

1777 Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the 29th day of December 1777

I desire my estate in specie may be equally divided amongst my wife & all my children & delivered by my executors as they come of age or are married

Signed Seal & published
and declared in presence of

Byrd Lun of Co.

J. Fisher
William Clark
John Clark

3 scullions

1 Johnnie

8 Guineas

5 Livers down

2 French pieces

1 Woodrow

1 Pistol & 10 mth

1 half Guinea

1 3 mth Guinea

In the Name of God Amen I James Wright of the county of Southampton in the state of Virginia being sick & weak out of sound mind and perfect Memory do make & declare this to be my last will & Testament in manner and form as followeth Viz^t

1st I give to my grand son John Wright son of James Wright five shillings

2^d I give to my son Joseph Wright five shillings

3^d I give to my daughter Martha Conner five shillings to be their full share of my whole estate not to come in for any other part of my estate

4th I give to my grand son James Wright two hundred acres of land being the plantation I now live on with all profits to the same belonging to him this heirs forever

5th I give to my dear beloved wife Mary Wright all my personal Estate during her natural life to her own disposal And I do further appoint my son Joseph Wright my sole Executor of this my last will & Testament and I do hereby revoke & make Void all former wills by me heretofore made & do establish this to be my last will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 9th day of January 1778 one thousand seven hundred & Seventy eight

In presence of

James Wright

John Purnell

Leicester Davis

Saphira

4th A court held for the county of Southampton the 1st of May 1778 This will was presented in court by John Wright the son therein named proved by the oaths of John Purnell & Leicester Davis two of the witnesses thereto and Ordered to be