

✓ In the name of God Amen; I William Morris of Louisa County and State of Virginia, do make this my last will and testament hereby revoking all wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

Item x I give to my beloved wife Nancy Morris for and during her widowhood and in lieu of dower, one certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in Louisa County on both sides of Bunches Creek; Beginning in Doctor James M. Morris line so as to make a straight line to pass through the gate on the road called Clarks track & to continue along the road that leads from the said gate to my dwelling house, to a stone put in the ground on the side of the said road, about one hundred and ninety yards from the house I live in, thence in the direction towards David Watsons, about one hundred & thirty yards to a stone put in the ground near the fence below the barn, thence to a stone put in the ground near the carriage house, about eighty yards from the said stone below the Barn, thence a straight line to a Post oak on the out side of a clump of trees to the south of the house marked as a corner, thence a straight line through the said clump of trees some of them marked to a stone put in the ground in the new line dividing the tract of land herein after given to my son James & the tract directed to be sold for the benefit of my daughters, thence along the said new line to David Watsons line, thence along the said Watsons line to the line of the tract of land sold by me to the said Watson, thence along the lines of the said tract so sold to the said Watson by me to the said James M. Morris line & thence along the said James M. Morris line to the beginning; the quantity contained in in the said above mentioned bounds is, <sup>not</sup> know, it contains all the houses on my home tract except the Barn, Overseers house & some negro quarters and the angle made at the first mentioned stone was made for the purpose of leaving the barn in that part of land which my son James is to have possession of at my death the land herein before given to his mother being a part of the tract hereinafter devised to him, but which is not to come to his possession until the termination of his mothers widowhood or her death, on the hapning of either of which events the land herein given to her is to go to my son James to him and his heirs forever, my said wife is not to be at liberty to clear any of the wood land on the above mentioned tract for the purpose of cultivation, my said wife is not to cultivate any of the said above mentioned land oftener than once in three years in Indian Corn, she is to be at liberty and I do hereby give her the right to get fire wood and rail timber and all other timber for the use of the land herein before given her, & for the repairs of the houses & other conveniences on the said land off the land hereinafter given to my son James, my Executors hereinafter named or them that may act are to disignate from what part of the said land the said Timber is to be got, I also give to my said wife during her widowhood the following Slaves, Black George the one that was given to me by Major James Watson, Ben, Pleasant, Bob, Navy, Lucy, Tab and Anna any increase the females may have after this date; I also give to my said wife during her widowhood an annuity of Two hundred dollars to be paid to her annually by my executors the first payment to be made within one year after my death, and I do hereby charge my Executors to raise a funds out of any money that may be in my hands at my death or that may be due to me at the time of my death and put the same at interest in such manner as to produce with certainty the annuity aforesaid intended for my said wife also all my house hold and Kitchen Furniture; I give to my said wife in fee

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simple a good gentle pair of work horses, eight head of Cattle, twelve sheep, one yoke of oxen, one Ox Cart, eighty barrels of corn and one thousand pounds of Nett pork.

Item x Having already given to my daughter Ann C. Morris, Two thousand dollars in money, and slaves of the value of six hundred dollars it is my will that she be charged with the sum of Two thousand six hundred dollars when she claims her dividend of the property herein after directed to be divided amongst all my daughters.

Item x I give to my son John Morris to him and his heirs forever my tract of land lying in Goochland County on Beverdam Creek adjoining the lands of William Miller, David Rorster and others containing upwards of eight hundred acres, it being all the land I own in the said County of Goochland except a tract called "Southalls" I also give to my said John all the horses Cattle, hogs, Sheep & plantation tools and utensils of every kind that may belong to the said tract of land, & he is to have all the crops on the said lands whether the same be growing or severed & all the supplies of every kind that may be laid in for the said plantation; I have given to my said John the following slaves to wit, Patty, Jack, Maria, Cecelia, Joe, Sucky, Fountaine Mary, Reuben, Peter and Ephram, all of whom I have valued at two thousand seven hundred & twenty five dollars, It is my will and I do hereby direct that my said son John be charged with the said sum of Two thousand & seven hundred & twenty five dollars when he claims his dividend of the slaves herein after directed to be divided amongst all my sons and daughters.

Item x I give to my son Joseph W. Morris to him and his heirs forever my tract of land lying in Louisa County, which I purchased of the Johnson family adjoining the lands of Ludlow Bramham, David Michie and others, containing upwards of four hundred acres, also one other tract which I purchased of Reuben & Whittle Flanagan containing upwards of fifty acres, also one other tract which I purchased of Ephra Fielding containing upwards of ninety acres, also one other tract which I purchased of Reuben Flanagan attorney in fact for Winston Ralton containing about ninety acres, The three last mentioned tracts of land have been recently surveyed by P. Hackett for me and are represented on the Connected plat made by him as containing in all Two hundred & thirty six acres, I also give to my said son Joseph four work horses, four work oxen, twelve sheep eight head of Cattle to be furnished out of the stock I may have on hand at the time of my death; It is also my will and I do hereby direct that my executors furnish my said son Joseph with One hundred Barrels of corn and Two thousand pounds of Nett pork and a good strong ox Cart.

Item x I give to my son James Morris to him and his heirs forever, my tract of land lying in Louisa County on Both sides of Bunches Creek containing one thousand and five acres and bounded as follows to wit; Beginning at several small Hickories in David Watson's line at the distance of 82 poles from where the said line crosses the said Creek, Thence North  $85\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  West 444 poles to a white oak about twenty five yards eastward of a branch, this is the new line mentioned in the devise to my wife, thence South  $23^{\circ}$  West 424 poles crossing Clark's track to pointers in Wheelers line, Thence along the said Wheelers and James M. Morris lines to pointers in the said J. M. Morris line, being a corner to a tract of land sold

by me to David Watson Containing one hundred & eighty two acres, thence along the lines of the said last mentioned tract of land due North 66 poles to a white oak, thence North  $25^{\circ}$  East  $56\frac{1}{2}$  poles to a stone put in the ground, thence North  $76^{\circ}$  East, 22 poles Crossing a spring branch to a stone put in the ground thence North  $40^{\circ}$  East 6 poles to a pine, thence North  $48\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East 26 poles to a sweet gum, thence North  $37^{\circ}$  East 23 poles to a stone, put in the ground, thence North  $60\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  East 65 poles to a stone put in the ground, corner in David Watson's line, 14 poles from Banchoes Creek, thence along said Watson's line South  $35^{\circ}$  East 96 poles to the beginning, it being a part of the tract of land given me by my father & on which my dwelling house stands in the above boundaries is contained the land herein before devised to my wife, my said son James is not to have any thing to do with the part left to her during her widowhood but on the termination of her widowhood or her death the land left to her, is to be his in fee simple, and this devise so far as it intrudes the said land so left to my said wife is to have no effect until the hapning of the one or the other of the said events to wit the termination of my said wifes widowhood or her death; I also give to my said son James four work horses, four work oxen, twelve sheep, eight head of Cattle to be furnished out of the stock I may have on hand at the time of my death, It is also my will and I do hereby direct that my executors furnish my said son James with one hundred barrels of Corn and two thousand pounds of well pork, and a good strong ox Cart.

Item x It is my will and I do hereby direct that my executors herein after named or such of them as may qualify as my executors, sell on such terms as to them shall seem most advisable and convey to the purchaser or purchasers all the residue of my lands in Georgia being the remainder of the tract given to me by my father and also the tract I own in Georgia called "Southalls" containing upwards of four hundred acres, adjoining the lands of Stephen Woodson and others, and also any other lands I may acquire before my death, and the money arising from such sales of the said lands, together with any money which may be in hand at my death or which may be due to me at the time of my death or which may fall due to me after my death after providing the fund aforesaid to raise the annuity aforesaid for my said wife, shall be divided equally amongst all my daughters to them and their heirs forever charging my said daughter Ann C. Morris with the said sum of two thousand six hundred dollars, in this division, heretofore advanced to her in money and slaves.

Item x It is my will and I do hereby direct that all the slaves I may die possessed of except those herein before given to my wife as aforesaid shall be divided equally amongst all my children, charging my said son John Morris with the said sum of Two thousand Seven hundred & twenty five dollars for slaves heretofore given him, in this division.

Item x It is my will and I do hereby direct that at the death of my wife or the termination of her widowhood all the slaves herein before left to her and the fund from which her annuity is to be raised shall be equally divided amongst all my daughters, to them and their heirs forever.

Item, It is my will and I do hereby direct that all the rest and residue of my estate not herein specifically devised or bequeathed shall be sold by my executors



on such terms as to them shall seem best and the money arising therefrom be first applied to the payment of my debts and the balance if any is to be divided equally amongst all my daughters to them and their heirs forever.

Item x It is my will and I do hereby direct that the house hold and kitchen furniture herein before left to my wife as aforesaid, at her death or the termination of her widowhood shall be sold on such terms as may seem best to my executor and the money arising therefrom is to be divided equally amongst all my daughters to them and their heirs forever.

Lastly I do nominate constitute and appoint my sons John Morris and Joseph W. Morris and my friend Garrit M. Quarles executors to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1827

This will is on two sheets of paper

W<sup>m</sup> Morris 

signed sealed published and

declared in the presence of

Nathl Perkins

James Watson Jr

Codicil to this my last will, I have given to my son John Morris the sum of seven hundred dollars he is to be charged with this sum in addition to the sum of Two thousand Seven hundred and Twenty five dollars herein before mentioned, when he claims his dividend of Negroes herein before directed to be divided amongst all my children making the whole sum with which my said son John Morris is to be charged in the said division of Negroes three thousand four hundred and Twenty five Dollars.

W<sup>m</sup> Morris 

20<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1829

Codicil to this my last will, I have since I published this my last will and Testament altered the lines of the land therein devised to my wife during her widowhood and to my son James thereafter in this, from the stone put in the ground after crossing the Spring branch mentioned in my will the line runs north 52 East 119 poles to the stone put in the ground, corner in David Watsons line, 14 poles from the creek as mentioned in my said last will making it a straight line from the said stone after crossing the said spring branch to the said stone in David Watsons line, It is my will that the line herein mentioned shall be the boundary of the tract of land which my son James is to have, so far as it runs instead of the line mentioned in the body of my will.

W<sup>m</sup> Morris 

20<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1829

At a Court of Monthly Session, held for the County of Louisa at the Courthouse thereof, on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 1831. The last Will and Testament of William Morris dec<sup>d</sup> was proved by the oaths of Nathaniel Perkins and James Watson Jr subscribing witnesses thereto, and is by the Court ordered to be recorded. and two Codicils annexed to said will, was proven by the oaths of Garrit M. Quarles and Pleasant Hackell, who swore that they were well acquainted with the hand writing of the said William Morris, and verily believe that the whole of said Codicils together with the signatures thereto, are wholly written by the own hand of the said William Morris, and thereupon the Court doth order the said Codicils to be recorded as a part of the said will. And on the motion of

John Morris, one of the executors named in the said will, who made oath as the law requires, and together with James M. Morris, Thomas Shelton, James Watson, Joseph W. Morris and Joseph Shelton his securities (who justified on oath as to their sufficiency) entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars, conditioned according to law. Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of said will in due form. (Liberty being reserved to the other executors named in the said will to join in the probat when they shall think fit)

Teste John Hunter C. J. C.

I In the name of God! Amen!! I David Tulloh of Louisa County, State of Virginia, being through the abundant mercy and goodness of God, of a sound and perfect understanding and memory, do constitute this my last will and Testament, and desire that it be received by all as such.

Imprimis. I give my Body to the Earth, from whence it was taken, and my soul to God, in full apuarance of an imortal State after the last day - As for my burial I desire that it be decent without pomp or state at the discretion of my wife - who I doubt not will manage it with all requisite prudence: As to my worldly Estate I will and bequeath it as follows -

Item. It is my will and desire that all my just debts be paid.

Item. It is my will and desire that my wife, have the use and benefit of the whole of my Estate, both real and personal during her life.

Item. It is my wish, and desire, that, after the death of my wife, all of my Estate, both personal and real, except one hundred acres of Land hereafter in this instrument to be mentioned, be sold and so divided amongst all of my children, that each of them shall receive an equal portion of my estate taking into Consideration what I have given four of my oldest children and what hereafter may be given before the general division of my property.

Item It is my will and desire that, the one hundred acres of Land, excluded in the above item, included by a line running parallel to the line, which separates my son Josephs Land from my tract, remain in the possession of my single daughters, after the death of my wife, as a home for them, so long as they may live unmarried, and after their death or marriage be equally divided amongst all of my children.

Item It is my wish and desire that my youngest son, named David be at liberty, if he pleases, to live with his single sisters after the death of my wife, upon the one hundred acres of Land left as a home for them, until he arrive at the age of twenty one years - Item I give and bequeath unto my son John M. Tulloh the land on which he resides, to have and hold him this heirs forever. Item. I hereby constitute and appoint my sons Joseph T. Tulloh, John M. Tulloh and Robert B. Tulloh Executors of this my last will and Testament.

In testimony whereof I sign, seal and deliver this in the presence of Nicholas Terrell

Wm. Mills  
Lucy Sx Hall  
John T. Smith

David Tulloh Seal

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

In Obedience to the annexed order of the County Court of Louisa County, the subscribers four of the Commissioners therein named, having been first duly sworn, have divided such negroes as Mrs Nancy Morris surrendered to us for the purpose among her children as follows.

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| To Dr James M. Morris and wife Sarah & Child Adob. | \$100.00     |
| To Dr William J. Michie & wife Clara               | 100.00       |
| To Mrs Susan D. Watson Frances                     | 350.00       |
| To Receive of James Fontaine and wife              | 50.00        |
|                                                    | <hr/> 100.00 |
| To James Fontaine & wife Jordan                    | 150.00       |
| To pay to Mrs Susan D. Watson                      | 30.00        |
|                                                    | <hr/> 400.00 |
| To Dr James Minor and wife Nancy & Child Louisa    | 500.00       |
| To pay to Miss Elizabeth Morris                    | 100.00       |
|                                                    | <hr/> 100.00 |
| To Miss Elizabeth Morris Martha                    | 300.00       |
| To receive of Dr James Minor and wife              | 100.00       |
|                                                    | <hr/> 400.00 |

We have not allotted to Dr John Morris any part of the above negroes, he having received from his father advancements, which in his will, he directed, shall be made up to his other children before Dr Morris shall receive any portion of his estate, nor have we allotted any portions to John W. Barker and wife, Joseph W. Morris or James Morris they having relinquished their right to the same. which is respectfully submitted.

Decr 23<sup>d</sup> 1843

G. B. Hopkins  
P. W. Bramham  
J. S. Watson  
Jno R Charles

Jan'y the 30<sup>th</sup> 1844 The undersigned hereby relinquish all our right to the above mentioned slaves & do not claim any thing in any subsequent division of the estate of William Morris dec. on account of relinquishment.

Jno. W. Barker  
Joseph W. Morris  
James Morris

In Louisa County Court March the 11<sup>th</sup> 1844

The foregoing division of such of the slaves of William Morris dec. as were surrendered by Mrs Nancy Morris his widow for division amongst his children was this day returned and in Louisa County Court April the 8<sup>th</sup> 1844 No Exceptions having been filed to the said division the same is confirmed and by the Court ordered to be recorded.

Teste John Hunter C. L. C.



In Louisa County Court April the 8<sup>th</sup> 1850

The foregoing account of Sales of the Estate of John Ellisor was this day in open Court returned & ordered to be recorded.

Teste

John Hunter C.C.

✓ The undersigned Three of the Commissioners named in the Annexed Order of the County Court of Louisa County, having been first duly sworn have performed, the duties required of them, They divided the negroes surrendered by Mrs Nancy (Morris into six lots of nearly as equal value as they could;— Lot N<sup>o</sup> 1 Abram Valued at \$718 allotted to Elizabeth S. Watson, Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 Sam Valued at \$650 allotted to Mary W. Minor, Lot N<sup>o</sup> 3 Moses Valued at \$666 allotted to Juliet C. Fontaine, Lot N<sup>o</sup> 4 Rhoda Valued at \$533 allotted to A. C. Morris, Lot N<sup>o</sup> 5 Jane Valued at \$533 allotted to Ellen B. Barker Lot N<sup>o</sup> 6 Caroline Valued at \$408 allotted to Sarah Michie Mrs Susan D. Watson, Joseph W. Morris and James Morris having in our presence surrendered their rights in said negroes. Given under this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1850.

S. B. Henson  
C. B. Hopkins  
N. Seargeant.

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| N <sup>o</sup> 1 Rec <sup>d</sup> | \$718.00         | Share | \$584:66 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> |
| N <sup>o</sup> 2 "                | 650.00           | "     | 584:66 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>   |
| N <sup>o</sup> 3 "                | 666.00           | "     | 584:66 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>   |
| N <sup>o</sup> 4 "                | 533.00           | "     | 584:66 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>   |
| N <sup>o</sup> 5 "                | 533.00           | "     | 584:66 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>   |
| N <sup>o</sup> 6 "                | 408.00           | "     | 584:66 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>   |
|                                   | <u>\$3508.00</u> |       | <u>\$3508:00</u>                     |

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| N <sup>o</sup> 1 pay N <sup>o</sup> 6 | \$133:33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub>   |
| N <sup>o</sup> 2 " 6                  | 43:33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub>      |
| N <sup>o</sup> 6 Lot                  | 408 00                                 |
| N <sup>o</sup> 6 Share                | <u>584:66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub></u> |

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| N <sup>o</sup> 2 pay N <sup>o</sup> 5 | \$22:00                                  | N <sup>o</sup> 3 pay N <sup>o</sup> 4 | 57:6           |
| N <sup>o</sup> 3 " " 5                | 29:66 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub>        | N <sup>o</sup> 4 Lot                  | 533 0          |
| N <sup>o</sup> 5 Lot                  | 533:00                                   | N <sup>o</sup> 4 Share                | <u>\$584:6</u> |
| N <sup>o</sup> 5 Share                | <u>\$584:66<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub></u> |                                       |                |

In Louisa County Court March the 11<sup>th</sup> 1850 This Division of Negs. surrendered by Mrs Nancy (Morris widow and executrix of William Morris J.C. among those who would be entitled to them at her death was this day in open Court returned And in the said Court the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1850 No Exception having been filed to the said division the same is now confirmed by the Court & ordered to be recorded.

Teste John Hunter C.C.