

In the name of God Amen. I Edward Grant
 being weak in body but in perfect mind and memory
 and calling to mind the mortality of my body knowing
 that it is appointed for all men once to die have
 appointed this to be my last Will and Testament
 that is to say First I recommend my soul to God
 that gave it and as for my body I recommend
 it to the Earth to be buried in a Christian like manner
 and as for those worldly Goods which it has pleased
 God to bless me with I Order as followeth, I do give
 and bequeath to my beloved wife Elizabeth one hundred
 Acres of Land Including me Plantation and House
 Call my Horss Except one Yearling Colt. All my
 Cattle and Hoggys for her to use, and give to the
 Children at her pleasure. And I do give to my son
 John one hundred Acres of Land a new Entry joining
 the North end of my home Tract and I do give my
 son Thomas fifty Acres of Land lying between my Spence
 Branch & Lewis Commence and I do give my Daughter
 Mary fifty Acres of Land lying to the east of Thomas
 Land joining it and I likewise do give my wife
 Elizabeth all my Household Goods to use them at
 her pleasure, and I do give my Daughter Sarah one
 man Yearling Colt and I do leave my brother John
 Grant and my wife Elizabeth Executors, as Witness
 my hand August 15th 1781.
 William Rainsby
 Mary Rainsby

Edward Grant

Orange County, August Court 1783

The Execution of the within Will of Edward Grant deceased
 was duly proved in open Court by the oath of William Rainsby
 one of the subscribing Witnesses thereto & was so certified

Edw. Spence C. C.

In the name of God Amen, the fourth day of
 September one thousand seven hundred & Seventy Nine
 I William Smith of the County of Orange & State of North
 Carolina, being Very Sick & Weak in Body but of perfect
 mind & memory. Thanks be given unto God this for
 calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body, knowing
 that it is appointed for all men once to die. Do make
 and Ordain this my last Will and Testament that is
 to say Principally and first of all, I give and recommend
 my Soul unto the hands of Almighty God that
 gave it, and my Body I recommend to the Earth
 to be Buried in a Christian manner at the Discretion
 of my Executors and Executrix and a Teaching such
 worldly estate wherewith God hath blessed me with in
 this life, I give Devise and Dispose of the same
 in the following manner and form.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife Mary the
 third part of my moveable Estate, and also give unto
 my Wife Mary the Station house, and one hundred
 Acres of Land Including all the cleave Land South
 from the back Negro (Except two thirds of the
 share) During her Widowhood. I also one Negro
 Wench name Lize and a Bed and Furniture, I leave
 unto my Wife during her Widowhood

I also give unto my Daughter Margel, one Negro
 Girl name Esther & Black Mare two Years Old &
 Saddle & Bridle a good set of Bed & Furniture and
 one flax Wheel two Cows and Calves and one thousand
 five hundred Shillings and four Shillings.

Also I give unto my son Samuel, one Tract of Land containing Two hundred & Sixty four Acre, Except that which I leave to my Wife during her Widowhood after which it shall with the Negro ~~land~~ ^{be} be Samuel's Property and One Negro fellow name Tom I give three of the Profits of the Orchard and one Black Mare two years old and a Saddle & Bridle.

Also my sons Robert & William I allow them to be bound to Trades either blacksmith Saddlers or Plasterers & also to have each of them one Horse and Saddle and Bridle to the Value of eighteen Pounds each as they rated in the Year one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four. But first of all to have sufficient Schooling for Trades men.

Also my son Cunningham I give one Tract of Land containing Two hundred and five Acres Laying South of Mr. John Robertson. & One Horse and Saddle & Bridle to the Value of eighteen Pounds, as they rated in the Year one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four and sufficient Schooling.

Also my son Jonathan I leave and give one Horse and Saddle and Bridle to the Value of Eighteen Pounds, as they rated in the Year one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four & Fifty Pounds in Cash at the same Value as it was in the Year one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four to be Valued by the Executors & Executrix. Likewise I give to my Daughter Anna one mare Saddle & Bridle to the Value of Eighteen Pounds, at the same rate as before mentioned one Goat either Boar & Furniture & Tea Wheel & two Cases & Calves, & three years old and four sheep, and the first Girl Child the Negro man boy

Let live to be three months old and if none she shall have Twenty Pounds in Cash. Rate as before mentioned.

And Furthermore if my Wife is now with Child I leave it to the behest of my Executors & Executrix to give it as good a share as any of the Rest of my Children to be raised of my Estate. I likewise if the said Negro ~~man~~ ^{boy} should have any Children, the first Boy I allow to my son Jonathan, (but if no boy Children the second Girl Child shall be his.

Likewise the third Child shall be to my son Cunningham, the next to my son Robert, and the next to my son William & the next to my son Samuel & so many. Also I give to my son Samuel Separately my large Bible & my Natural Ghost

I do hereby Constitute and Ordain Thomas Dillmore & my Wife Mary Smith & my son Samuel Smith to be Executors and Executrix of this my Estate and I do hereby Testify this to be my last Will & Testament as Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal.

Signe Seal in
the Presence of
Jⁿ. Robertson
James ^{sup} Macdonald
George Hamilton

William Smith Seal

Orange County Va. May Court 1783.

The Execution of the within Will of William Smith deceased was duly proved in open Court by the Oath of John Robertson a Subscribing Witness thereto & known to be true.

Test Jⁿ. Robertson C^l.

Whereas there is a balance still remaining of a the price of a Plantation purchased of Robert Little, amounting to about four hundred pounds which I have been obliged to withhold by reason of some inadequate Public Claims, and notes which I receive of Notes drawn by the said Robert in favour of William Byler & perhaps of others, and which were demands of me as Administrator, I recommend it to my Executors to file a Bill in Chancery against all Parties concerned in order to obtain the sanction & Protection of that Court, by a Decree for Exonerating my Estate from all the Consequences of such Claims, in paying the said Balance under the Direction thereof.

As no other monies belonging to that Estate are in my hands, the persons Interested must perceive the assets of the said Robert in the hands of those who retain the same.

As a fund for the payment of the aforesaid balance, I appoint a Debt due to me from the State of North Carolina for Expences and attendances in Gauging or so much thereof as may be necessary to be applied in Discharging thereof; and in case they should refuse, or neglect to pay the same, which I cannot presume I will appoint and empower that my Executors sell a Plantation which I own on Little River, in Orange County, known by the name of Dunnigans, or Credit at their Discretion & apply as much of Price thereof as is necessary for Discharging the said balance.

I request my Executors to cause my Debts to be Collected as Diligently & Speedily as Circumstances will admit, and also to pay all such Just and equitable Claims as shall ^{be} against my Estate, from the fund which will arise from the Collection

of my Debts. I give and Devise all my Lands to my Wife during her life or Widowhood, provided that if my Daughter Mary, shall marry before she come at the age of Twentyone with the Consent and approbation of my Executors, or shall arrive at the age of Twenty one, during her Mother's life or Widowhood then my Will is that my said Wife and Daughter hold my said Lands as Tenants in Common during the life or Widowhood of my said Wife and in case my said wife shall marry, then my Will is that she take one third of the said Lands in severalty, the reversion of which together with the Fee Simple in all my Lands, I give and Devise to my said Daughter and her Heirs provided also that if my said Daughter should die under age and without Issue living at the time of her Death, or should such issue die while under a Disability to Dispose of real Estate or to Transmit the same by descent, then my Will is that my said Lands Remains to my said Wife during her Natural Life.

I give and bequeath the following Negroes, Peter, Freeman, Pompe, Joe, Jack, Sam, James, Friday, Abraham, Tom Kate, Chilly, Marie, Flora & Will to my Wife until the marriage of herself or Daughter which ever shall first happen, or during her natural life in case the same shall intermingle before the happening of either of the above Contingencies, and in case it shall so happen, then I give all the said Negroes to my Daughter, and upon the marriage of either, then I Will that they be Devise as follows That is to say Peter, Kate & Will, Freeman, Pomp, Joe, Friday, &c. be and remain to my Wife during her Natural Life

and after her death to revert to my Daughter. The other
negroes to be and remain to my Daughter.

All the rest and residue of my Estate I give & leave
equally between my Wife and Daughter.

I would have it understood that upon the happening
of all or any of the contingencies above mentioned
relatingly either to real or Personal Estate, or on any
other event which might cast the same upon the issue
at Law or next of Kin to me or my Daughter, provided
it be before she is of Age to Dispose of the same.

That then the Estate to my Wife being just Satisfac-
tion my Wife or that all Estates and Interests hereby
given or devised shall remain to the Daughters or
my Executors which shall be living at the time of
my death.

And I nominate & appoint Willie Jones &
James Hoag Executors to this my last Will, to whom
also I devise and Commit the Guardianship & Tutor
ship of my Daughter until she shall attain to one & Twenty
Years of Age.

This is my last Will & Testament
which I have Executed this Fourteenth day of November
One thousand seven hundred and Eighty three.

Published and Declared
before us

Wm Williams

Witness Moore

Witnessed at Orange County Va. the 14th day of Novr 1783

The Execution of the within Will is proved by the Oaths of
The Honorable John Williams Justice and ordered to be
Recorded.

Test Henderson & Co

Orange County Virginia 1784

James Hoag require one of the Executors named in the aforesaid
Will of James and Elizabeth Hoag, and on Motion ordered
that Letters Testamentary issue accordingly.

Test. J. Henderson C. C.

In the name of god Amen. The 17th day of May in the year of our
Lord 1780. I Thomas Drayton of the County of Orange in the province of South
Carolina being weak of body and in a declining way, but of perfect mind and
sound memory thanks be given unto god, therefore calling to mind the mortality of
my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and
renew this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is
to say, freely, fully and of full mind and memory I recommend my Soul into the hands of Him
that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian and
decent like manner at the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the
General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of god, and
touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me with in this
life, I give, devise and dispose and bequeath of the same in the following manner
and form. I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Drayton one shilling
sterling money of Great Britain to be paid at my decease. I give and bequeath
unto my son John Drayton one shilling sterling money to be paid at my decease.
I give unto my son Aquila Drayton one shilling sterling money of Great
Britain to be paid at my decease. I give and bequeath unto my two
youngest sons James and Samuel Drayton my land and plantation consisting of
one hundred Acres to be divided equally between them when they arrive at age.
I give my daughter Elizabeth Jones one shilling sterling money of Great
Britain to be paid at my decease.