

In the name of God amen I John Toward of
Dorchester parished in the County of Stafford in the County of Virg. being
Sick & weak in body but of Sound & perfect mind & memory (thanks be to
Almighty God for the same) willing to mind the mortality of my body &
knowing that it is appointed for all men Once to die & to make an account
there of my Last will & Testament (that is to say) principally & first of all
I give & Bequeath my soule into the hands of Almighty God that gave it trusting
in his mercy thro the meritorious Death & passion of my blessed Lord &
Saviour Jesus Christ to receive a full & free pardon & Remission of all my
Sins & as for my body I commend it to the Earth to be buried in a
Christian like & Decent manner at the Direction of my Ex^{ors} hereafter
named & as touching mine worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bestow
and with in this Life my Lawfull debts & funeral expenses being first
fully Satisfied & paid I give & devise & dispose of the same in manner &
form following
I give & Bequeath to my wellbeloved wife Damaris Toward all & singular
of my household goods & Chattels Boddin & ready payers (that is to say)
Woolle & Sheep & all other my goods & Chattels moveable & immoveable
within doors & without diving her widowhood or the time that my
Executor shall live to the age of one & twenty years & then to be
divided as hereafter directed
I will and desire that as soon as my Lawfull Debts are paid that all
my Deeds & patents in the propriety office and Leases & that any
two patents on Broad Run one in my own name & the other in
the name of my said wife Damaris
I give & Bequeath to my good daughter Mary Williams two hundred
acres of Land to be laid off at the direction of my three sons out of
my seven hundred acres of Land on Broad Run to be laid off so
One hundred acres thereof lying together may be good for a whole
Land to use my said good daughter & her lawfull heirs forever
for default of issue to return to my said son
I will & desire that Stafford County Mills 4728 1748 Toward's will
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I give & Bequeath my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it trusting
in his mercy thro the meritorious Death & passion of my blessed Lord &
Saviour Jesus Christ to receive a full & free pardon & Remission of all my
Sins & as for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried in a
Christian like & Decent manner at the Discretion of my Ex^{ors} & Executors after
I am dead & as touching such worldly Estate as it shall please God to bestow
and with in this Life my Lawfull debts & funeral expences being first
fully Satisfied & paid I give & devise & dispose of the same in manner &
form following

I give & Bequeath to my wellbeloved wife Darkis Toward all & singular
of my house hold Goods & Chattels Boddie & Break porcelaine & the like
Waggons & Coope & all other my Goods & Chattels moveable & immoveable
within doors & without during her widowhood or the time that my
Children shall live to the age of one & twenty years & then to be
divided as hereafter directed

I will and desire that as soon as my Lawfull Debts are paid that all
my Deeds & patents in the proprietors office are & shal be & that my
two patents on Broad Run one in my own name & the other in
~~the name of my wife Darkis Toward~~

I give & Bequeath to my God daughter Mary Williams two hundred
acres of Land to be laid off at the Discretion of my Executors out of
my seven hundred acres of Land on Broad Run to be laid off so
One hundred acres thereof lying together may be good & valuable
Land to be my said God daughter & her Lawfull heirs for ever &
for default of heirs to return to my said Son

I will & desire that if my wellbeloved wife Darkis Toward should
happen to die before my God daughter Mary Williams is of age
that she may be left to the care of my wife of the said daughter
I give & Bequeath unto my God daughter & her Lawfull heirs & assigns
all the rest & residue of my Land with all the rights & profits & other
appurtenances thereto belonging to be enjoyed by her & her heirs

I have by this my last will and testament bequeathed unto my said son
Warner a pasture he not near any house to have his equal part of all my other lands
with the said two hundred acres of land of the same Toward of his full part of the same
that others of his said house to have his equal part of all my other lands
shall be equally divided between my other children or their lawful heirs
for ever

I also will and desire that if all my pasture now lying in the property of
any person (vizt) Thomas Broad and his or the present heirs of the same
land or lands do stand that the same should be sold to the said son
shall have the pasture survey in his name as well as to himself and his heirs
part of all my other lands any thing to his contrary or of us in before
expressed to his contrary to be of no effect notwithstanding any other
Warner's pasture be divided equally of the other part thereof between the said
said son and his heirs or the other two equally & to be of no effect the
other two vizt James & Thomas as aforesaid

I also will and desire that Daniel & Thomas my sons should pay
one hundred pounds of Tobacco yearly to the said son for the payment of
the said son that he do no way trouble any of the said son's
paying three hundred pounds of Tobacco yearly to the said son
for ever

I also will and desire that the said son should know
over his whole estate to me every year for the payment of
I desire to bequeath the care of the said house to my wife
they have so long a time as the said son shall live to the
said son of the said house

I have also bequeathed to Robert the said son's son
the said son's son

my loving
I give & bequeath unto Emanuel & John my sons
extraordinary care of me in my lifetime

I give & bequeath to the said Building of the said son
the said son's son
Stafford County Wills 1729-1748
Virginia Pioneer Institute
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Have been sworn for my said Deed this thirteenth day of March 1732
Done 1732/3 John Toward Seal

Signed Sealed & Delivered by the said
John Toward as his last will & Testament
in presence of us
Jo: Croon
J: Dugle Strachan
Charles Thornton

Joseph Croon aged thirty years on this about being first sworn on
his duty Evangelist & examined in the presence of Dorcas Toward one
of the Exrs of his last Will & Testament of John Toward late of this County
Dorcas declares that he saw his last Will & Testament of the said John
Toward according to his directions except that it is not included in the
said Will that the said John Toward directed that in case the said Dorcas
Toward should marry before his Executor came of age she should
have no more of his Estate than her thirds while the said John
Toward frequently repeated both before & after drawing the said Will
the said Toward further added that as his Executor came of age
they should have their parts of his Estate according to Law leaving
his wife her thirds & Stafford County sworn to before me this
16th day of March 1732.

Doney Washington

At a Court Court held for Stafford County the 16th day of March
1732

~~presented into Court by Hugh Strachan one of the Jurors~~
~~and made oath the same according to law & was approved by the~~
oaths of J: Dugle Strachan & Charles Thornton two of the witnesses
thereto who likewise made oath that they saw Joseph Croon the
other witness thereto subscribe the said & that the matter contained
in the deposition of the said Joseph Croon, was true and correct is
true they having heard the said John Toward say the said words
& Dorcas Toward Stafford County the 16th day of March 1732 and came into
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Charles Thornton

Joseph Froese aged thirty years or thereabouts being first sworn on
the holy Evangelists & examined in the presence of Dorcas Toward one
of the Exrs of the last Will & Testament of John Toward late of this County
Dorcas certifies that he saw the last Will & Testament of the said John
Toward according to the directions except that it is not intended in the
said Will that the said John Toward directed that in case the said Dorcas
Toward should marry before his (under) name of age she should
have no more of his Estate than her thirds while the said John
Toward frequently reported both before & after drawing the said Will
& the said Toward further added that as his (under) name of age
they should have the three parts of his Estate according to Law leaving
his wife her thirds, Stafford County sworn to before me this
16th day of March 1732.

Henry Washington

At a Court Court held for Stafford County the 16th day of March
1732

~~presented into Court by Henry Washington one of the Jurors named~~
and made same the 16th day of March 1732 as is proved by the
oaths of Henry Washington & Charles Thornton two of the witnesses
thereto who likewise made oath that they saw Joseph Froese the
other witness thereto subscribe the said & that the matter contained
in the deposition of the said Joseph Froese, hereto annexed is
true they having heard the said John Toward say the same words
& Dorcas Toward another of the Exrs hereto named came into
open Court & acknowledged the same to be true & consented that the
deposition of the said Joseph Froese should be recorded with the
said will whereupon it was ordered that they should be recorded
upon motion of the said Jurors performing what is equal in
the said deposition & the said will & the said deposition

