

Hablot, 1 Snow Pettle, 1 glass Hatchet, 1 hand saw, 1 pair fine tongs, 1 boar bone and beaters, looking Glass, a pair of Books and wearing Apparel one candlestick glass panes, 12 lb Tallow, 2 Gallons Brandy, 1 barrel of Powder half gallon of Honey and 3 pint Sugar, some hyder basks.

Stephen Baird Executor.

At a Court held for Suffolk County the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1778.

This Inventory of the Estate of John Baird deceased was returned and  
Exam'd by the Court and is to be Recorded. Teste Will: Halloway jun<sup>r</sup> C.S.C.

In the Name of God I name I William Rivers of the Parish of Mattoxey and  
County of Suffolk being in perfect Suge and memory blessed be god almighty  
and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament and manner and form  
following First my will and desire is that the land and hereditary whereon  
I now live as soon as convenient after my death be sold for the best price  
can be got either for cash or credit which ever my Executrix & Exec  
may think best. Item I give to my Son Joel thirty pounds to him and  
his heirs to be paid him when he arrives to the age of twenty one. I give  
to my son Robert thirty pounds to him and his heirs to be paid him  
when he arrives to the age of twenty one. I give to my son Henry thirty  
pounds to him and his heirs to be paid him when he arrives to age of  
twenty one. I give to my brother Timothy Rivers thirty pounds to be paid  
him when my father departs this life and not before. I lend my fa  
ther during his life the House wherein he now lives together with one  
half of the College land also three negroes vizt Cato, Augustus & Liberty and  
after his death to return into my Estate. I lend my loving wife all the  
residue of my Slaves and personal estate until my son Henry arrives  
to age of twenty one, upon those express conditions that she maintain  
and educate my children. Its also my Will and Desire that there be a  
House built on my College land which I lend my wife  
during her natural life, I also lend her the other half the College which  
I have before lent to my father after his death during her life. My Will  
and Desire is that my estate be kept together by my loving wife for the  
support often and my children until my son Henry arrives to the  
age of twenty one years and in case of his death until my Son Robert  
and in case of his death until my Son Joel arrives to that age then its  
my Will and Desire that my whole estate of every kind whatsoever be  
equally divided amongst my wife and children, the part that falls to  
my children I give to them and their heirs forever and that to my wife  
I lend her during her natural life and after her death to be equally di  
vided among all my children. Lastly I nominate constitute & appoint  
my loving wife, my brother Timothy Rivers & Augustine Strands Esqrs  
Executors to this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have  
hereunto

hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this twenty eighth  
day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven.  
Signed Sealing & Deliver'd to be  
the testator's last will in the  
presence of us who have subscribed  
our names as witnesses.

William Rivers *(Signature)*

Will Claiborne Esq

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James Bailey

At a Court held for Surpr County the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 1778.

The last Will and Testament of William Rivers deceased was presented  
into Court by Lucy Rivers widow and Timothy Rivers Esquire and one  
of the executors herein named who made Oath thereto as the law directs the  
same was proved by the Oaths of William Claiborne Esq and James  
Bailey witness thereto and by the Court order'd to be Recorded  
on the motion of the said Lucy & Timothy certificate is granted them  
Execcutors obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Seale Will Claiborne jun'r Esq

In the Name of God Amen William Hancock of the Parish  
of Albemarle and County of Surpr being indispos'd in body but of a sound  
and disposing mind and memory thanks be to almighty God, do make  
and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner of fol  
lowing (so will I primitivis give and devife my beloved wife  
my negro's Sarah of Bedan during her natural life, also my Stock  
and Household furniture and Plantation Utensils of all kinds &  
the use of my plantation during her ----- life and at her deceas  
my plantation to be sold and the money arising from the sale  
thereof to be equally divided between my two Sons Clement and  
Michael. Item I give and devife to my daughter Elizabeth Greene  
Hancock one negro boy named Peter to her after Hires & expences for  
ever. Item I give and devife my Son Clement Hancock my Negro  
boy named Billy to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Item I  
give and devife to my Son Michael Wall Hancock my negro boy  
David to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Item By will and  
desire is that my wife have the use of all my estate not already devife  
to my children during her natural life and at her deceas to be divided  
amongst my children as she shall think proper. And lastly I do Nom  
inate and appoint my loving wife Rebecca and John Mason to be my  
sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament and desire this my  
Estate may not be appraised. In witness whereof I have hereunto set  
*Subscribed and dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 1778*