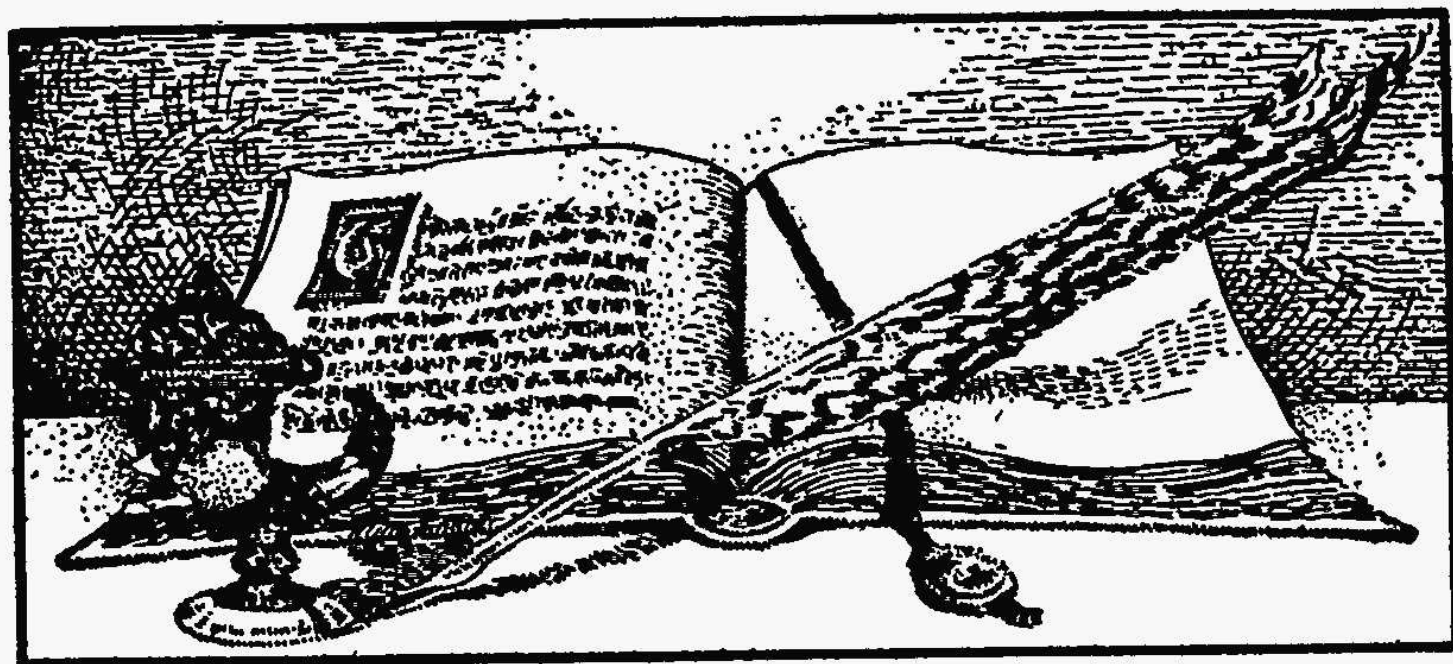




ABSTRACTS OF PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VA., WILLS.

(Contributed by MRS. N. E. CLEMENT, Chatham, Va.)

Patrick Shields, Planter, d. 1770, Sept. 22, prob. Nov. 29, 1770. Wit. Joseph Cunningham, Thomas Cunningham. Ex., Samuel Shields, James Shields and John Shields. Leg., wife Jeane Shields, sons Robert, Thomas and Joseph Shields; also Samuel Shields, James Shields, John Shields and William Shields. Page 368, Will Book 5.

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Mary Clock, Parish of Nottoway, Amelia county, d. June 30, 1750; prob. Aug. 29, 1770. Wit., Crespen Shelton, John Shelton. Leg., sons

Ralph Shelton, John Shelton, Crispen Shelton, Benjamin Shelton, James Shelton, and grandchildren Reuben Shelton and Patience Catesby Blockey she gives 1 shilling sterling. To daughter Elizabeth Davis the best of her wearing clothes; to son Daniel Shelton and his heirs all of the rest of her estate. Page 370, B. 5.

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Joshua Worsham of Pittsylvania county, d. April 20, 1771; probate Aug. 29, 1771. Wit., Thomas Duncan, William Melton and George Southerland. Leg., wife Mary Worsham, the plantation whereon we now live. Sons John Worsham, Thomas, Daniel, Robert, Joshua, daughters Mary, Michel, Patty and Phebe. Ex., beloved wife Mary and son David.

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Benjamin Terry of Camden Parish, Pittsylvania county, d. Dec. 28, 1760; prob., Sept. 27, 1770. Wit., Theophibus Lacy, John King, William King. Ex., wife Eliz. Terry and son Nath'l. Leg., wife Elizabeth Irby, son Nathaniel Terry, survey of land on Sandy Creek and 2 negroes; son Benjamin, land I now live on and 2 negroes; son Peter, land on mine branch, 2 negroes; son Joseph Terry, 2 negroes; son Robert, survey of land and 2 negroes; dgt. Keziah Murphy, 2 negroes; to dgt. Livinia King and her dgt. Grace Terry, 2 negroes; dgt. Sarah Terry, 2 negroes; dgt. Elizabeth Buckingham, 2 negroes; dgt. Mary Terry, 2 negroes. The rest of his estate to be sold and divided equally between his children. Page 378.

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John King of Pitts. county, d. April 27, 1771, prob. Nov. 26, 1771. Wit., Isham Dalton, John Stunson, Woodlief Thomas, William Astin. Ex., friend Hugh Challis. Leg., sons Malichi, Elijah, friend Hugh Challis, grandson John King, and the rest of his children, not mentioned. Page 379.

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John Couch, of Pitts. county, d. April 3, 1771, prob. March 26, 1772. Wit., Eliz. Tunstall, Samuel and John Walker. Ex., Mary Peterson and William Tunstall. Leg., Mary Peterson, and children Mary and Unity and George.

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James Boulling of Pittsylvania, May 20, 1771, prob. September 24, 1772. Wit., William Edwardson, Thomas Edwards, Isham Edwards. Ex., wife Elizabeth Boleing and son James Boleing, Jr. Leg., children Judith, John, Mary, James and Ann shall have "one equal part of my estate, & Ann and William shall have two equal parts." Page 387.

Shields my some one Negro man named  
 Alias was also of the Bond to be released and  
 sold of my moveable Estate. Nam I give grant  
 and bequeath to Joseph Shields my son and  
 Nam Grant & bequeath that if there in any  
 Remainder after each of the legacies pay'd  
 that it be Divided Equally between Thomas & Robert  
 Nam I will that at Roberts decease the negro man  
 Wench to be sold and that and his other estate  
 be Divided Equally between Samuel Shields  
 James Shields John Shields William Shields  
 Joseph Shields & Thomas Shields. Nam  
 I make constitute and ordain Samuel  
 Shields, James Shields & John Shields to be  
 my Executors of this my Last Will and  
 Testament and I do hereby Disallow all former  
 Wills or Wills whatsoever and State by this  
 only and no other to be my Last Will and  
 Testament. In Witness whereof I have here  
 unto set my hand and seal this day and year  
 above Written  
 Signed sealed in presence of us Patrick Shields  
 Joseph Cunningham }  
 Thomas Cunningham }

At a Court held for Pittsylvania County the 2<sup>nd</sup> day  
 of November 1770

The Within last Will & Testament  
 of Patrick Shields Dec'd was Exhibited in Court by  
 Samuel Shields & James Shields two of the Executors  
 therein mentioned and proved by the oaths of the  
 thereto and ordered to be Recorded and on the motion of the  
 said Executors, who made oath according to Law be it  
 is granted them for obtaining a probate of the said Will  
 in due form of Law giving security whereupon  
 they together with John Sutton & John Smith  
 entered unto bond & Acknowledged the same according  
 to Law  
 Test. Will. Tunstall C

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 Will

In The Name of God amen I Mary Black  
 of the Parish of Nottoway in the County of James  
 & Virginia being Very Sick and Weak in body but  
 of sound mind and memory Thanks be to al  
 mighty god. Have thought fit to make & Sign  
 this my Last will and Testament in form  
 and form following Revoking and Repealing  
 void all othe will or wills by me or me made  
 and Just and principally I commend my  
 soul into the hands of my God or in Salvation  
 in & through the merits of my ever blessed

Redeemur, & as to my Temporal Estate after  
Due payment of my just debts funerals expenses  
and Legacies I dispose thereof as followeth  
Item I give to my Grand Child Reubin Shelton  
one Shilling Sterling. Item I give to my Son  
Ralph Shelton one Shilling Sterling. Item  
I give to my Son Crispin Shelton one Shilling  
Sterling. Item I give to my Son John Shelton  
one Shilling Sterling. Item I give to my son  
Benjamin Shelton one Shilling Sterling.  
Item I give to my son James Shelton one  
Shilling Sterling. Item I give to my Daughter  
Elizabeth Davis the best <sup>young</sup> wearing clothes. Item  
I give to my Grand Child Calient Caley  
a Blacky. one Shilling Sterling. Item I give  
my negro wench Tany and all her Increase  
to my son Daniel Shelton and his heirs  
forever. I give all the rest of my  
estate to my son Daniel Shelton and to his  
heirs forever. My Will and Desire is that my

Daniel Shelton may be my whole  
executor. My Will and Desire is that my  
Witness whereof I have  
subscribed my hand and seal this 30 day of  
August 1778  
Mary M Rankin  
marked

At a Court held for Pittsylvania County the 29  
day August 1778.

The Within last Will and Testament  
of Mary Clark Decd was Exhibited in Court by  
Daniel Shelton the Executor therein named and  
proved by the oaths of the Witnesses thereto and  
ordered to be Recorded. Upon the motion of the said  
Executor who made oath according to Law Certificate  
is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in  
due form of Law giving security, whereupon  
he together with Crispin Shelton Gent. his  
security entered into bond of acknowledgment the same  
according to Law. Test Will Gunstall Ct

Worham  
New

In the name of God amen April the twentyeth  
one Thousand seven hundred & seventy one I Joshua  
Worham of Pittsylvania County being at this  
present time weak of body but of sound & perfect  
memory than God for it. Do make and ordain this  
to be my Last will & Testament. First I give  
my Soul to God & my body to be cast to be  
buried in a Christian manner at the discretion  
of my executors hereafter mentioned & as for  
Worldly estate I give Devise & Dispose of in  
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