

John Randolph Will

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John Randolph of the county of Cumberland being of sound mind and memory, and going on a few days by water to Norfolk, do make constitute and of point this my last will and testament.

I give and bequeath to my loving wife all the lands I lately purchased of John Tabb, lying and being in Chesterfield County on Appomattox river and on both sides of the old Town creek containing 1305 acres also twenty working hands such as she shall choose out of my estate, four plow boys, also all the house servants male and female during her natural life. My will and Desire is that my executors furnish my Loving wife with horses cattle hogs sheep oxen plows. Wagons carts and utensils of husbandry of every kind she may require for the said plantation above described, and known by the name of Hevbert place my will and desire is that my loving wife be furnished with provisions of any kind made on my estate that she fails to raise.

I give and bequeath unto my loving wife all my household furniture of every kind also all the linen, glaſs, plate, china & also all my carriages and harnessed carriages...

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...horses and mares, and riding horses, my watch with it apprentices to her own proper use and behoof forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Richard Randolph all the tract of land whereon I now live lying and being in the counties of Cumberland and Prince Edward on Appomattox and Buffalo rivers to him and his heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Theodorick Bland Randolph, all the tract of land lying on Stanton river, below the mouth of little Roanoke in charlotte county to him and his heirs forever on this provision that he don't sell swafe or part with in any manner any part or parcel there of to one Paul Covington now living on or near little Roanoke./ who cheated my brother Ryland, out of £570 in a bargain for 310 acres of low grounds on the opposite side of little Roanoke.) or any of his children any agent or attorney for him or them or any other persons or persons that he has any suspicion or information may want it for him or any of his Family under the penalty of five thousand pounds to be divided equally among my other children my reason for giving this land on such a condition is that to this day I fel and my children may feel the vilany of that Paul...

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...Covington

I give and bequeath unto my son John Randolph all the tract of land on Stanton river in charlotte county joining to Paul Covington land to him and his heirs forever on the condition and under the forefetur that I give my son Theodorick his land and for the same reasons my will and desire if both of the sell or part with their land as above by me forbade that they each of them forfeit and pay five thousand pounds to their brother Richard Randolph and his heirs over case of the Death of him and them the money to be paid to the nearest relation of them.

My will and Desire that my Loving wife divide the estate already devised to her at her decease among my children as she think proper.

My will is that my Executors hereafter mentioned settle my accounts collect and pay my Debts as soon as possible. I desire they may employ a proper person to keep my accounts pay him genlutty and have all my accounts settled once every year; on unhappy difference in an account prevents my leaving my brother Ryland an executor and I hope my brother Richard readily excuse my no appointing him as he's very infirm and has too many estates to manage already.

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My will and desire is that my Executors divide my negroes equally among my three sons, Richard, Theodorick Bland, and John when Richard shall come to Lawful age, my will and desire is that my loving wife hold the estate devised to her, free of all my debts and every incumberance whatsoever also that my children be educated in the best manner without regard to expense as far as their fortunes may allow even to the last shilling among that they choose professions, or trades agreeable to their inclination when they are old enough to make a choice and that neither of them be brought up without learning either Trade or profession I appoint col. Theodorick Bland and Doctor Thomas Bland with col. John Banister Executors and guardians to my children also my loving wife guardian and executor to my children my will and desire is that Doctor Bland may the whole care of my children's Education and In case of his Death trust them to col. Banister as I would not trouble col. Bland with them relying on their taking his advice in everything. In Witness whereof I share hereunto set my hand this twenty fifth day of July one thousand seven hundred and seventy four.

(signature)

Mem.

There are many scratching and Intevelineations all of which were before signing J.R.

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This is intended as a codicil to my last will which was written within my own hand in July 1774. But since that time some things have occurred to me which should have been provided for in my said will but as omitted and my wife being with child it is also necessary to make some provisions on that account it is for these purposes that I do make and ordain this to be a codicil to my will and first to remedy the omission in that part of it which relates to my three sons I desired that in case of the death of either of my said sons that the estate both real and personal devised to him shall be equally divided between the survived or survivor in case two of them should die and the survivor or survivors shall be interested instinctly and their several capacities of a few simple estate of in and to such dividend as may devolve whom him by the death of one of his brothers the said estates portion to be valued in case the contingency of either of my said sons dying without issue should happen and after such validation is mad the subject to be divided by my executors between the two survivors and in case my wife should have a male child my will and intention is that he shall take his equal proportion upon the death of either or any of my three sons and whereas I have devised to my said wife a considerable portion of my estate it might be in her power should the child she is now going with pure...

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...a Daughter to make provisions for her which I rely whon her doing according to her discretions, but if it should prove to be a son then my will and desire is that he take on fourth part of the profits of my estate for his maintenance and education during hi s minority and during the life time of his mother, but on her demise as it is probably and right that she should make provisions for him out of the estate devised to her in my will is that the said allowance out of my estate for maintenance should cease lastly in addition to the executors mentioned in my will I appoint my friend Thomas Randolph of Dangeness an executor hereby confirming said will and this codicil to be a full declaration of my mind touching the disposal of all my estate both real and personal in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy five.

This codicil and witnessed in the presence and by direction of the testator by Elizabeth Banister, Neill Buchanan and Polly Buchanan

(signature and seal)