

In the Name of God Amen the 25th Day of August in
the Year of our Lord God 1744 I James Seaton of the Parish of St. Pauls
County of Stafford & Colony of Virginia being sick & weak in body but of
sound & perfect Judgment & Memory thank & praise God for the same and
knowing the uncertainty of this life & being desirous to settle my
worldly Affairs do make this my last will & Testament in manner & a
following. That is to say first & principally, I recommend my soul to
Almighty God my Creator & finally blessing that I shall receive full
pardon & remission of my sins & be saved by the precious Death & merits of
my blessed Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ my body to the Earth from
whence it was taken to be buried in such decent manner as to my Exors &
heirs after mentioned shall be thought most convenient And nothing
like Worldly Estate as the Lord in his Providence has lent me my Will &
meaning is, that the same shall be employed & bestowed as hereafter by
my last will & Testament is Express. And first I do revoke & annul & make
void all wills & Testaments by me formerly made & declared &
appoint this to be my last will & Testament. *Imp^o My wife & pleasure*
is that all my household furniture & rightly due & stored tools to the best
Advantage & the money from thence arising to be allocated & applied to the
proper use & behoof of my younger Children vizt^t John Seaton George
Seaton, Jane Seaton & William Seaton & for as much amount to the value
of what my son James & my Daughter Francis have already received and
after my said younger Children have each received their equal proportion
of my said Estate my Will & pleasure is that all my remaining Estate
be equally divided among all my Children vizt^t James Seaton Francis
Seaton, John Seaton George Seaton, Jane Seaton & Will Seaton. Item
I give & bequeath to my son John Seaton & the heirs of his body to get them for
ever all that parcel of Land adjoining the little bridge in the County
of Stafford & so forth by me purchased of & sold to William Smith and
his heirs & assigns & to return to my son James & the heirs of his
body & lawfully begetts & assigns & to return to my Daughter
Francis & her heirs & assigns

following that is to say first & principally I recommending unto
Almighty God my Creator & fervently believing that I shall receive full
pardon & remission of my sins & be saved by the precious Death & merits of
my blessed Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ my body to the Earth from
whence it was taken to be buried in such decent manner as to my Exors
hereafter mentioned shall be thought meet & convenient And notwithstanding
this Worldly Estate as the Lord in his Providence has lent me my Will &
meaning is that the same shall be employed & bestowed as hereafter by
my last Will & Testament is Express. And first I do revoke & annul & retract
all & void all Wills & Testaments by me formerly made & declared &
appoint this to be my last Will & Testament. In Witnes My full pleasure
is that all my household furniture be rightly & lawfully sold to the best
Advantage & the money from thence arising to be allocated & applied to the
proper use & behoof of my younger children vizt John Seaton George
Seaton, Jane Seaton & William Seaton & for as shall amount to the value
of what my son James & my Daughter Francis have already received and
after my said younger children have each received their equal portion
of my said Estate my full pleasure is that all my remaining Estate
be equally divided among all my children vizt James Seaton Francis
Seaton, John Seaton George Seaton Jane Seaton & Will Seaton. Item
I give & bequeath to my son John Seaton & the heirs of his body lawfully
born all that parcel of Land adjoining the late bridge in the County
of Stafford as sold by me purchased of Robert William Smith and
his heirs & the heirs to return to my son James & the heirs of his
body lawfully begotten & his heirs & the heirs to return to my Daughter
Francis Seaton & the heirs of her body lawfully begotten. Item my
full pleasure is that all my Progs & stock vizt My Arabian Dick
Tom, Peter, Rosa, Beck, & such other as I have or shall have
of my said Estate I do give & bequeath to my son James & the heirs of his
body lawfully begotten & his heirs & the heirs to return to my Daughter
Francis Seaton & the heirs of her body lawfully begotten.

Itt M my Will & pleasure is that all my estate of horses
Cattle Hogg & sheep be equally divided among my above
named Children. Itt M I give bequeath unto my son
James Seaton all my Cogor & Carpenter tools together with
my riding saddle & bridle & all my wearing apparel of what
nature or sort soever. Itt M my will & pleasure is that my
loving wife Grace Seaton have five & twenty shillings to buy
her a mourning ring. And finally I do hereby nominate
& appoint my said loving wife Grace Seaton & my said James
Seaton my Executors & sole Exrs of this my last will & Testament
hereby empowering & requiring my said son James in case
my said wife Grace should after my decease intermarry with
another man to take care that my younger children vizt /
John Seaton Geo. Seaton James Seaton & Wm. Seaton be not
abused & in that case to take them ^{with} their Effects into his
care & protection. Itt M I bequeath of I have hereunto
set my hand & seal Day & Year first above written.

James Seaton. (S)

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us.

David Stuart 44 Henry Washington. J. Natl. Washington

At a Court held for Stafford County Oct^r 9. 1744.

Itt M within last will & Testament of James Seaton deceased
was presented in Court by Grace Seaton & James Seaton Exrs
therein named whomado Oath there to according to Law. &
being further proved by the Oath of the witnesses there to
subscribed is admitted to record, and on motion of the sd
Exrs & they performing to satisfaction in such case or
Certification granted them for obtaining a probat
thereof in due form. And that Grace attested of her
proving the sd. Stafford County Wills 1729-1748 can to her
Hand.