Anno Regni Undecimo Georgii Tertii Regis

In the Name of God amen I Matthew Parham of the County of Supra being Sick and Weak but of a Sound disposing mind and Memory do make this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

Imprimis I give and devise to my Grandson Robert Parham my Land and plantation whereon I now live to him his Heirs and Assigns for ever Also I give and bequeath to my said Grandson his Heirs and Assigns One Negro man named Andrew one Negro Boy named Simon One Negro Boy named Arthur One Negro woman named Anaca two Cows four Ewes five of my best Hoggs two Sows ten Sheats five Hoes Two Axes and one Black mare all which Negroes Stock &c are to be kept on the said Plantation and the profits arising therefrom are to go to the maintanance and Education of my said Grandson and I leave the Care and Education of my said Grandson with the Land Negroes Stock & other Estate given him under the direction and management of Thomas Parham and Seth Parham untill he shall arrive to the age of Twenty one Years for this trust reposed in them they are not to give Bond and Security And it is my will and desire that if my Grandson should die before he arrives to the Age of Twenty one Years that my daughter in Law Lucretia Parham may have two of the slaves which I have devised to him to wit Simon and Arthur and in that case I give her the said Two slaves to her her Heirs and Assigns

Item I give and devise to my said Grandson and to his Heirs and Assigns my Second best Bed and furniture Three Leather Chairs three flag Chairs one Black Walnut oval Table one Copper Kettle and One Chest all which my Daughter in Law Lucretia Parham is to have the use of untill my said Grandson shall arrive to the age of Twenty one Years

Item I give and devise to my Daughter in Law Lucretia Parham and to her Heirs and Assigns one Fourth part of my crop now making also two Pewter Dishes two Basons Six hard Mettle Plates Six common Plates the smallest Iron Pot I have Eight of my best Hoggs and one Sorrell Roan Colt and it is my desire that she may live on my Plantation during her Widowhood and have the Liberty during that time of working three hands on the said Plantation

Item I give and devise to William Wyne his Heirs and Assigns One Negro man Named Joe one Negro man Named Bap and One Negro woman named Bet with her present and future Increase

Item I give and devise to my Grandaughter Ann Wynne Daughter of William Wyne one Negro Girl named Winney to her and her Heirs and Assigns

Item I give and devise to Seth Parham his Heirs and Assigns one Negro woman named Phillis with all her present or future increase

Item I give to my Grand Daughter Elizabeth Parham Daughter of Seth Parham Ten Pounds in Cash and my best Bed and Furniture

Item I give and divise to William Sturdivant his Heirs and Assigns one Negro man named Nicholas One Negro Boy named Jem and one Negro Woman named Sarah with her present and future increase

Item I give and devise to Martha Sturdivant my Grand Daughter and the Daughter of William Sturdivant One Negro Girl named Peg to her and her Heirs and Assigns

Item I give and devise to Thomas Parham son of William Parham one Negro man Named Peter to him his Heirs and Assigns

Item I give and devise to my Grandson John Sturdivant son of Mathew and Martha Sturdivant One Negro Girl named Lucy which said Negro Formerly lent to my said Daughter Martha Sturdivant which said Slave was lately in the Possession of John Bates of the province of South Carolina I give the said slave to the said John Sturdivant his Heirs and Assigns Lastly I give and devise to William Wyne and William Sturdivant their Heirs and Assigns all the Remainder and Residue of my Estate whatsoever which I have not already disposed of And I hereby constitute and Appoint the said William Wynne and William Sturdivant my true and Lawfull Executors of this my Last Will and Testament and I desire that they may not give Bond and Security for the trust reposed in them I also desire that my Estate may not be Appraised

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this Second day of September 1770

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testator to be his last Will in Whose presence and at whose request we have Subscribed our Names Witnesses thereto

Robt Wynne
Abraham Parham Jun
Ezra Nicholas Masenburg

Matthew his X mark Parham (Seal)

At a Court held for Supra County the 21st Day of May 1772
The last will and Testament of Mathew Parham deceased was presented into Court by William Wynne and William Sturdivant the Executors therein who made Oath thereto as the Law directs and the widow was Examined by Abraham Parham Junior one of the witnesses thereto and the Court judged the same proved by the Oath of Robert Wynne and on the motion of the said Executors Letters is granted them they Qualifying according to Law

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