

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Watchel Lovelace my young Black Child belonging, all my pictures over feather bed and Furniture, Ten pounds in Money to be delivered him by my Executor within Twelve Months after my decease. I say to him and his heirs and assigns for ever. Item it is my mind Will and desire that my son Watchel Lovelace be left to himself meaning the same that I leave him at a age at my decease.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Archibald Lovelace one Bed and furniture one Trunk one Chest, one framed Table and my last Sorral Mare and her increase to be delivered to him at Nineten Years of Age. I say to him his heirs and assigns for ever.

Item it is my mind Will and desire that my Negro Woman Jean be sold by my Executor and her thirds of Money she brings to be put to Interest and kept till my beloved son Archibald Lovelace is Nineten Years of Age and then for the same with the Interest to be given and delivered to him his heirs and assigns.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Melissa Lovelace one third part of the Money my Negro Woman Jean brings with the Interest to be paid to her when she is Nineten Years of Age to her and her heirs and assigns for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my beloved Daughter Melissa Lovelace my Negro Boy Daniel to be delivered to her when she is Nineten Years of Age. I say to her and her heirs and assigns for ever. Item it is my desire that all the other part of my Estate which is not above particularly mentioned be sold by my Executors and after my Debt paid for the remaining part of the Money to be delivered to my beloved Daughter Melissa Lovelace when she is Nineten Years of Age. I say to her and her heirs and assigns for ever. Item I will and desire that no Sheriff has the selling of any part of my Estate but that my Executor have the whole and sole management of the same. Item it is my mind Will and desire that if one or any of my last mentioned three children before they come of Age sufficient to take their Estate that it be equally divided between the Survivors meaning the Survivors of any last three mentioned children. I say to them their heirs and assigns for ever.

I do hereby constitute and appoint my well beloved son William Lovelace my wife and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament. Continuing on the one preceding page in Writing. At Witness whereof I have set my hand and Seal this twenty eighth day of October One Thousand Seven hundred and twenty six.

James M. Henry

Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have Subscribed our names as Witnesses in his sight and in sight of each other.

Nathan Robey
Charles Lovelace
Luke Lovelace

In the name of God Amen this Thirtieth day of April One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy seven I Thomas Henry of the County of Rowan and Province of North Carolina being very sick and weak of Body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given unto God calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die and after Death their Judgment. Do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament. and principally and first of all I give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my Body I recommend to the Dust of the Earth to be interred in a decent Christian Manner according to the discretion of my Executors nothing doubting but at the general Resurrection it shall rise again. And the Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I give devise and dispose of in the following manner and form. In witness that in the first place all my Lawful debts to be paid. Item it is my will and pleasure to constitute appoint and Ordain James Tray and my dearly beloved wife Esther to be my sole Executor and Executrix and none others of this my last Will and Testament to be the only disposers and Managers of my Worldly Estate to the only proper use and behoof of her the said Esther my dearly beloved wife and Children. Item This I testify and Confirm and none others to be my last Will and Testament, and I do hereby disallow revoke any disannul all other Wills Testaments Legacies and Bequests whatsoever. At Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this day and Year above Written.

James M. Henry
Signed Sealed, pronounced and declared in presence of
James M. Henry
William Waugh

James M. Henry
Mark

