

my Last Will and Testament whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal this

8th day of November Anno Domini 1748

Signed Sealed and Published
in Presence of us

Thomas Darke

Thomas Matthews, Wm. Corbin, John Corbin

At a Court held for Shafford County March 10. 1752

The within Last will and Testament of Thomas Darke deceased was presented into Court by Margaret Darke and Wm. Matthews Esq. and by them read and the same made oath thereto according to Law and being further sworn by the said Wm. Corbin and John Corbin two of the Justices for the said County in and to the said Record by Motion of the said Esq. and they thereupon what was therein contained was granted them for Obtaining a Probate thereof in due form

Test

J. H. Syler Esq.

In the Name of God Amen

of Shafford County and Parish of Saint Paul being once married but of late become single

do make this my Last will and Testament in manner following

I give unto my wife the Plantation whereon I now live during her natural

life and after her decease I give the same unto my son William and his heirs forever

Item I give unto my daughter Mary all my Household furniture she now uses

of my Children two for the two who they come to age or more and the third for the

survivors for the residue I give unto my son William and his heirs forever

the share of my daughter Mary and her heirs forever the residue I give unto my

wife she shall have the use of it during her life and after her decease I give the

residue unto my son William and his heirs forever

Children and that my Executors do pay to my Children in equal division the said stock
as they respectively attain the age of twenty one years or are married. Item I give to my daughter
Elizabeth a Negro woman named Nell and the said Nell's Children that now are born together
with their future Increase and also that my Executors choose out of my Estate four other
Negroes for my said daughter Elizabeth, to be delivered to her at her Marriage or age of twenty
one. Item I give to my loving wife the use of the third part of all my Negroes during her
life and after her decease to my son Nath. on condition of his marrying a free and certain
Conveyance to my son William of the Tracts of Land whereon I now live before devised to my
said son William after the death of my wife which if my said son Nath. shall refuse to do
or if he be willing to do it and cannot make such Conveyance to bind his Issue by the
Rules of Law in either of these Cases I give the Negroes devised to my wife during her
life after her death to my son William, and my will touching the laying off the third part
of my Negroes for my wife is that it shall be computed exclusive of the Negroes before
devised to my daughter Elizabeth. Item I give unto my wife an old Negro man
named Nell, and whereas my wife is now with Child, if she should be delivered of a
son my will is that my Executors keep my whole Estate together (as well that third part of
my Negroes devised to my wife as those devised to my daughter Elizabeth) till there be
raised out of the profits of my Estate five hundred pounds or out of my money which five
hundred pounds or to be raised I desire may be vested in a purchase of Land and settled
on the said Child (if a son) and his heirs for ever. But if my wife should be delivered of a girl
I desire also that the afo. sum of five hundred pounds should be raised as afo. if that is
should be also vested in a purchase of Land but that the half of the Land should only be
settled on the said Child if a girl and her heirs for ever by the other half on my daughter
Elizabeth and her heirs for ever and if the said Child should die before twenty one I desire her
half may be settled on my son William. Item my will and desire is that the said Child whether
male or female should have an equal part of my personal Est. with my other Children.
Item I give to my Uncle Lazarus Wallader Dado my riding horse called Roan
Item I give to William Durnore twenty pounds to buy him a riding horse
Item it is my desire that if any of my Children die before they come to age or are married
that their part should be divided among the survivors and if it should happen that they
should all die

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son my will is that my Executors keep my whole Estate together (as well that third part of
my Negroes devised to my wife as those devised to my daughter Elizabeth) till there be
raised out of the profits of my Estate five hundred pounds or more money which five
hundred pounds or to be raised I desire may be veered in a purchase of Land and settled
on the said Child (if a son) and his heirs forever. But if my wife should be delivered of a girl
I desire also that the aforesaid sum of five hundred pounds should be raised as aforesaid that is
should be also veered in a purchase of Land but that the half of the Land should only be
settled on the said Child (if a girl) and her heirs forever by the other half on my daughter
Elizabeth and her heirs forever and if the said Child should die before twenty one I desire her
half may be settled on my son William. Item my will and desire is that the said Child whether
male or female should have an equal part of my Personal Est. with my other Children.
Item I give to my Uncle Laswallader Dade my riding horse called Roan
Item I give to William Dearn a twenty pounds to buy him a riding horse
Item it is my desire that if any of my Children die before they come to age or are returned
that their parts should be divided among the survivors & if it should happen that they
should all die before they receive their respective parts my desire then is that the
Negroes I had by my wife with their increase be equally divided between John Pomey
Lawrence Washington son of Henry Washington late of our Maryland County
Item it is my desire that the remainder of my Negroes not before disposed of be
equally divided between my son William & the Child my wife is now pregnant with it be
returned to them at three years of age. I do hereby Remit to and

Up point my friends and well known. I do John Washington and William Bernard
together with my loving wife Executors of this my last will and testament In Witness
whereof I have hereunto for my hand and seal this twelfth day of November 1751

Witness to the within will

John Washington Esq.

Sam. Rock, Frances Washington
Frances Dade, Richard Bernard
Langhorn Dade

At a Court held for Stafford County April 14th 1752

The within last will and testament of John Washington deceased was presented first
by William Bernard and John Washington two of the Executors thereof named
who made oath thereto according to Law and being further sworn by the oaths of
Frances Stuart late Frances Washington, Frances Dade, Richard Bernard and the
Witnesses thereto subscribed is admitted to be the last will and testament of the
deceased and what is contained in such last will is granted them for obtaining a probate
thereof in due form

Test

Richard C. yler

In the Name of God amen

Gregory of the Parish of Overhaddon & County of Stafford being a good man in his last
of sound and perfect mind & memory praiseth God for his name in the first place I commend
my soul into the hands of a mighty God that gave it hope of a happy resurrection through
the merits of my blessed Redeemer Jesus Christ and my body to be buried buried being
Executors hereafter mentioned & for the worthy Parson that the strength of God hath
granted to be shown upon me I have been married and from following day

Imp. I give to my son William Gregory a parcel of land lying in the same
County upon broad run above the new mill house I give him one acre of
meadow land which he has purchased from my late wife's estate