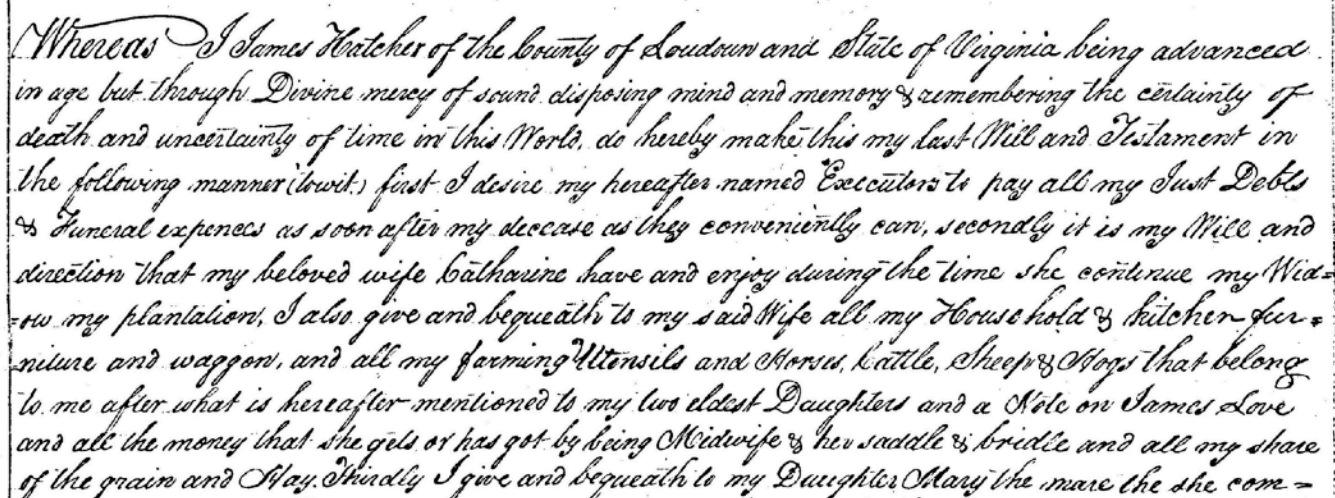


The Will of James Hatcher 1816

James Hatcher was the son of William and Ann Hatcher, who first moved to Lincoln, Va from Pennsylvania in 1744. James married Catherine Nichols, daughter of Isaac and Margery Nichols.

A handwritten manuscript of a will, written in cursive. The text is enclosed in a rectangular border. The ink is dark, and the paper appears aged. The handwriting is clear but somewhat slanted. The text begins with 'Whereas I James Hatcher of the County of Loudoun and State of Virginia being advanced in age but through Divine mercy of sound disposing mind and memory & remembering the certainty of death and uncertainty of time in this World, do hereby make this my last Will and Testament in the following manner (to wit) first I desire my hereafter named Executors to pay all my Just Debts & Funeral expenses as soon after my decease as they conveniently can, secondly it is my Will and direction that my beloved wife Catherine have and enjoy during the time she continue my Widow my plantation, I also give and bequeath to my said Wife all my Household & Kitchen furniture and waggons, and all my farming Utensils and Horses, Cattle, Sheep & Hogs that belong to me after what is hereafter mentioned to my two eldest Daughters and a Note on James Love and all the money that she gets or has got by being Midwife & her saddle & bridle and all my share of the grain and Hay. Thirdly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary the mare she com-

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First I desire my hereafter named Executors to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my decease as they conveniently can,

Secondly it is my will and direction that my beloved wife Catherine have and enjoy during the time she continue my widow my plantation. I also give and bequeath to my said wife all my household and kitchen furniture and wagon, and all my farming utensils and horses, cattle, sheep and hogs that belong to me after what is hereafter mentioned to my two eldest daughters and a note on James Love and all the money that she gets or has got by being midwife and her saddle and bridle and all my share of the grain and hay.

of the grain and Hay Thirdly I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary the mare she commonly rides named Blaze one cow and Heifer six sheep two feather beds and all the bed clothes hath marked M.H. six chairs one case of Drawers one walnut table and all her crockery ware and Pewter. Fourthly I give & bequeath to my Daughter Edith one cow & Heifer one case of Drawers one walnut table seven chairs two feather beds and bed clothes that she hath marked E.H. six sheep and all her crockery ware and pewter and a colt near two years old. Fifthly after the decease or marriage of my Wife my Will is to give and bequeath to my two Daughters Mary & Edith a piece of Land that lyeth next to the meeting house beginning at the corner next the Meeting house thence East to the East corner of the meadow thence up the meadow fence to a hickory tree standing in the meadow thence crossing the meadow and straight through the middle of the field to the west line thence south to the Beginning they to have that piece of Land as long as they live single but if either of them should marry then the other that is single should have the Land but if both marry then it should be sold and the money equally divided among my nine Children share and share alike, and my Will is that Mary & Edith should have the East end of the House where George Tavenner now lives while they or either of them live single after the death or marriage of my wife likewise my cash and Debts due me in Notes or otherwise as soon as it can be collected to be equally divided between my nine Children as above. Sixthly after the death or marriage of

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Fifthly after the decease or marriage of my wife my will is to give and bequeath to my two daughters Mary and Edith a piece of Land that lyeth next to the meeting house beginning at the corner next the meeting house thence east to the east corner of the meadow thence up the meadow fence to a hickory tree standing in the meadow thence crossing the meadow and straight through the middle of the field to the west line thence south to the beginning they to have the piece of land as long as they live single but if either of them should marry then the other that is single should have the land but if both marry then it should be sold and the money equally divided among my nine children share and share alike, and my will is that Mary and Edith should have the east end of the house where George Tavenner now lives while they or with of them live single after the death or marriage of my wife likewise my cash and debts due m in notes or otherwise as soon as it can be collected to be equally divided between my nine children as above.

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my wife then my Plantation to be sold except that is left to Mary and Edith whilst they live
single and all the moveables remaining and the money equally among my nine children and
their Mother if she marry, if not then among the children as above. Lastly I nominate and
appoint my Son James my son-in-law David Young and Samuel Hatcher Executors of this
my Last Will and Testament fully authorizing them to make good any contracts I have made
or convey for Land, hereby utterly disannulling and revoking any former Will or Wills by me made
In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, Seal this twenty first day of the sixth Month
Eighteen Hundred and sixteen 1816.

Signed sealed published & declared by me to be my
Last Will & Testament in the presence of

Thomas Hatcher
George Lavenner
Henry Trowers

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James Hatcher

Seal

Sixthly after the death or marriage of my wife then my plantation to be sold except that is left to Mary and Edith whilst they live single and all the moveable remaining and the money equally among my nine children and their mother if she marry, if not then among the children as above.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my son James, my son in law David Young, and Samuel Hatcher Executors of this my last will and testament fully authorizing them to make good any contracts I have made or convey for land. Hereby utterly disannulling and revoking any former will or wills by me made in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty first day of the sixth month eighteen hundred and sixteen 1816.

James Hatcher