

William Charleston of Southampton County and State of Virginia do hereby make my last will & testament in manner & form following that is to say 1st I wish my negro man by name Ben to be set out of the power of such sale my burial expence and all my just and legal debt to be paid and should be it indifferent to anybody, those that I so desire that enough of my purchase property shall be sold to discharge them as aforesaid. 2^d I give to my wife Margaret of Charleston the following property to wit all the lands, estate negroes and household property I give do possess of all all my interest in the estate now in the possession of Sally Charleston both land negroes and household property during her natural life. 3^d at the death of my wife I give and bequeath to my son Howell of Charleston the following property to wit the plantation now in my possession of which I do possess also one negro man by name Jiffy and 1/2 equal division of all the purchase estate that may be considered legally mine at her death 4th at the death of my wife Margaret I give and bequeath to my son James W. Charleston the following property to wit the land on which Sally Charleston now lives the mites and bounds as they now are also one negro by name Anthony and one equal share of the purchase property that may be considered my estate at my wife's death. 5th at the death of my wife Margaret I bequeath to my daughter Lucy Anne & S. Charleston the following property to wit one negro woman by name Fanny one girl by name Louisa also one negro girl named Fanny with their increase and one equal share of the purchase property considered legally my estate at my wife's death also all my interest in the estate now in the possession of Sally Charleston & lastly I constitute & appoint my wife Margaret of Charleston Guardian of the my last will and testament hereby revoking all other wills and testament I may have heretofore made. Witness my whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 3^d day of October in the year of our Lord 1825

At the presence of us Witnesses
 William L. Smith
 Thomas Moore
 Thornton Ellis
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William Charleston

A Court held for the County of Southampton on the 31st November 1825
 The will was presented in Court by Margaret of Charleston the executrix
 whereupon proved by the oaths of William L. Smith and Thomas Moore two of the Justices of the Peace and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said Executrix made oath according to law
 Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate thereof in due form on her giving bond & security to the said Margaret Charleston together with Gray Parker & John Newson of Lewis County her securities entered into & acknowledged their bond in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars conditioned on the law aforesaid

Teste Samuel Shackelford

Deane Ferguson

Deane Ferguson of the County of Southampton in the State of Virginia Testimony is made
 spoken by the said Ferguson on the 18th day of October 1825 as the habitation of the said Ferguson and before
 them from a free and proper person to the death of the said Ferguson who then and there called upon the
 undersigned to bear testimony that the following is his will that he the said Ferguson desires his land to
 stand with the exception of such to undergo no division until his youngest son Albert by name at
 the age of twenty one year and that his wife Rebecca Ferguson enjoy all the profits of such land &
 stand as aforesaid during the minority of her said son Albert provided she keep together & secure all
 her family of they say come to remain with her until such time as her said son Albert shall come to
 the age of twenty one year he also gave to his said wife four horses and five head of cattle for as
 time indicated he further said that his negro man slave Jack after paying him the amount due
 to himself from said negro Jack that Jack then before and over the subscribers wrote so easily that the
 foregoing expressions were all that were made to the best of our recollection by the above named
 Deane Ferguson at the time place and for the purpose aforesaid and given under our hands this 26th
 day of October 1825.

Deane Ferguson

Allen H. H. H.

A Court held for the County of Southampton on the 21st Novr 1825 The same person called
 Deane Ferguson was presented in Court proved as aforesaid to be sound in mind and of the said will being
 by the said Deane Ferguson therefor in motion of John Barrett who made oath according to law Certificate
 is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form on his giving bond & security entered into & acknowledged
 by the said John Barrett with Allen Ferguson & John Newson of Lewis County his securities entered into & acknowledged