

Will of James STRANGE of Pittsylvania, Virginia, USA, 1808

Last Will and Testament James Strange 3 September 1808 In the Name of God Amen I, James Strange of the County of Pittsylvania and State of Virginia being of sound mind, memory and understanding do this 3rd day of September one thousand eight hundred and eight do make publish and declare this my last will and testament to be as followeth vis: I return my soul to almighty God beseeching his most gracious acceptance of it trusting in the merits of my Blessed Redeemer for the remission of all my sins and my body to its mother earth expecting its resurrection at the last day and to be buried at the direction of my Executors and as for the worldly estate it has pleased God to bestow upon me, I give and bequeath it in the following manner and and force after my just debts and funeral charges are paid I lend to my loving wife Susanna the plantation and land I now live upon with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging also, a negro man by the name of Steponey, also a sufficient part of my household and kitchen furniture, also two horse creatures and our cattle and my stock of hogs to hold the same and every of them during her life or widowhood and at the expiration of either of these periods I then give it in the following manner to be equally divided among all my children vis: Smith Strange, John Strange and Jesse Strange, Elizabeth Shewmate, Frances T. Strange and Mary Strange and the lawful heirs of their body forever and as I have already given to my three children that has married and left me some things along, I think proper to give to my other three children and their heirs forever the following property, vis: I give to my son Jesse Strange one cow and calf and I give to Frances T. Strange and Mary Strange each seven and a half pounds of feathers making in all fifteen pounds to be raised out of my estate, hereafter mentioned. I also give Francis T. Strange one feather bed and furniture also one cow and calf and two _____ heifer also I give to Mary Strange one feather bed and furniture one cow and calf and a three _____ heifer also it is my desire that my two daughters last mentioned that they live with their mother and have a support with what I have given them during their single life or my wife's life or widowhood, also it is my desire that out of the present crop that my wife and two daughters each mentioned have a sufficient support for the ensuing year as my executors hereafter mentioned shall think proper, also it is my wish that the negro man Dick and my stock and other _____ sold after finishing of the present crop and that to be equally divided among all my children whatever the property should fetch, it is also my desire that there shall be no appraisal of my estate. Lastly I constitute and appoint Capt. Isaiah Morton and Thomas Harris executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above written. James Strange Signed seal published and declared by James Strange to be his last will and testament in presence of us Tapley Akin Smith Strange Jesse Strange At a Court held for Pittsylvania County the 19th day of December 1808 this last will and testament of James Strange deceased, was presented in Court and proved by the oaths of the subscribing witnesses and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Isaiah Morton and Thomas Harris the Executors in the said will named who made oath according to law and together with Smith Strange, Jesse Strange, Thomas Curry and Richard Johnson their securities entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of One Thousand Dollars conditioned as the law direct. Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form Teste: Will Tunstall, C.P.C. Pittsylvania County Circuit Court Will Book 2 Pages 320 and 321