

1760/62

APPENDIX IV.

THE WILL OF ANN (THOMSON) MASON (1699-1762)
AND THE INVENTORY OF HER ESTATE

Stafford County Deeds,
Liber O Fols 433-456.

In the name of God Amen. I Ann Mason of the County of Stafford in the Colony of Virginia being at present in perfect health, and of sound mind & memory have thought fit before age or Infirmities impair them. To make this my last will & Testament in manner & form following. My soul I leave to God who gave it hoping for remission of all my Sins thro the merits & mediations of my redeemer Jesus Christ; My body I leave to be decently interred at the discretion of my Exrs. hereinafter named, what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bestow upon me, (after my Debts, Lawfully contracted are honestly paid) I dispose of as follows. Imprimis I give and bequeath to my son George Mason and to his heirs for ever my land lying on Goose Bay in Charles County in Maryland in lieu of all Debts I may owe him at my death -- As also, I give & bequeath to the sd. George Mason & his heirs for ever, the following Slaves, viz. Bridgett, Ancilla, Anthony, Sabrina, Lucy, Alice, Milla, Loty & Jamy & their future Increase, & my largest Silver Salvor; Item, I give to my son Thomson Mason & his heirs the following silver Plate, viz. my ring & Castors, two Salts, my Soop Spoon, and all the rest of my Silver Spoons large, or small; As also one new Bed bolster & Pillows, apair of Sheets, apair of Blankets and a...

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the said Slaves & future Issue of the said Wench Couragio be Subject to the same Limitation, and go and descend in the same manner as the Issue of that Wench Ordered by my will to be bought wou'd have done in case of the Death of my Grand Children Samuel Selden & Mary Selden as by the said will may more at Large appear. My Common wearing apparrele I leave to Elizabeth Wife of Thomas Heath. I also give & bequeath to my Grand Daughter Mary Selden a Callido Quilt & a Callico Counterpane in my Gift trunk which I am desirous she shou'd have. It is also my earnest request & desire, that the Mulatto Wench named Nan Oldgard, who has been an useful slave in the family may not be sold, or Exposed to Hardship as she is past her Labour & that if possible she may be allowed to live with my son George Mason who I hope will use her with Humanity. I desire that this codicil may be annex'd to my said will & be of equal vilidity with the same. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal, the day & year above mentioned.

Sign'd seal'd & Publish'd
in presence of --

Ann Mason (Seal)

Sarah Mastion, Walter Brook, Elizabeth
Rvling Eliz ^{Phery} Heath
mark

At a Court held for Stafford County
th
December the 14: 1762--

The aforegoing last will and Testament (with the Codicil thereto annex'd) of Ann Mason deced was presented into Court by John Moncure Clk one of the Exrs. therein named who made oath thereto according to Law. And the said Will & Codicil being proved by two of the witness to them Subscribed is admittèd to record. And on motion of the said Exr. & he performing what is usual in such cases certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form. Since which, George Mason and Thomson Mason Esqqs. the other Exrs. in the said will named prov'd the same, which is ordered to be certified-----

Teste

Henry Tyler CSC

that if both my Grand Children should die then to be given to my Eldest son-----

Hannah Hedgman
Helen Scott
John Wishart

Ann Mason

I Ann Mason of Stafford County th this 5 day of November 1762. Do make & publish this codicil to my last will & Testament hereunto annex'd as follows:
Whereas in my sd.....Will..... I have devised to my son George Mason my Lands at Goose Bay in Maryland in lieu of all debts I might owe him at the time of my Death. It is my intention, & I hereby devise to my said Son George Mason my said Lands at Goose Bay to him & his Heirs for ever, whether I am indebted to him my said son, or not, and whereas by my said will I have bequeath'd to my said son George Mason a negroe wench named Letty & her son named Jammy I now at the request of my said son, give & bequeath the said Negroe Letty & Jammy her son, to My said Exrs. in trust, for my Grandson Saml. Selden & his heirs for ever and if the said Samuel Selden should die without Issue before he arrives at the age of twenty one years in trust for my Grand Daughter Mary Selden & her heirs forever & in case my Grand Daughter aforesd. should also die without issue before she arrives at the age of twenty one Years the said Negroe Letty in trust for my son George Mason & his heirs forever, & the said Negroe Jammy in trust for my Grandson Thomson Mason, son to my sd. son Geo. Mason & his heirs for Ever. and whereas also in my said will I have ordered my Exrs. therein named after by Debts are paid to purchase out of the remainder of my Estate a likely young Negroe Wench & child to be given to my Grandson Saml. Selden & his heirs in Lieu of the said Negroe Letty & her son Jammy before bequeath'd to my son George Mason, My will & meaning is now, that no such wench & child be purchased as aforesd. and I hereby give & bequeath to my said Grandson Saml. Selden & his heirs for ever a Negroe fellow named Monsser and a Negroe Wench named Couragio, Provided never the less that

... sale of my Estate real & Personal aforesd. & my Debts, Crops, &c. shall be sufficient to pay my Debts & Legacies aforesd. So as to save my Stock of Horses, Cattle, sheep & Hoggs that then & in that case my said stock of cattle, Horses, ~~sheep~~ & Hoggs shall be Equally divided between my said Grand Children Samuel Selden & Mary Selden & settled by my Exrs. upon The Lands where the Negroes belonging to the said Samuel Selden & Mary Selden are respectively worked & kept, for their use & benefit, Lastly I hereby nominate & appoint my Sons George Mason & Thomson Mason & my friend John Moncure Clk Exrs. of this my last will & Testament and trustees for the purposes aforesd. Hereby revoking all former wills by me made and declaring this only to be my last will & Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the th 25 day of
August 1760-----

Signed Sealed & Published

in presence of

Ann Mason (Seal)

Hannah Hedgman

Helen Scott

John Wishart

Memd.

It is my will & desire that my Cousin Frances Moncure the wife of John Moncure Clk take care of my Daughter Mary Thomson Selden deceds Picture now in my Hall, and give it to my Grandson Samuel Selden when he come of age, but if he should die before he come of age, that then it be give to my Grand th Daughter Mary Selden, Witness my hand, this 26 day of August 1760, and further