

Testament of ~~James~~ ^{James} ~~at the house~~

being weak and sick in body but of perfect memory
given unto God: therefore Oaking to mind the mortality
and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die. Do make
a Deal and Testament: that is to say principally and first of all
I recommend my soul into y^e hands of Almighty God
my body I recommend to y^e Earth to be buried in a decent
manner nothing troubling but at the general Resurrection
receive the same again by the mighty Power of God. And as
for worldly Estate wherewith it pleased God to bless me
I leave and dispose of them as followeth. In summe, I leave
the unto Elizabeth my wife beloved wife the benefit of the
better plantation and Improvements that I live on. During
I also leave and bequeath intirely to y^e longest living
between these of the white man and
black man as the laweth

1st I leave and bequeath unto my wife
2nd I leave and bequeath unto my son
3rd I leave and bequeath unto my daughter
4th I leave and bequeath unto my son William the plantation I live on
and also to my wife
5th I leave and bequeath unto my wife the longest living
6th I leave and bequeath unto my wife the longest living
7th I leave and bequeath unto my wife the longest living
8th I leave and bequeath unto my wife the longest living
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29th I leave and bequeath unto my wife the longest living
30th I leave and bequeath unto my wife the longest living

I have made for this plantation as I live on has begun
 and the remainder of the purchasing from the Office
 I allow to come of the whole of my Estate and
 part of the black Cattle & household Furniture and for
 the movable Chattels I allow to be equally divided
 between Thomas and Robert excepting that I am
 daughter Elizabeth an equal part in the household my
 I also allow the ship to be equally divided to my sons
 Thomas & Robert except those before mentioned also
 and wearing apparel and saddle to be equally among
 I allow my just legal Dute to be paid of the whole
 I also order & appoint Elizabeth my wife & my son
 my sole & lawful Executors of this my last Will
 to be an Oath

and copy
 In witness whereof I have hereunto
 signed my hand and seal this eleventh day
 of June 1794
 John Archibald
 Bishop of Glasgow
 The within will according to the several
 articles therein contained shall be put in
 execution according to the true intent and meaning of the
 said will and advantage that might arise to me
 and my heirs and assigns by the said will and
 the said articles shall be put in execution
 and I shall be bound to do so

I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner
 and Form. First I give & bequeath to marian my dearly beloved
 the one third part of all the moveable Effects belonging to my estate, &
 the service man and her maintenance and martha Weston of
 the Plantation whereon I dwell & two Negroes and three fowls &
 all the Poultry and the Train of things & four hours two Negroes living
 for the Bull, and four sheep, and one Chest, and the rest of my
 household goods to dispose as she sees cause. Secondly I give
 to my well beloved son John Brandon this plantation whereon
 I now live excepting his mother & martha Westons share in their
 Life Times and also the half of the Fidd & the little black tree &
 a good & plentiful for it and my best & best suit of Clothes. Thirdly, I
 also give to my well beloved son George Brandon one
 of the Land of this place whereon he adjoining his own Place
 Fourthly, I give also to my well beloved son Abraham Brandon a
 Plantation I have on South Side of Yachin River at Annapolis
 and the largest black tree & the small man's hole & my
 and my black boat & the blue Coat, two horses & two calves, two
 fowls & fowls as are and a matted & a killing tree. Fifthly
 give to my well beloved son Christopher Brandon the sum
 of four pounds in money. Sixthly, To my well beloved daughter
 Susan the sum of five pounds in money. Seventhly, To my
 well beloved daughter Mary the sum of six pounds in
 money. Eighthly, To my well beloved daughter Susan
 ten pounds in money. Ninthly, To my well beloved daughter
 Sedney Withersom five pounds in money. Tenthly, I
 constitute my dearly loved marian & my son John
 to be my whole & sole Executors & Administrators of this my last
 Will and Testament, and also the remaining part of the money
 I allow to be laid up to the Land, where the Office is open &
 and I so hereby utterly disavow & revoke & disannul all
 that I have written before this, Legacies Bequeathed

I and Executors by me in any ways before written, witnessed,
bequeathed, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my
last will & Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the Day & Year above written.

Signed & sealed published
& pronounced and declared
by the said George Brandon
as his last will & Testament
in & before us the
undersigned

J. M. Stephenson

John Graham

John Grimes

George Brandon

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In Nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi.

Know all men by these presents That I Adam Brinniger of
Madison Fork in Rowan-County are at present much weak and
not knowing what God be pleased to undertake with me
after giving over my soul into the hand of almighty God
after my Death my Body in Christian manner to be
buried into the grave; and as it therefore God hat pleased to

with his blessings & worth's possessions, I make at
my last will & Testament and give to my

children the same in following Manner: To wit: my

may lawfully by maintained: In First, shall

my dear son John Brinniger my Char plantation

with all buildings, Orchards & Trees my Farm the first part

of the land & field, west South towards to Carters Creek to

the River Potomack which runs into the Creek from the other

side Eastwards that is to say the half part of the tract three hundred

acres: And a cordly my son Adam shall have the other

half part of the land & field Eastwards towards

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My dear Land: And my dear wife Elizabeth shall have so
much as she is be without married, during her life time, the third part
of all what grows of grain upon the Plantation after that my
son John comes to Age and takes possession of the plantation. She
is likewise to possess her good dwelling house, all that shall be
given unto her faithfully from my said son John: And all other things
which are at present belonging to me; that be said by open reason on
the highest bidder. Waggons horses & chaises Shays & Saggies & all other
and all Iron & Furniture and whatsoever may be said and belonging
things. And my wife Elizabeth shall have according to her
third part of all the money and the other part shall be divided among
my dear children to equal Portion. except my other children
shall have Sundry Pious proclamat. money more as the other
children, my dear Daughters Katica & Rebecca Brinniger. The
Portion belonging to the children shall be paid by yearly with
good People's hands for recovering Interest until the coming to
Age. And therefore for more fast holding this my will
I make and nominate for my Administrators of
the same John Fred. Doubtless and my dear wife Elizabeth
my dear son John Brinniger the 4 Day of June, Anno
Domini 1772 my dear Land & Seal
I make under a will in witness
Adam Brinniger
My dear Land

In the Name of God Amen. The 25th Day
of June 1772 in the County of Rowan
County in the State of Virginia
I do hereby certify and appoint this as my
last will and Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and seal the Day & Year above written.