

CITY OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

WILLS 1782-1810

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FOREWORD

In 1737 Major William Mayo laid off lots for the Town of Richmond, Virginia on William Byrd II's property at the falls of the James River in Henrico County. It was named for its supposed resemblance to Richmond on the Thames, near London. It was incorporated as a town by the General Assembly in 1742, but remained a part of Henrico County. In 1782 Richmond was chartered as an independent city. Thereafter the deeds, wills and other records were maintained at the city hall instead at Henrico Court House. Up until 1810 the wills, accounts, inventories and administrations are found in the Hustings Court Deed Books. After that the city began separate will books.

Richmond in the period 1782-1810 was a very cosmopolitan place for a small town, with many Scotch, Irish, Germans, as well as persons from other states and cities resident there. Many planters and state officials as well as numerous merchants maintained homes in the city, which had become state capitol in 1780. This book contains abstracts of the probate records found in the deed books. Some of these are colorful and give an insight into the lives and character of the city's population.

For those seeking more information of the City of Richmond during this period, several other sources are suggested.
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HUSTINGS COURT DEEDS 1782-1792

p.37 Will of William Carson dated 21 Oct. 1782
To my beloved Elizabeth Carson, all my personal estate and she
to be sole executrix
To my nephew William Carson, all my wearing apparel and my
silver knee buckles and silver band buckle
Wit: Jno. Creagh, Simon Murray
Probated 17 Feb. 1783

p.39 Appraisal of estate of Richard Winston, valued at £ 19/7/4,
by Samuel Couch, Isaiah Isaacs and Smith Blakey 16 Nov. 1784

p.40 Appraisal of estate of James Mayborne, valued at £ 49/19/8
by Dabney Miller, Samuel Trower, and John Smith 21 Feb. 1785

p.41 Will of Ralph Macnair of Orange Co., North Carolina,
Attorney at Law
All debts of mine or made with my brother Ebenezer Macnair, are
to be discharged. All my real estate in North Carolina and
South Carolina to be sold, and all my personal estate to be
sold.
Residue is to be divided between my wife Dolly and my children,
each one share and share alike. Children's shares are to be
put out at interest until they are of age.
Executors: my brothers John Macnair and Ebenezer Macnair, late of
Orange County, and my brother in law Edward Hall of Edgecombe Co.
Dated 3 Aug. 1777
Wit: Jno. Telfair, Geo. Miller
Probated 19 Sept. 1785

p.50 Will of William Ludeman
To my sisters Christina Sophia and Catharina Juliana, \$1600
certificates, 666 2/3 acres of land, and \$60 apiece for
mourning clothes. If a sister dies, her share to her children.
If Catharina Juliana dies unmarried, her share to her sister
and children.
To Miss Sally Stewart and Miss Kitty Rowland, not only on
account of the attachment I have to the little girls, but to
their amiable mothers, 1000 acres in Cumberland Co.. If either
dies, her share to the eldest daughter in her family; and if
none, to the mother.
To my friend John Stewart, my much beloved sword and war com-
panion.
To Miss Nancy Lyles, near Manchester, £ 9 to 15, for a mourning
ring, because of my great friendship and esteem.
To my much respected acquaintances Miss Nancy Hair and Miss Peggy
Richardson, £ 3 to 5, for a mourning ring.
For the friendship I have experinced from Mr. William Richardson
and Mr. Harry Heth, my certificates of \$666, and they to be my
executors.
Dated 1 March 1786
Probated 20 March 1786

HUSTINGS DEEDS # 2 1792-1799

- p.2 Will of John McKeand of City of Richmond
My negroes, lands, houses and tenements, horses, household furniture and plate to be disposed of at public sale and the proceeds to my children, divided equally.
Executors: Francis Willis, Sr., Esq., of Gloucester Co., Jacquelin Ambler, Esq., Treasurer of Virginia, John Marshall, Esq., Mr. Alexander Buchanan, the Rev. Mr. John Buchanan, Mr. Alexander McRobert and Peter Hart, merchant. The last six gentlemen all of Richmond.
Dated 10 June 1791
Wit: Samuel Williamson, William Stott, Lain I Johnson, Hugh E. Hayes
Signed: John McKeand
Recorded 11 June 1792
- p.29 Account of sales of John Liggon's estate. 1785
Items bought by: Samuel Liggon, Mr. Andrew Castlin, Richard Crouch, Jesse Roper, Reuben Blakey, John Clarke, Matt Moody, James Burnett, David Rowland. Value £ 398/3/7 Recorded 14 Nov. 1792
- p.62 Inventory of Thomas Warren 17 Jan. 1793, value £ 393/4/0 by A. McRobert, Rich'd Whelin, William Giles, Jno. Crawford
Recorded 13 May 1793
- p.70 Will of Martha Jacquelin
To my niece Mrs. Martha Jacquelin Smith, £ 500, my household furniture and plate and all my wearing apparel
To Mrs. Rebecca Ambler, £20 for a ring
To my niece Mrs. Elizabeth Jacquelin Ambler, my negro girl Judith
To my niece Mary Willis Marshall, negro girl Edy, my dressing table and silver candlestick
To my nephew Mr. Jacquelin Ambler, all my other negroes except Cato and Taylor Will, and £ 1000. If he dies during my life, the legacies to his children.
To nephew Mr. Edward Smith, 12 silver tablespoons and soup ladle to be purchased by him and my name impressed on them in a cypher (the like number of spoons his brother already has of me)
My negroes Cato and Taylor Will to be set free
All rest of estate divided in two equal parts, $\frac{1}{2}$ to my nephew Jacquelin Ambler and $\frac{1}{2}$ to my nephews Col. John and Edward Smith, equally divided.
Executor: nephew Mr. Jacquelin Ambler
Dated 28 Feb. 1784
Wit: William Anderson, Jr., Matthias Abbott
Signed: Martha Jacquelin

Will of Martha Jacquelin (continued)

Codicil: The death of my niece Martha Jacquelin Smith having voided my legacy, I desire it go to her eldest son Thomas Reade Roots, except £ 20 to her youngest son Edward Jacquelin Smith, at age 21

Dated 19 Feb. 1785

Wit: William Anderson, Matthias Abbott

Codicil: 28 Feb. 1784

To my niece Mildred Robinson, daughter of Augustine Smith, L 500, in trust to John Marshall, Esq., and to any children she may have if she dies.

Wit: John Buchanan, Edward J. Smith

Recorded 10 June 1793

p.74 Will of Lodowick Warrock of Town of Richmond, "weak & sick" The three lots where I live in Richmond, with all houses, etc., to my wife, and at her death to my son William. To son John, land in Henrico County I bought of Cox Whitlow. The plantation is to be worked at direction of my executors until John is 21

To wife Mary, items, negroes, livestock, for life, and then to be sold and money divided among all my children.

My lot in Manchester (#137) to Mr. James Buchanan

Executors: wife and friends Turner Southall and George Mutor

Dated 22 June 1774

Wit: Betsy Vaughan, Sally Vaughan, Gottorthurn Walker

Signed: Lodowick Warrock

Recorded 5 Sept. 1774 at Henrico Court

Recorded again 10 June 1793, the original having been destroyed by the enemy.

p.94 Inventory of William Barret, value £ 283/1/1, produced by John Barret, Adm'r. and appraised by John Hicks, Jesse Roper and William Lawrence. Recorded 9 Dec. 1793

p.98 Will of James Simms of City of Richmond To wife Elizabeth, my lot and tenement on Shockoe Hill in Richmond also furniture and the money due me.

Executors: wife, David Holloway, Wm Nimmo, Wm Burns

Dated 25 Nov. 1793

Wit: Benjamin Temple, Richard Burns, Sally Burns

Signed: James Simms

Recorded 13 Jan. 1794

p.119 Inventory of Mrs. Martha Jacquelin, no value given, by J. Ambler, Executor. Recorded 15 April 1794

p.119 Inventory of slaves of Benjamin Morris by court order of 13 Jan. 1794, presented by John Morris, Adm'r. and appraised by David Holloway, Wm Cocke, James Bisset, Value £ 55

Recorded 15 April 1794

- p.122 Inventory of James Simms by William Giles, Benjamin Shapley, Samuel Bell. Value not totaled. Recorded 9 June 1794
- p.124 Inventory of Michael Hysler taken 29 July 1793 by Benjamin Duval, Isaac H. Judah and Jacob Wheaton, value £ 81/11/1
Inventory of property of partnership of Hysler & Cook showed them by William Cook, the surviving partner, value £ 43/16/1 by same appraisers. Recorded 9 June 1794
- p.127 Accounts of estate of Benjamin Morris with John Morris, Adm'r. Mentions: money due John Morris from estate of John Morris, Sr., dec'd, to be allowed out of estate of Benjamin Morris; amounts paid to heirs at law, vizt., Harrison Ratcliff, Daniel Jones, Lewis Bingley, Dudley Keen, Turner Morris, Henry Morris, Samuel Morris, also Joshua Morris in Kentucky and Joseph Morris, a minor. Total debits £ 243/18/8
Credits include land sold 15 July 1794 as part of estate of John Morris, Sen'r., dec'd, agreeable to his will. Credits £ 42/10/8½. Recorded 9 June 1794 and settled by John Courtney, Thomas Elliott, Jno. Murphy
- p.129 Inventory of Patience Barnes by court order of 9 June 1794 Appraised 31 July 1794 by Zach. Rowland, Jedediah Leeds, John Lester, value £ 142/6/0 Recorded 8 Sept. 1794
- p.135 Will of John Collins of City of Richmond
To wife Catherine, all ready money on hand and debts due me and household furniture.
Lots and houses I hold in Richmond to be rented until children of age and rents divided ¼ to wife and ¾ to children: Ann, Jane, John and Adam Collins.
Plantation I hold in Buckingham County to be sold and proceeds divided as above.
If Ann Collins, the daughter of my wife by her first marriage, acquires her fortune, which I believe is unlawfully withheld from her, she is to relinquish her claim to what I bequeathed her to Humphrey Dabney, as token of my gratitude for his faithful service as apprentice, 3 books on Science of Architecture by Mr. Payne, and case of instruments.
Capt. William Richardson and Mr. Jesse Roper, both of City of Richmond, to be guardians to my children.
Executors: wife, friends Capt. William Richardson, Mr. Jesse Roper, Mr. James Heron, Mr. Samuel Paine, Mrr. Robert Burton, all of City of Richmond.
Dated 29 Aug. 1794
Wit: John McEnery, John Glynn, W.H. Fitzwhylson
Signed: John Collins
Recorded 13 Oct. 1794

p.173 Inventory of Sarah Taylor by James Heron, Exec., Value £ 229/4/3, appraised by Jno. Graham, A. Buchanan, and John Henry. Recorded 13 April 1795

p.187 Will of John Hague of City of Richmond, "sick and weak" To wife Hannah, all of estate for life
The sloop "Cowancy" to be sold and money to my wife
My two negro men Abberdeen and Foster and my negro woman Sally to be emancipated after death of my wife.
After the death of my wife, to my nephew John Craddock, my half of brick house and lot, my half of lumber house and lot at Rocketts, also my half of store house and lot near the Market House, now occupied by Charles Burnett, they being owned in partnership with John Lester. Also the house I live in with lots. To him also my lease on the lumber house of Montgomery & Henry. To Robert and Braxton Craddock and to the children of Mary Green, wife of John Green, all my lots on Gillies Creek, equally divided
If Elizabeth Roper lives with my wife during her life, then she is to be maintained out of my estate, otherwise £ 50 to be paid to her.

I give to Hannah Vaughan, now living with me, £ 25
If my brother William Hague comes to America, I give him £ 5
Dated 19 June 1795

Wit: Richard Watkins

Signed John Hague

Recorded 13 July 1795

p.195 Inventory of John Hague 20 July 1795, value £ 349, by John Lester, Sam'l Mulford, A. McRobert Recorded 10 Aug. 1795

p.204 Inventory of Philip MacRae Oct. 1795, no value given, by Christopher MacRae, Adm'r.

p.206 Estate of John Roper, with John Hague, Adm'r. Nov. 1793 to March 1795, mentions cash paid Mrs. Roper (among others)
Examined by George Nicolson, John Lester, Sam'l Mulford
Recorded Nov. 1795

p.214 List of bonds due the estate of Robert Macartney, taken by Samuel Mosby, City Sergeant, followed by accounts of the estate. Recorded 14 Dec. 1795

p.215 Will of Anthony Singleton
To wife Lucy, my houses and 3 lots, all furniture, chariot and horses, and riding horse, and slaves, for life, and at her death divided between all my children.
Rest of my lots in Richmond to my children living at the time my youngest son Anthony is 21; also at that time, my lands in Kentucky, equally divided
To wife, interest on my stock and bonds for life.
To each of my sons as they come of age, \$ 1000