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Teste James Ritchie lch

*Anne & Benjamin
Wills*

In the name of God I David C. Byrnes of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia being directed as Legat of Lewis and perfect memory think proper to make and my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows to wit It is my will and desire that my Executors sell to the highest bidder the tract of Land that I purchased of Matthew Turner for the purpose of paying my just debts together with as much of my Chatted Estate as my wife may think proper to give up for that purpose and of the proceeds of the sale of the said tract of Land together with what may arise from the sale of the Chatted Estate that may be given up I that not be sufficient for the purpose of paying all my just debts. It is my will and desire that my Executors do to the best advantage either for Cash or for the money of my negroes as may be necessary to supply the deficiency.

Which I do. I have unto my Wife or wife Elizabeth the whole of the tract of Land which or I now reside to use and cultivate as she may think proper together with all my negard stock of all kinds and Chatted Estate of all description excepted much as may be required for the payment of my just debts as at above specified until my son John shall arrive at the age of twenty one I send only the share money before that time for the purpose and on Condition that the said John and execute my said Children namely John Margash Marchie M. Short D. and Elizabeth P. Byrnes At the time my son John Chase arrive at the age of twenty one I give it to my wife and desire in that case that a donee right shall be allowed my said wife many negroes and the remains of the Chatted Estate agreeable to the Law of Virginia And I leave her the plantation whereon I now reside as long as she lives a single life at her marriage I only alienate a donee right in the said tract agreeable to the Virginia Laws And the balance of the plantation whereon I now reside to be by my Executors And at the death of my dear wife I send my plantation whereon I now live sold to the highest bidder by my said Executors And the proceeds arising from the sale to be equally divided among my five children above named. And it is further my Will and desire that all my remaining negroes be equally divided among my five children above named the donee right excepted at the time my son John arrives at the age of twenty one years to them and their heirs forever