Waugh & Henry Tyler two of the witnesses and admitted to  
Record. & His<sup>ty</sup> Ex<sup>ty</sup> having given & pledged with the said witnesses in Sure-  
ty that the said will is genuine & the said Hugh French is dead & that the said  
James Waugh & Henry Tyler are of the County of Stafford & are of the County of Stafford

Henry Tyler & Saml

In the name of God amen I James Denny of Stafford County do make shewing  
last will Imp<sup>o</sup> I do set my dear woman the said Daniel free & discharge him from  
any further service  
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