

October Court MDCCLXX

In the Name of God Amen I Charles Leath of the Parish of Albemarle & County of Sursum being in perfect health praise be to God but feeling to mind the uncertainty of this life do make for a true this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following First & principally I Bequeath my soul to Almighty God who gave it as for what Estate it hath pleased the Lord of his great Mercy to bestow upon me I Give & dispose of in manner & form following

Item I Give and devise to my dear & loving wife <sup>Wife</sup> ~~my~~ my Negro man Jack one Feather Bed & the furniture belonging to it I also lend to my dear & loving wife ~~the~~ the use of my Plantation whereon I now live during her natural life free from Molestation from any person whatsoever I also Give my said loving wife my Bald face Horse and a Trove of neat Cattle half my Stock of Hogs half my Stock of Sheep two Iron Pots one large Chaff half my butter I also lend my dear & loving wife ~~the~~ the use of my Negro woman Moll during the natural life of my wife

Item I Give & devise to my Daughter Elizabeth now wife of Ephraim Raines my lands & Plantation whereon I now live containing four hundred & thirteen Acres during her natural life I also give to my said Daughter Eliza both my three negroes Prince Dick & Hannah & owes all the remaining part of my Cattle Sheep Hogs two feather Beds & the furniture that belongs to them One Copper Kettle the half of my butter One small Bell mettle Kettle one Spice mortar & Pestle.

Item I Give & devise to my Grandson Charles Raines son of Ephraim Raines & Elizabeth his wife & his Heirs & assigns forever my lands & Plantation containing four hundred & thirteen Acres.

Item I Give & devise to my Grandson John Leath son of Peter Two hundred Acres of Land whereon he now lives during his Natural life

Item I Give & devise to Charles Leath son of my Grandson John two hundred Acres of Land whereon his father now live to him & his heirs & assigns forever

Item I Give & devise to John Heath son of my loving wife wife & his Heirs forever Seventy five Acres of Land whereon he now lives in Prince George County in full discharge of nine Pounds of his Estate.

Item I Give & devise to my loving wife & my Daughter Elizabeth all the rest & remaining part of my Estate of what kind or quantity soever and desire this my Estate may not be a waste I also constitute & appoint my Good Friend Edward Peltway sole & sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto unto set my hand & affixed my seal this ninth day of January 1765.

I Agree & state published and declared by the said Charles Leath to be his last Will & Testament in presence of

Charles <sup>his</sup> Leath <sup>P.D.</sup>  
mark

Reuben Weathers

John Fells Junr.

Robert Peltway

At a Court held for Superior County the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1770.

The last Will & Testament of Charles Leath died was presented into Court by Edward Peltway the Executor thereon named who in open Court refused to <sup>bring the same or take upon himself the execution thereof</sup> ~~execute~~ upon the motion of Ephraim Raines who moved

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Imprimis The use of the plantation Wharton I now dwell with all the land there unto belonging I leave unto my loving Wife Anna Moyer and also these Negro's Namely Stills Lucy Molliey and my personal Estate of what Nature or kind soever during her natural Life; After her death I give And Bequeath My said Estate as hereafter directed

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# Anno Regni Undecimo Georgii Tertii Regis. (283)

An Inventory of the Estate of Charles Leath deceased October the 27<sup>th</sup> 1770.  
 To Cash £14. 5. 3. To 4 Negroes, Jack, Ponce, Moll and Hannah, 26 Barrels Corn, 18<sup>½</sup> Bushels wheat,  
 2 Bushels Pease 873 Inspected Tobacco, 22 Head Cattle, 2 Horses 36 Head of Hogs 7 Head of Sheep  
 3 feather Beds & furniture 3 Chests 1 Round Table 9 rush Chairs 1 case of Bottles 2 Spinning wheels  
 3 pair of Cards 1 Copper Kettle, 1 Iron Ditto, 1 Bell-mettle kettle 5 Iron Pots and hooks, 1 Spice mortar  
 and Pestle, 7 Dishes 3 Basins 6 plates 2 Tringlers, 1 Doz of spoons 1 puter Tankard & Salt seller 1 Pair  
 Cast Irons, 3 Saddles & Buidles, 12 sides of Leather, 2 raw Hides, 1 Iron Skillet 3 Iron wedges, 11 Flies 3  
 Axes 1 Mill Saw 1 cross cut Saw a parcel of old Carpenters Tools and a parcel of old Coopers tools, a parcel  
 of Shoemakers tools 1 Gun and Croppers arms a pair Silyards 1 pair Money scales 1 frying Pan a Dozen  
 of Knives & Forks 6 Jugs 3 butter Potts 15 Bottles 1 delph. barrel 1 box Iron and Stealers a Sugar box  
 6 Books 1 Horse and Case of Plow 1<sup>st</sup> Cotton 4 pounds wool 4 of Flax thread 12 Yards Woollen cloth  
 450 feet Flowering Blank 10 a parcel of old lumber, Ghe. aern Rames Administrator.

At a Court held for Sussex County the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1770. This Inventory of the Estate of Charles Leath deceased, was returned by the Court ordered to be Recorded.

Jesse Augustine Claiborne Secy

In obedience to an order of Court bearing Date the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1770 the Subscribers have Valued and Appraised the Estate of Ralph Megie deceased, as herunto annexed.

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| To 21 Head Hogs                                  | £ 13. 1. 6 |
| To 15 head Cattle                                | 15. 15.    |
| To 9 head Sheep                                  | 2. 5.      |
| To 2 head Horses                                 | 9. -       |
| To 1 cross cut Saw                               | 1. 10      |
| To 1 side Saddle                                 | 1. 18.     |
| To 6 Chairs                                      | 7. 6       |
| To 2 Chests                                      | 11. 6      |
| To a parcel Stone ware                           | 8. 2       |
| To Ditto Earthen ditto                           | 3. -       |
| To 1 Looking Glass                               | 2. 6       |
| To 1 parcel of Shoemakers Tools                  | 3. -       |
| To 1 parcel Carpenters Tools                     | 10. -      |
| To 1 Gun                                         | 10. -      |
| To 1 Trunk 1 Pair Spoon molds and 1 Money scales | 15. -      |
| To 1 box Iron and point Pot                      | 4. -       |
| To 1 parcel old Iron                             | 1. 11.     |
| To 1 frying Pan Skillet and Saddle               | 4. -       |
| To 1 parcel Twister Knives & forks               | 1. 10. -   |
| To 2 Spinning Wheels and Cards                   | 11. -      |
| To 1 Loom and Ream                               | 10. -      |

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