

Transcription of the Will of Captain Charles Hudson of Hanover County, Virginia

In the name of God Amen. I Charles Hudson of St Paul's Parish in Hanover County being weke In body but of sound and perfect memory. Thanks be to almighty God for the same. I do this nineteenth day Apr^{ll} In the yeare of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred forty and five make & Publish this my last Will & Testam^t In manner & form following (viz^t) first I commit my soul to Almighty God that gave itt. Secondly my will and desier is that all my Just debts & funeral charges be [p]ayd & discharged by my Executors hereafter named.

Item I lend to my daughter Mary Wingfield my Plantation in Goochland County known by the name of Prospect containing five hundred and fourty acres of Land by Patten and the stock [&] cattle y^t is on the same during her natural life and aft[er] her decease I give the said land to her son Charles [Wing]field with this Exception only: that if ever there should be any valuable mine or mines opened on the s^d land that then my three sons Guilelmas, [J]ohn & Christopher Hudson shall have a full & Equal part of the said mines with the said Charles Wingfield In as ample a maner as If I had bequeathed y^e said land to my said sons. The s^d land I give to the s^d Cha^s Wingfield with y^e above Exception to him & his heirs forever. I also give to my s^d Daughter Mary a negro woman named Hager and her increase as also the other foure Negros she hath in her possession. I also give to her the twenty five Pounds I lent her husband John Wingfield to pay W^m Hill for land. I also give to her all y^e household goods I heretofore lent her. I give itt to her and her heirs for ever to be setled and deliverd to her by my Executors hereafter named.

Item. I lend to my daughter Eliz^h Johnson the plantation whereon she now [missing] the East side of [missing] Hanover County containing two hundred & seven acrees be th[e] same more or less the land I purchased of William Hudson & Alex^r Cock: as the [r]ecords of New Kent & hanov^r County will make appeare: I also lend to my said daughter the Labour of two Negros (viz^t) a woman named be H[missing] [a]nd her son named Peter: and the Increass of the said negro woman During [m]y said daughters natural life: and after her deceas: I then give the said Pla[n]tation & land to my grand[s]on Thomas Johnson & his heirs forever: I also give the sa[id] Negro woman & her son Peter & her Increas to my grand Daughter Mary Johns[on] with two hundred acres of land on the head of Fosters Creek in Louisa County: [b]eing the one moiate of four hundred acres which said Land & ne[g]ros I give to my s^d Gra[n]d Daughter & her heires forever: I also give to my said Dau[g]hter Eliz^h al that pa[r]t of household goods and Negros I before lent her which she hath In her possesion: al which is to be setl[ed] and [d]eliverd to her by my Executors hereafter named.

Item I lend to my Daught[e]r Rebeckah Wathen the laybour of three female negros (Viz^t) Partheny: Venas: B[e]ck & al their Increass during her natural life & after her decease I then give the same to her children If any: & to be divided amongst them and for want of such Child or Children I then give the Negros & their Increass to be Equally divided amongst my Grand Children begotten by my three sons Gulielmas John & Christopher Hudson & their heires

forever. I also give to my s^d Daughter Rebeckah my Plantation on Stag Creek in hanov^r County contain[ing] five hundred and fifty acres of land be the

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Same more or less. I also give to my s^d Daughter one Negro man Pompy: also I give her the fifty five Pounds Cur^t mony: that I lent her husband Robert Wathen to pay for two negros: Panswick & Sampson that belonged to y^e Estate of Mr. Thomas Partridge Deceast I also give to my said Daughter all that part of household goods I formerly lent her at the above mentioned Excepting the Three female Negros and their Increase. I give to my said daughter and her heires forever al which is to be settled an[d] deliverd to my said Daughter by my Executors hereafter named.

Item. I lend to my Daughter Sarah Holland the laybour of three Negros (viz^t) Harkules Patt: Hanner a daughter of Judy^s & five hundred acres of land on Vaughans Creek In Amelya [C]ounty adjoining to the land of Cap^t Mikeal Holland Dureing her natural life: al which she hath in her possession and after her decease: I then give the said negros and land to be divided amongst her child[ren] if any & for want of such child or children: I then give the same to my Gra[nd] Children then living that^s born of my Daughters and their Heires forever. [I] also give to said Daughter three other negros (viz^t) a woman named Jenny & her [t]wo sons Peter and Nedd. I also give to my said Daughter six Pounds cur^t money or goods to the vallue thereof and I also give hur all the goods & Chattels I before lent her: al which I give to my s^d Daughter & her heires forever Excepting the three negros and land above mentioned al which is to be settled and deliver'd to my said Daughter by my Executors hereafter named.

Item. I lend to my Daughter Anne Hudson the laybour of foure Negros (viz) Tom Jacob Moll daughter of Anake: and Catchener and y^e I[ncre]as of the females during her natural life and after hur [missing] the said Negros & the Increase [missing] of the fema[les] [missing] her children to be divided amongst them to them and their heires forever: and for want of such child or children I then give the said negros and y^e Increase of the females: to my Grand Children then liv[i]ng that^s borne of my Daughters: to them and their heires forever to be divided amongst them I also give to my said Daughter three other Negros Viz^t Temp & her daughter Moll and a negr[o] man named Cupit. I also give to my s^d daughter five hundred acres of Land on V[au]ghans Creeke in Amelia County & adjoining to the land I gave her Sister Sarah Holland being part of a larger trackt of Land: I also give to my said Daughter the horses and side saddle yt is called hur horses &c: I also give to my said Daughter A[n]n Thirty Pounds Cur^t money of Virginia: at which three and Land & Thirty Pounds Cur^t mo[n]ey and horss & sadle: I give to my said Daughter & her hei[r]es forever when she shall arrive to lawful age or married: al which is to be settled and deliverd to my said Daughter by my Executors hereafter named.

Item. I give to Cornelius Dabney three hundred acres of land Sittuate & lying on Stag Creek In hanover County being the plantation whereon his son Will^m Dabney now lives: being part of Eight hundred & fifty acres by Patten: the s^d land being measured & layed of some years past: which said land I give to the said Cornelius Dabney & his heirs forever.

Item. I lend to my son Gulielmas Hudson Two thousand acres of land on hudson creek in Louisa County and the Laybour of Eight Negros (Viz^t) Bister, Venass, Jemmy, Phillis, Sary, young Judy, young harry & Sol[o]mon: During his natural life and after his decease I give the said land & Negros [&] the Increas of the female negros

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to his children lawfully begotten & for want of such child or children I then give the same to be Equally divied amongst his two brothers children lawfully begotten Note the above land I alot for the mail children & their heires forever and the negros & their Increass for the mials & females of my son Gulielmas & theire forever and for want of such child or children I devise the above land and negros amongst my other two sons children as above mentioned to them & theire heirs forever. I also give to s^d son Gulielmas all the stock of catle hoggs horses mares and sheep that is on y^e said plantation at hudsons creek all which he hath now in his possession. I also give to my s^d son my plantation on the south side hardware river In Albemarl County with eight hundred Acres of land: be the same more or less being part of two Thousand acres by Patten: the other part I sold to John Carter Esqu^r. I also give to my s^d son seven other negros (Viz^t) Harry Judy Davey Dick rayner Jack Diner: all which he hath now in his possession but not at his Disposal till he shall arrive to lawful age. I also give him Tenn head of Catle young & oald & all the hoggs that is on the s^d plantation and one horss & one mare: all which he hath in his possession: al which said land & seven negros and stocks I give to my s^d son & his heires forever. I also give to my s^d son one fether bed & furniture or eight Pounds Curant Money. I also give him al the household goods Silver Pewter Chares: &c all which he hath in his possession: the bed Excepted al which is to be settled by my Executors hereafter named.

Item. I lend to my son John Hudson one Thousand & sixty acres of Land on both sides of hardware river In Albemarl County known by the name of the low ground quart^r and also the laybour of seven negros (Viz^t) Hampton: Cate: Cloey: Anake: haner bibbianer two of Pegs childr[en] [and] a negro boy Step[ney] [missing] decease I then give the said lan[d] [&] seven negros and the Increass of the female[es] to his children lawfully begotten to b[e] [d]ivided and theire heires forever. I alot the land to goe to his male children & the neg[ros] [&] theire Increass to be divided amongst his mails & femails to them and theire [he]ires forever & for want of such child or children I then give the s^d land & negros to hi[s] [t]wo brothers children and to be divided as above to them and theire heirs for Ever. I a[ls]o [g]ive to my s^d son John the plantation whareo[n] I now live in hanov^r County contain[ning] foure hundred Eighty seven acres be the same more of less to him & his h[eire]s forever. I also give to my said son al the stock of catle, hogs horses & mares y^[t] [i]s on the said plantation Excepting such of the catle, hogs that shall be made use o[f] for the support of the manner plantation till my younger children arrives to law[ful] age or otherways prov[i]ded for discretionly to my Executors that shall be herea[ft]e[r] named all which is [to] [b]e settled and deliverd to my said son when he shall arrive to lawful age or soo[missing] my Executors and Trustees shall see fitt and not Else.

Item. I lend to my son Christopher Hudson Eight hundred acres of land lying in Amelia County that I purchased of David Lisles and Mikeal McDearman Tro as the records of the said County Court will make more fully appeare. I also lend to my s^d son the Laybour of Six Negros (Viz) Charles: John Forest: & two of anakes children Cofey & Nanny & two of Jenny children bob & nanny During his natural life & after his decease I give the same to his children lawfully begoten to be Equ[a]lly divided to them and theire heires forever and for want of such child or children I then give y^e said land & negros to his two brothers

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children to them and theire heires for Ever. Note I alot the land for the mail children and the negros & theire Increass to be divided amongst the mails & femails to them and theire heires forever the land [&] negros I alot to be divided in y^e same maner amongst my sons Xtophers children as is last mentioned in y^e devition amongst his two brothers children. I also give to my said son Christopher Eight hundred acres of land I purchased of John Dabney in Amelia County as y^e records of the said County Court will make more fully appeare: to him & his heires forever. I also give to my s^d son all the stock of catle hogs & Horses & mares that is belonging to the said Plantations: Excepting such of y^e Catle & hoggs as shal be made use of the support of the maner plantation till my younger children arrives to lawful age or otherways provided for discretionly to my Executors & Trustees hereafter named at which is to be settled and deliverd to my s^d son when he shal arive to lawful age or sooner If my Esecut^{rs} and Trustees shal se fitt and not Else.

Item. my wil & desier is that the Thousand acres of land I hold on Vaughans Creek may be sold to the best advantage and the mony to be Equally divided amongst my daughters Children and the stock of catle hogs horses & mares I give to my son Christopher Hudson to them and theire heires forever.

Item. I lend to Eliz^h Jennings the plantation I purchased of John Wadson containing one hundred acres be the same more or less lying on Mechumps Creek in hanover County: I also lend to the said Jennings the Labour of two Negros (Viz^t) a negro woman named Sabra & her daughter Fanny: During the s^d Jennings natural life & after her decease I then give the sd land & negros [missing] negros to her children lawfully begoten Excepting [the] next Child of s^d woman Sabra brings I give t[o] [m]y Grand daughter rebeck Wingfield & her heires forever & the rest of [y]^e s^d negros & theire Increass I give to the s^d Jennings children & theire heires fo[re]ver & the s^d land also but in case y^e said Jennings should depart this life & [ha]ve no children I then give y^e s^d land to my son John Hudson and his Heir[es] forever & the said negros & theire Increass I give to my daughter Mary Wingfields chi[ldre]n to be Equally divided to them and theire heires forever. I also give to the sd Jenn[ings] one sorrel horse called blase & one cow & calfe & one fetherbed rugg & a blanket, [missing] p^r sheets but the s^d Jennings is not to bring any charge against my Estate on [f]orfiting what I have above given her. I also desier y^e said Jennings If she [d]esires itt may have the chamber & y^e back room ad[jo]ying thereto till my D[au]ghter Ann arrives to y^e age of [missing] married & to be provided [w]ith provisions & Lodging & other Conveniensys

suitable thereto: all which is to be settled and delivered to y^e said Jennings by my Executors hereafter named.

Item. I give & bequeath to my son John Hudson two hundred Acres of land part of foure hundred acres on the head of foster's Creek in Louisa County by Patten: this land I allot for a stage place for y^e reception of Tob^o & other things y^t may be lodged thire transported to & from my plantations on hardware River In Albemarl County: my s^d son hath liberty to take timber from any part of y^e said trackt of land for the support of the stage place y^e s^d land I give to my s^d son and his heires forever.

Item. I give to my son Christopher the negro man named Will and a p^r new mil ston[es] & the Iron & brass belong to y^e same

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the s^d stones &c I have ordered to be carried up to his plantation I give it to him & his heires forever.

Item. I give & bequeath to my two sons John & Christopher Hudson all my household goods or to the true vallue thereof In mony: to be Equally divided between them: to them and their heires for Ever. as to what new goods may be in the house at my Deth I desier they may be made use of for the cloathing my three younger children & their Negros and to discharge any of my Debts. I desier before the divition of my household goods is made: the two fetherbeds above mentioned may be delivered to the partys they are allotted for. I also desier that my younger children may be kept to school till they have attained sufficien[t] learning discretionly as my Executors and Trustees sha[ll] think proper and my two younger sons to be confined to some calling whereby they may be a[ble] to get a livelyhood al which I desier may be performed by my Executors and Trustees hereafter named.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Christopher Hudson six other negros (viz^t) Lando Nedd Grigory Jenny bathsheba, & Aggey to him & his heirs forever all which is to be settled & delivered to my s^d son by my Execut^{rs} hereafter named.

Item my will and desier is that the sever^{ll} negros before wiled to my two youngest sons may be as soon as conveniency wil admit of to be put to the several plantations whare they are allotted for & their be kept on the s^d plantation[s] & to be put to the best use for the benefit of the child to whom they belong to & after the debts & Legas [blank] is payed then the several crops of Tob^o to be ship^d and a separate account kept of the same as my Executors shal think proper.

Item. My will and d[esie]r is that Cap^t John Darracot and my two sons in law John Wingfie[ld] and Robert Wathen be my whole & sole [Execu]tors of this my last w[ill & testa]ment and that neither of them ackt or do [at a]ny time: any thing abo[ut] my Estate without the consent & aprobaton of the othe[r] Executors: I farther des[i]er that if the Law wil Admit of itt that my said E[xec]utors may finish my Executorship wharein I was appoynted an Executor wi[th] [Mr] John Snelson In the last Wil & Testament of Mr. Thomas Partridge deceast & [th]at they may receive

the [b]enefit & profits of the same so far as they ackt &c and fu[rth]er my wil and desier is that Mr. Bartlet Andeson and Mr. Robert Jennings [missing] overseers or trustees to see that this my will be complied with and for alo[missing] or a pledge I desier my Executors may deliver to Each of them a Goold rin[g] of Twenty Shillings Sterling price and any thing more that may be thought reasonable for thei[r] [t]rouble [missing] which I desier may be complied with by my Executors.

It[em]. as I have mentioned Every child's part of my Estate and that it lyeth in sever[al] [co]untys and at a greate distance I desier itt may not be appraised but that my Ex[e]cutors & Trustees may setle & divid the same as they shall think convenient.

Ite[m] I make this my last Will and Testament revokeing all other former wills by m[e] made heretofore. In witness whereof I the said Charles Hudson to this my last Will and Testament have set my hand & seale the day and year first above written

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Signed sealed & delivered In the presence of us who was present att the sealing thereof the same being contained in five sides of this Paper as itt is numbred &c

The word Plantation to my daughter Johnson in the side No. 1 and the word give to my daughter Ann in the side No. (2) both Interlined before assigned
Judith Holland, George Hudson, Geroge Taylor, Daniel Fitz Patrick

At a Court held for Hanover County on Thursday the 6th day of June 1745
This last will & Testament of Charles Hudson Gent dec^d being offered to proof by all the Executors therein named and the Court proceeding to the proof thereof the same was thereupon duely proved by the Oath of the said Executors and also buy the Oath of George Taylor and Daniel Fitz Patrick two of the witnesses thereto and thereupon admitted to record

Test Henry Robinson CHC

A copy William Pollard DCHC

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A Copy of Cap^t Charles Hudsons will

December the 31st 1766 was divided 12 Negros between Mary Markham & her sister Rebecca Wathen by Philip Mayo, Alex^r McCaul & Patrick Coutts Gent by order of Henrico Court
Mary Markhams part was Ned: Partheny: Lucey: Patt: Abram: & Silvey
Rebecca Walthens part was Stanley: Venus: Dafney: Charles: Titus & Easter

Transcription by P. Steven Craig, August 2023. Transcribed with spelling and grammar intact as found. Underling is in original. Where something is missing I put it in brackets. When it was apparent what should be there I filled it in but left it in brackets.