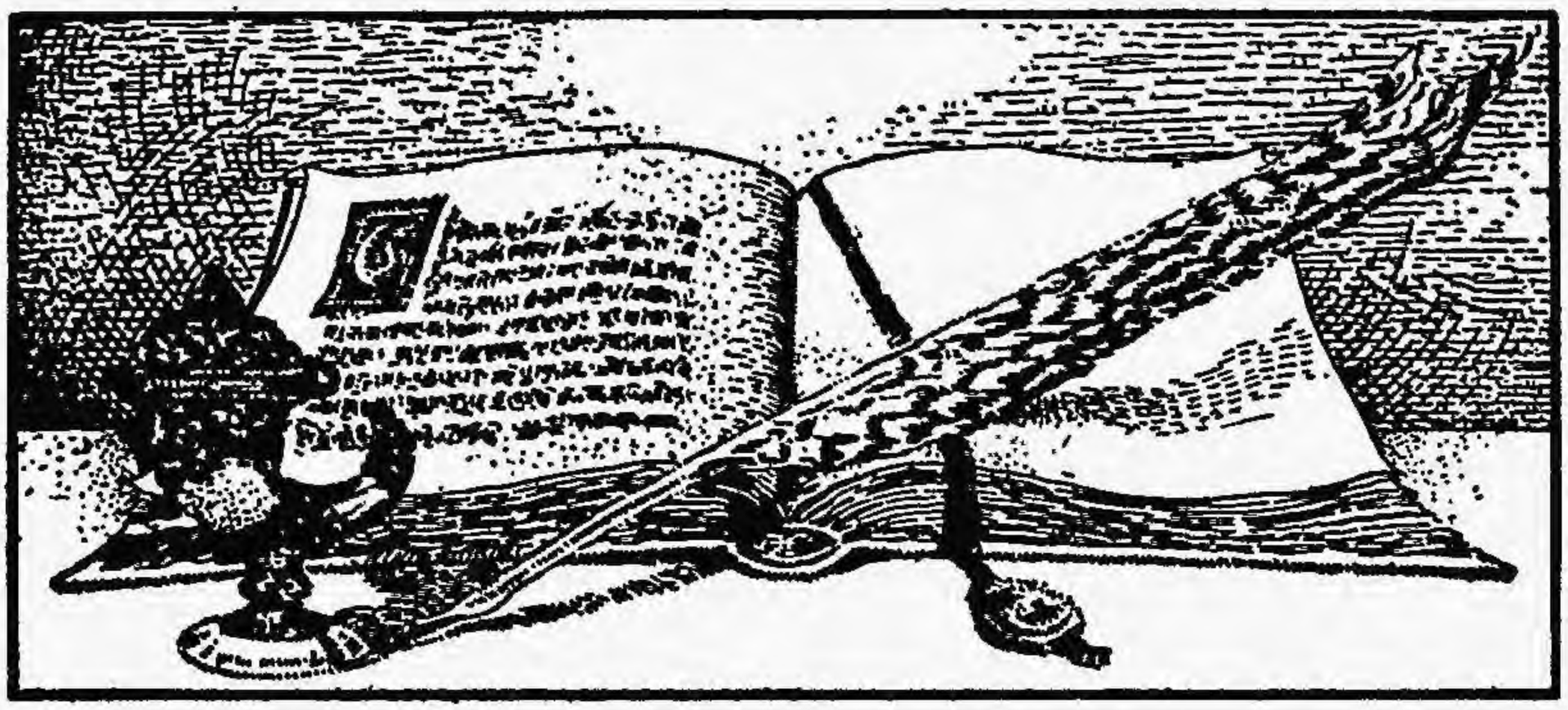


WILL OF PATRICK HENRY'S MOTHER.

Contributed by Senner Higginbotham MacFarlane.

Records of Amherst county, Va., Will-book 2, page 229:

In the name of God, Amen.

I Sarah Henry of Amherst County Widow of Sound Sense and Perfect Memory—do—hereby make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, in manner and form Following

I give to my son John Syme a Mourning Ring

I give to my son William Henry a Mourning Ring

I give to my son Patrick Henry a Mourning Ring

Item I give to my son Patrick Henrys Daughter—Elizabeth Henry my negro man Reuben who is in the Possession of my Son in Law William Russell and my daughter Elizabeth Russell But it is my Desire that the negroe man Ruben may chuse at my decease whether he will belong to the said Elizabeth Henry or be sold to

my Son in Law William Russell—if he chuses to be sold Then I desire my Executors may sett a price on him and that Price paid to the above said Elizabeth Henry

Item I give to my Son in Law Samuel Merediths daughter Jane Henry Meredith my negro Boy Simon

Item I give to my daughter Lucy Wood—a Mourning Ring

Item I give to my daughter Annie Christian a Mourning Ring—and to her daughter—Sarah Winston Christian I give my negro Boy Charles

Item I give to my daughter Susanna Madison my negro woman Fanny and I give to Her son John Henry Madison my negro Girl Cloe

Item I give to my daughter Susanna Madison a Mourning Ring—and I give to Her daughter Sarah Madison £20 Current Money

Item I Lend to my daughter Elizabeth Russell The following Negroes—Simon and Aggy—Kiah and Delphia—and James Allen—dureing her naturall Life—and—at the decease—of my daughter—Elizabeth Russell the aforesaid negroes—except James Allen—to be equally divided between Every surviving Child of my daughter Elizabeth Russell—and James Allen to Descend to my Grandson Charles Henry Campbell

If my daughter Elizabeth Russell should decease without Children or Grand Children Or such Children or Grandchildren should die without Lawfull Issue to Possess and Enjoy the aforesaid Gifts—In such a Case I Desire that the aforesaid negroes may be Equally divided among my Surviving daughters—

In Case Debts should arise against the Estate of my Deceased Husband John Henry that may Cause the aforesaid negroes to be Sold, then it is my desire that my Children pay, Proportionably according to the number and Worth of the Mortgaged negroes in their Possession—and I Desire, that Simon and Aggy and Kiah may Chuse their Master and Mistress among my Children—their prices to be Sett by my Executors, hereafter named,—and their Value to go in my Estate Towards paying the debts and Legacies,—and all the Residue of my Estate I give to my daughter Elizabeth Russell and Her Children—as above—

Item I give to my Grandson Charles Henry Campbell and my Grand Daughter Sarah Buchanan Campbell Eight Thousand pounds of Tobacco—out of that I am to Reserve of Peter Rippoto for a Tract of Land which I sold the said Rippoto Lying in this County—which Tobo when Received by my Exexrs to be sold by them for money and Put out to Interest till my said Grandson and Granddaughter arrive to Lawfull age or marry—at which Time each one of them shall be entitled to an Equall Part—in case either of them should die before they are of age or have Lawfull Issue—in such case it is my desire the survivor may have the whole of the money with the interest arising thereon—But in case Both of these my Grand Children should Decease before they are of age, or have Lawfull Issue, in such case it is my desire that the above mentioned Money should be Equally divided among my surviving sons and daughters—each one an equal part—

The Remainder of the Tobo arising from the Sale of the aforesaid Land sold to Rippoto I give to my Son in Law Samuel Meredith—on his paying John Lankester his Charges and for his improvements which he made on that Land, also the Expenses of Surveying the Land, after Lankester went to Live on it

I desire that my Wearing Apparrell may be divided among my daughters

and Lastly I appoint my Son in Law Samuell Meredith and my son Patrick Henry and my Son in Law William Christian and my son in Law Thomas Madison and my worthy freind Edmund Winston Executors of this my Last Will and Testament—and in Case of any Disputes—or misunderstandings should arise about my aforesaid Will—Then I appoint and desire my above mentioned Exectuors or any Three of them Shall Decide and Determine all such Disputes and misunderstandings—that may arise among my Legatees—That no Law Sutes shall be Commenced about My Will—

This 12th day of March 1784 I Sett my Hand and Seal

Sarah Henry (seal.)

acknowledged in presence of
James Franklin
James Higginbotham
Jos. Barnett

At a Court held for Amherst County the Second Day of May 1785 This Last Will & Testament of Sarah Henry Deceased was this Day presented in Court by Edmond Winston one of the Executors therein Named & proved by the Oaths of James Franklin & Joseph Barnett two of the witness thereto whereupon the said Executor with Saml Meredith his Surety Entered into & acknowledged Bond in the penalty of Two Thousand Pounds Took the Oath Required by Law and Ordered to be Recorded

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Edm'd. Wilcox Clk.
