

**VIRGINIA COUNTY COURT RECORDS**

**DEED & WILL ABSTRACTS of  
ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
1748-1752**

**Albemarle County Deeds & Wills No. 1  
May 1748 - 21 September 1752**

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ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
WILLS & DEEDS No. 1  
(1748-1752)

p. 1 IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I WILLIAM PHELPS being weak in body but in sound and perfect memory do make this my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth. First I give and bequeath to my loving Brother in Law, WILLIAM BABER, Two hundred acres of land on NELL MOORES CREEK of SLATE RIVER joining JOHN SHARPs line to him and his heirs forever on Condition he pay to my Executors hereinafter named or their order the Value of the Rights Surveyors & Secretaries Fees of the same. I give and bequeath to my Loving Father, THOMAS PHELPS, and to my Loving Brother, THOMAS PHELPS JUNR., all the rest and residue of my Estate of what nature and kind soever IN TRUST Nevertheless to be equally Divided by them between my two Sons, JAMES PHELPS and WILLIAM PHELPS, and their heirs forever and for no other Intent or purpose whatsoever and do ordain and appoint my said Father and Brother to be Executors of this my Last Will and do by these presents revoke all other Wills by me heretofore made

Signed Seald Published and Declared to be his last Will and Testament  
in presence of us WILLIAM CABELL,  
THOMAS MAKDONAL, JOHN DUNKEN, WILLIAM PHELPS  
JOHN BLACKLE

Albemarle Co. May Court MDCCLXIX This Writing was produced in Court by the oaths of WILLIAM CABELL & THOMAS McDANIEL proved to be the last Will and Testament of WILLIAM PHELPS deced & ordered to be recorded  
Test. JNO. FLEMING D. C. Cur.

p. 2 IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I ROBERT CHRISTIAN of Albemarle County and Saint Ann Parrish being sick and weak but of perfect mind and Memory blessed be God for the same make this my last Will and Testament as follows, First (born) desire my Debts be paid out of hand. Item I give & bequeath to my three Sons, JOHN CHRISTIAN, ROBERT CHRISTIAN and DRURY CHRISTIAN one tract of land that I now live on containing One thousand acres to be equally divided among them and their heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath my Son, JOHN CHRISTIAN, two new Surveys of land the one on the River and the other ELK ISLAND CREEK branches to him and his heirs forever. Item I give to my Daughter, LUCEY CHRISTIAN, Fifty pounds. Item I give and bequeath to my daughter, ELIZABETH CHRISTIAN, Fifty pounds. Item and if my Wife should be with Child with a Son then to have with my other Sons equal part of land and if a Daughter then with equal part with my Daughters for money. I give to my Loving Wife, LUCEY CHRISTIAN, all the remainder part of my Estate desiring her to bring up my Children, my Daughter, LUCEY CHRISTIAN, is not yett baptized. Item I also revoke all other Wills by me formerly made and do appoint and ordain my Wife, LUCEY CHRISTIAN, and my Friend, WILLIAM BRADLEY, her Brother, Executors and Executor of this my last Will & Testam. as Witness my hand and Seale this Twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand seven hundred and forty eight WILLM. shall have previledge to work in the Fourteenth line to have, I desire, also that ground below the GRATE BRANCH

Sealed Signed and Published in presents of us  
WALTER LEAK  
CHARLES CHRISTIAN, WILLIAM LEAK  
ROBERT CHRISTIAN

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Item I leave to my Daughter, ESTHER REID Alias BIGHAM in IRELAND Six pounds Vir-  
ginia Currencie to her other Children  
Item I leave to my Daughter, MARTHA REID, all my worldly Substance (over what legges  
I leave her) goods & chattels in money horses & black Cattle household bed Cloths  
& my Body Cloaths & my Saddle, Plow, Irons & Tack & all my grain in the ground  
growing or not growing & I empower her my said Daughter, MARTHA REID, to be sole  
Executrix to this my last Will & Testament and ALEXANDER REID, my Brothers Son, Over-  
seer in this my last Will & Testament hereby revoke all Wills & Testaments by me here  
before made as Witness my hand and Seal this 30th day of January One thousand Seven  
hundred forty and Eight

ANDW. REID

Signed Seald & Delivered in presence of

JAMES ROBERTSON, WILLM. ROBERTSON

MATTHEW ROBERTSON

At a Court held for Albemarle County the 14th day of May 1751  
This Last Will and Testament of ANDREW REID decess was proved by the oaths of JAMES  
ROBERTSON & MATTHEW ROBERTSON two of the witnesses thereto, & ordered to be re-  
corded. And on the motion of MARTHA REID, the Executrix therein named, who made  
Oath according to Law, Certificate is granted her for obtaining probat thereof in due  
form giving Security on which she with WILLIAM WOODS & JOHN HERD her Securities  
entered into and acknowledged their bond accordingly

pp. GOOCHLAND August 3d 1751. Pursuant to an Order of Albemarle Court we being  
22 first sworn do make this Just Invoice of the Estate of WM. SPURLOCK deceased

as produced to our view  
To twelve hogs, to a Gray mare & heil. To one parcel of Iron Tools; To three baskets; To 1  
qt. Mugs, a meal cive bridle & bag, To parcel of wooden vessels, To a parcel of Lumber,  
To two Iron pots & a pan, To wearing apparel, To a parcil of pewter, To a parcel of Lum-  
ber, To two beds & furniture, To two Books, To 7 head of Cattle Total 20...14...6  
The above is a true invoice of the Estate of WILLIAM SPURLOCK decess as produced to us

JOHN PAGE

JAMES GRESHAM THOMAS POOR

This was returned into Albemarle County Court the 14th dayof August 1751 & ordered to  
be recorded

pp. Febr'y. 26th 1750. By Virtue of an Order of Albemarle Court We the Subscribers  
22- have appraised the following goods & chattels of the Estate of MARTIN DUNCAN  
24 decess as follows (Vizt): Two Bever traps, frying pan, a small Brass kettle, Lea-  
ther Wallet, two harrow Hoes, a grubbing Hoe & Hatchet, a Search & two Sifters,  
one Feather bed bolster rug & blanket, 2 small skins, bed sied, old whip saw, a Churn,  
barrel & boring rod; a parcel of old Carpenters tools, a spit-Cotton Gin & branding Iron, old gun  
& two old scies, a parcel of old Shoemakers tools, a narrow Ax, Nineteen Jacking Knives  
parcel of turning Tools, a parcil old Iron, three Cows & heifer, old Coopers Hatchet, old  
Chest, parcel of powder, a bed bolster rug blanket & hide, old Horse, fifteen Linnen  
Handkers, 4 yds German Serge, 3 yds of Brown Holland, 2 yds Buckram, 3 Box of buttons,  
two hanks of Silk, 2 Sticks of Mohair, Oz of thread, parcel of old Flax, a Cow hide & year-  
ling hide, Grind stone, a fiddle, a iron Ladle & spoon moulds, an old iron spoon, flesh  
fork, two padlocks with but one key, a parcel of Braked flax, an old Bread tray  
Total 42...5...0

WILLIAM SPARLOCK

Signed Seald in presence of us MARY X CORN  
FRANCES X CRAWLEY, MATTW, TUCKER

At a Court held for Albemarle County the 14th day of May 1751  
This Last Will and Testament was proved by the oaths of MARY CORN and FRANCES  
CRAWLEY, two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded and on motion of  
ANN SPURLOCK, Widow, the Executrix therein named who made oath according to Law,  
Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probat thereof in due form, giving Security  
on which she with ARTHUR HOPKINS & WILLIAM CABELL her securities entered into  
and acknowledged their Bond accordingly

pp. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I THOMAS PHELPS of Albemarle County being weak  
20- in body but in sound and perfect memory do make this my last Will and Testa-  
21 ment in manner and form followeth. Item I give my Soul to God as gave it & my  
Body to the Earth to be buried in decent Christian manner as my Executors shall  
think fit.

Item I lend my Loving Wife, ELIZABETH PHELPS, during her Widowhood all my whole  
Estate real and personal  
Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son, THOMAS PHELPS, Three hundred acres  
of land lying on both sides of BRIDLE CREEK joining his own lines to him and his heirs  
forever

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Son, JOHN PHELPS, the Plantation whereon I  
now dwell & the Islan I now tend in and Three hundred acres of land on both sides of  
HUNTS CREEK joining NICHOLAS's line to him and his heirs forever

Item I give and bequeath to my loving Daughter, MARY PATTISON, one Shilling

Sterling

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grand Daughter, JOYCE PATTISON, and my Grandson,  
PETER PATTISON, betwixt them both one Childs part

It is my Will & desire that all my personal Estate shall be equally divided among all my  
Children, except my Grand Daughter, MARY PATTISON & my Will and desire is that my  
Estate shall not be appraised enduring my Wifes time & I do appoint and ordain my Son,  
THOMAS PHELPS, and my Son in Law, RICHARD GWIN, to be Executors of this my last Will  
and I do by these presents revoke all other Wills heretofor by me made

Signed Sealed & Delivered to be his Last Will  
and Testament in presence of us JOHN FEARN,

THEODERICK WEBB, CHICELY CRISP,

THOMAS PHELPS

At a Court held for Albemarle County the 14th day of May 1751  
This Last Will and Testament of THOMAS PHELPS decess was proved by the oaths of JOHN  
FEARN, THEODERICK WEBB & CHICELY CRISP the witnesses thereto and ordered to be  
recorded, & on the motion of THOMAS PHELPS & RICHARD GWIN, the Executors therein  
named who made Oath according to Law, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a  
probat thereof in due form, giving security on which they with THEODERICK WEBB and  
JOSEPH THOMAS their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond accordingly

pp. IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I ANDREW REID SENIOR being in perfect health and  
21- memory do make my last Will & Testament as followeth & first of all I recom-  
mend my Soul to God from whom I recd it of in hope and assurance that I shall  
receive it again at the Resurrection at the Last Day by the mighty power of God.

Item I leave to my Son, ALEXANDER REID, three pounds Virginia Currencie if demanded  
by the said ALEXANDER in his own person

Item I leave my Son, ANDREW REID, three pounds Virginia Currencie

BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA DEEDS, 1740-1744

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[v.]

Page 523. Feb 6, 1744 from Joseph Echols of B, to William Vardeman of B, for 8 f, one certain tract of land of 74 acres in B on the north side of Staunton River, and bounded by [trees]. The land was patented to said Joseph Echols on Aug 20, 1741. Signed - Joseph Echols. Wit - none. Recorded Feb 7, 1744.

Page 524. Lease and Release. Feb 5-6, 1744 from John Jonson of Northampton Precinct [County] in North Carolina, to Thomas Iarrance (Laurence) of St Andrew's Parish in B, for 16 f, one certain tract of land of 230 acres in B on the south side of Nottoway River, bounded by Otterdam Swamp a little below a main Road, Laurence Hous. Signed - John Jonson. Wit - William Morris, William Williams, William (X his mark) Bishop. Recorded Feb 7, 1744.

Page 527. Dec 21, 1744 from John Spell and Lucy, his wife, of B and St Andrew's Parish, to William Samford of Richmond County, planter, for 60 f and for divers other good causes, all that tract of 312 acres of land, together with a water grist mill there adjoining, and all implements or utensils, stones, or other appurtenances whatsoever, about the same used. The land is on the south side of Great Cr in B bounded by Edmunds. Signed - John Spell, Lucy (EC her mark) Spell. Wit - Hugh Williams, Hezk Powell, John Lambert. Recorded Feb 7, 1744.

Page 529. Bond. I, John Spell of St Andrew's Parish and B am held and firmly bound unto William Samford of North Farnham Parish in Richmond County in the full and just sum of 120 f, which payment well and truly to be made, I bind myself this Dec 21, 1744. John Spell, having today sold William Samford a tract of land in B, if Spell complies with the deed, and signs other deeds that Samford thinks fit to better convey the land, then this bond becomes void. Signed - John Spell. Wit - Hugh Williams, Hezk Powell, John Lambert. Recorded Feb 7, 1744.

Page 530. Sep 3, 1744 from James Barnes of Goochland County, to Abraham Martin of King and Queen County, for 12 f, one certain tract of land of 229 acres in B on the Horsepen Cr, and bounded by Martin on the creek. Signed - James Barnes. Wit - Benja Childrey, Sarah Wilkison (Wilkison). Recorded Feb 7, 1744.

Page 532. I, Thomas Loyd of St Andrew's Parish in B, for the natural love I have for my son, John Loyd of same, and for divers other good causes, have granted said John Loyd all that message and plantation whereon the said John now lives, with 200 acres of land thereto adjoining in St Andrew's Parish and B, the same being [part of] a parcel of 574 acres of land granted to me by patent dated Sep 28, 1728, and bounded by Beaverpond Run, Daniels branch. Signed

Jan 9, 1744 - Thomas Lloyd. Wit - Ster. Clack, Henry Morris, John Clack. Recorded Feb 7, 1744.

Page 533. Nov 25, 1744 from Jonathan Horsford of B, to Richard Kennon of Charles City County, for 80 f, one certain tract of land of about 214 acres in B on the north side of Staunton River, and bounded by [trees]. Signed - Jonathan Horsford (Hosford). Wit - Henry Isham Kennon, William Caldwell, John Sewart, John (T) his mark) Mullens. Recorded Mar 7, 1744.

Page 534. Feb 9, 1744 from Henry Weaver of B, planter, to William Fox of B, planter, for 7 f 10 shillings, one message in B on the north side of Fountains Cr, containing about 50 acres, bounded by [trees] the land being part of a patent for 180 acres dated Jun 16, 1727 which was granted to William Weaver deceased, father to the aforesaid Henry Weaver, and by said William Weaver bequeathed to said Henry Weaver. Signed - Henry (H his mark) Weaver. Wit - John Peterson, John (F his mark) More, Martha Peterson. Recorded Mar 7, 1744.

Page 537. Mar 4, 1744/5 from John Phelps of St Andrew's Parish in B, planter, and Mary, his wife, to Robert Barber (Baber) of same, planter, for divers good causes and for 50 f, one certain tract of about 140 acres of land in B on the south side Otter River, surveyed for said John Phelps, and bounded by [trees]. Signed - John Phelps, Mary (U her mark) Phelps. Wit - Matthew Talbot, John Mead, Benjamin Mead. [Recorded] Mar 7, 1744.

Page 538. Mar 5, 1744 from Robert Clark of B, to Amos Horton of B, for divers good causes and for 22 f, all that tract of about 320 acres of land in St Andrew's Parish and B on the south side of Meherrin River, and bounded by Mr. Peterson's land, Capt Robert Hicks Jr, Jonathan Carter's land, Mr. John Peterson. Signed - Robert Clark, Jane (X her mark) Clark. Wit - Francis Giffis, Edward (EW his mark) Weaver. Recorded Mar 7, 1744. At a court held for B on Feb 1745, Jane, the wife of Robert Clark, appeared in court, and being first privately examined, voluntarily relinquished her right of dower to the lands conveyed.

Page 540. To Benjamin Ruffin, John Dunkley, and Joseph Gray, Gentlemen, Greeting. Elthred Taylor of the County of Isle of Wight, by his deed of Sep 19, 1744, conveyed to Henry Taylor of Charles City County, 315 acres in B. Patience, the wife of the said Elthred, cannot conveniently travel to our County Court or to our General Court of Virginia to acknowledge the conveyance. You are therefore given the power to receive her acknowledgement by personally going to Patience. Signed Mar 9 in the 18th year of our Reign - Ster. Clack.