

Will of James White

In the name of God Amen. I, James White of the County of Henrico do make and publish this my last will and testament. First it is my desire that all my just debts be paid.

Item. I lend unto my loving wife the tract of land whereon I now live with all my negroes all my household and kitchen furniture all all my stock of cattle during her natural life or widowhood and at her death or if she should marry again, then all my property both real and personal all to be equally devided amongst all my children. It is also my will that my black smith tools, my wagon gear and two horses shall be sold and the money ensuring from the sale together with my outstanding debts with what money I have in the house after my just debts are paid to be to be applied to the finishing of my buildings new begun, and if there should be more money that will finish my house to be equally divided amongst all my children.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife my bay horse saddle and bridle to dispose of as she thinks proper.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my loving wife all the ____ of every kind now growing for the support of her and my children. I do appoint my brother Robert White and Isham Gedden my whole and sole executors to this my last will and testament. As witness my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of August one thousand seven and ninety six.

James White (seal)

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of

Ay Buckner

John H. Brazeal

Lisha Harwood

At a court held for Henrico County, at the courthouse, the fifth day of December 1796, this last will and testament of James White deceased was proved by the oaths of Aytell Buckner, John H. Brazeal, and Lisha Harwood the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the order of Robert White one of the executors therein named who made oath thereto one together with Isham Gedden and Nathan Childers his securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of onethousand pounds conditions as the law directs _____ is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form. Liberty being reserved to the other executor named in the said will to join in the probate when he shall think fit.