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Testator: **William Rowntree** of the parish of St. James, Northam, Goochland, Virginia

Will date: October 1, 1765

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Will presented at court: September 16, 1766

In the name of God, Amen, I **William Rowntree** of the parish of St. James Northam in the County of Goochland being very sick and weak but of sound and perfect mind and memory (Praise be to God for it) Doth make and appoint this my last will and Testament in manner and form following

First I commend my soul to Almighty God who gave it and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and for the worldly goods it hath pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me, I give and bequeath and dispose of as followeth that is to say

Item: I give and bequeath unto my **son Richardson Rowntree** all my land that lies on the creek commonly called Middle Creek and also on this side of the creek from mouth of a branch that comes into the said creek a little below the bridge and so up the said branch to a marked white Oak standing near the head of the said Branch and from the said white oak on a straight line to the head of Haw Branch and so down the said branch to Mr. Josias Paynes' line to his and his heirs forever it being by estimation two hundred acres be the same more or less; Also a Negro boy named George to him and his heirs forever with five head of cattle, some grown and some small.

Item: I give unto my **son Thos Rowntree** a pece (sic) or parcel of land commonly called and known by the name of Brocks beginning at the mouth of the Branch that runs into the Middle Creek a little below the bridge with my **son Richardson's** line and so along the said line to Mr. Josias Payne's line and along the said Payne line to the Creek that I live on and so up the said Creek to the mouth of a branch at my Cart path that goes to the Middle Creek and so up the said branch about one hundred yards to my line and so along that said line to a corner Pine Neare(sic) the Old Ordinary and so to the Middle Creek and down the said Creek to the mouth of the branch where it first began being by my Estimation two hundred fifty acres to him and his heirs forever be the same more or less. Also one Negro boy named Charles, one feather bed and furniture to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to **my son Turner Rowntree** my Manor Plantation with all the residue of the said Track (i. e. tract) thereunto belonging to him and his heirs forever; also one Negro girl named Lucy and her increase to Him and his heirs forever; also one Feather bed and furniture; one copper still; one copper kettle to him and his heirs forever. Fell named Jamie to him and his Heirs forever

Item: I give and bequeath to **my son Randall Rowntree** one Negro Wench named Nan with her increase to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to **my son Dudley**, one Negro Fellow named Jamie to him and his Heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to **my son William Rowntree** one Negro Girl named Nell and her increase; also the sum of ten pounds current money as a recompense for his trouble in tending me in my sickness in the County of Hanover; also five head of cattle; some small and some grown.

Item: I give and bequeath to my **granddaughter Molley Bailey** one Negro Girl named Salley and her Increase the Negro Girl to be delivered to my **daughter Betsy Bailey** to Bring up and to be Delivered to **Molley Bailey** at the age of Eighteen or married to her and her Heirs forever.

I give and bequeath to my **grandson John Murrel** one Negro girl named Jean and her increase to him and his heirs forever to be delivered to **Drury Murrel** to bring up and be delivered to **his son John Murrel** at the age of twenty one years.

Item: I give and bequeath to my **Daughter Drusilla Haden** one Negro boy named Ben to her and her Heirs for Ever and thirty Geese.

Item I give and bequeath to **my daughter Molley** one Negro Wench named Phillis also the sorrel mair(sic) and colt, a horse, one best feather bed and furniture, the sum of 30 six Dollars current money and thirty geese and one Double loon for her kindness for me in my sickness to her and her heirs forever

Item: My will and desire is that my Negro Fellow named Ripp be hired out from time to time during the life by my executors and the profits of his hire to go to the use of my **daughter Isabell** and her children to be paid out at the Discretion of my executors once every year in clothing and C.

My will and desire that all the residue of my Estate may be sold and the money arising be equally divided between the following children (viz) **Turner, Molley, Darcas, Drusiller** and my **grandson John Bailey** that money that is **Jno Bailey's** part to be paid him by my Executors at the age of twenty one years.

I give and bequeath to my **granddaughter Martha Golden** fifteen shillings to be made in a ring and delivered to her at the age of fifteen years by my executors.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my **granddaughter Massie Goldsmith** the fifteen shillings to be made in a ring and to be delivered her at the age of fifteen years by my Executors.

I give and bequeath unto my **granddaughter Lewsy Goldsmith** fifteen shillings to be made into a ring by my executors.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my **granddaughter Eliza Goldsmith** fifteen shillings to be made in a ring and to be delivered her at the age of fifteen years by my executors.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my **granddaughter Lewsender Goldsmith** fifteen shillings to be made in a ring and to be Delivered her at age of fifteen years by my Executors.

Item I give and bequeath unto my **granddaughter Milley Goldsmith** fifteen shillings to be made in a ring and to be Delivered her at the age of fifteen years by my Executors.

Item I do hereby constitute and appoint my **sons William Rowntree, Turner Rowntree, Randall Rowntree** and my loving friend Stokes McCaul my whole and Sole Executors of this my last will and Testament and as Reward I give and Bequeath each of my Executors, **William Rowntree, Turner Rowntree, Randall Rowntree and Stokes McCaul** the sum of forty pounds to be equally divided between my four executors which forty pounds I am now at Law for in the County of Fairfax.

Given under my hand and seal this first day of October one thousand seven hundred and sixty five.

Signed: William Rowntree
Witnesses: Josiah Payne, J. P.
James Coleman

At a court held for Goochland County September 16th 1766, this writing was proved by the oaths of witnesses to be the last will and testament of William Rowntree, deceased. The will was thereupon ordered to be recorded.

Val. Wood
Circuit Court

