

Last Will and Testament of Richard Fox, 1771
Mecklenburg County, VA.

In the name of God, Amen, I Richard FOX of the County of Mecklenburg in the Colony of Virginia being weak in body but sound in mind and memory praised be Almighty God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the manner and form following viz:

First and principally I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God my Maker hoping through the meritorious death of Jesus Christ my Savior to receive all pardon of all my sins and as for my body to be buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter nominated, and calling to mind what worldly estate it hath pleased Almighty God to help me with, I give and dispose in manner and form following.

I give and bequeath to my grandchildren Amy BURCHETT, James BURCHETT and Joseph BURCHETT, John BURCHETT, Mary Ann BURCHETT and Isaac BURCHETT my Negro woman ANACA and all her present and future increase to be equally divided amongst them after the death of their father Joseph BURCHETT. I desire he may have the use of them all during his life.

Item: I give and devise to my son Jacob FOX my mill and one acre of land on the South side of Mill Creek at the end of the dam and also all the land I bought of George KING and John King ROSSER that lays on the North Side of the Mill Creek to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and devise to my son Richard FOX all the tract of land that I now live on with the Ferry and all other conveniences of the same to him and his heirs and assigns forever together with two cows and calves to him and his assigns forever.

Item: I give and devise to my son Isham FOX all the land that I now own on the South side of Mill Creek except the acre I give to my son Jacob FOX too him and his heirs and assigns forever, together with two cows and calves to him and his heirs forever, also I give to my son Isham FOX all that tract or parcel of land I bought of Shipiallen PUCKETT after the death of my daughter Sarah PRICE, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my daughter Nancy FOX, the use of my Negro boy ABRAM and my Negro girl PHEBEE to be and continue in the hands of my wife during her life and after death for my daughter Nancy to go in care of John KENDRICK and Amy his wife, also I give to my daughter Nancy one featherbed and furniture and two cows and calves to be and continue with her Mother during her life and after her death to go to John KENDRICK for the use of my daughter, and if my said daughter Nancy should died without heirs lawfully begotten of her body my will and desire is that the said Negro's ABRAM and PHEBEE go to John KENDRICK and his wife, and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter Hannah my Negro girl ANACA and a good bed and furniture together with two cows and calves to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Richard FOX one Negro named KITT and a good bed and furniture to him and his heirs and assigns forever. My will and desire is that the land I bought of James DOZER to be sold to defray the charges in buying the said land.

Item: I give to my daughter Ann FOX my Negro girl MOLLY together with a good bed and furniture and two cows and calves to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give to my son Isham FOX my Negro girl PAUL [sic] together with one good bed and furniture two cows and calves to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give to my son Isham FOX that land that I bought of Hutchens BURTON to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give to my beloved wife all the rest of my estate during her life and after her decease my will and desire is that all that part I give my wife the use of during her life to be equally divided amongst my children except Nancy who I don't allott to have any part of my estate.

Item: My will and desire further is that if any of my children die before they come of age or have lawfull issue that his or their part shall be equally divided amongst my surviving children.

Lastly I noiminate and appoint my son Jacob FOX and **John KENDRICK** Executors of this my ast will and testament, Revoking and disannulling all former wills and ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this fourth day of January One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy One.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered by the said Richard FOX and said to be his last will and testament.

Alex MORRISON S/Richard FOX [SEAL]

His Wm, C. MORRISON Mark

Elizabeth DAVIS

Probated 13 May 1771, Mecklinburg County Virginia Will Book 1, p. 94: Old Book 3, p. 3.

William his son, is not mentioned in this will. He was married to Mary Kendrick, sister of John Kendrick on 10 June 1765. Richard acknowledged a deed in Mecklinburg co., VA., to his son William Fox. [Old Book 1765-1768, p. 34]

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Page 100: Inventory of the Estate of Richard Fox. Appraised the Negroes and all the personal Estate of Richard Fox, deceased. Slaves named: Abram, Poll, Jean and her child Anthony, Sucko? and her child Wonney?, Sue, Paul, Phillis, (Anica?), Peter, Milley, and Frank.

Inventory included cows, steers, heifers, sheep, hogs, horses, hoes and axes, a grindstone, parcel of old iron, pewter, loom, gun, wheels, books, cart, casks, saddles, chairs, beds and furniture, candlesticks, shears, feathers, Tobacco, etc.

Recorded 8 July 1771.

Co. (Film dim and dark). 132 acres.

Recorded 11 Aug. 1777.

Page 122: Indenture made 7 Feb. 1777.

Between William Fox , Jacob Fox, Richard Fox, Anne Fox, and **John Kindrick and Amy his wife, of Mecklenburg Co.**, Joseph Price & Sarah his wife and David Towns & Hannah his wife of the County of Bute, NC, Samuel Jones & Mary his wife of the Province of Georgia and Luke? Matthews & Lucy his wife of the County of Brunswick in VA aforesaid (which said William, Jacob, Richard, Anne, Amy, Sarah, Hannah, Mary, Lucy are devisees of Richard Fox late of the County of Mecklenburg aforesaid, deceased) of the one part, and William Davis, Gentleman, of the other part. Whereas the said Richard Fox, deceased, did by his last will and Testament, duly proved and recorded in the County Court of Mecklenburg aforesaid, give and devises unto his son Isham? Fox amongst other tracts of land, the land he the said Richard Fox bought of Hutchins Button?, but which said tract was conveyed to the said Richard Fox by Robert Wooding by deed recorded in the County Court of Mecklenburg aforesaid 12 Oct 1766, and further the said Richard Fox did by his said last will and Testament direct that if any of his children should die before they came of age or had lawful issue, his or their parts should be equally (divided) amongst all his children as by the said Will will more fully appear and the said Isham Fox having died under the age of twenty-one years, and without lawful issue, the devisees aforesaid became possessed of the said tract of land aforesaid, with others under the clause aforesaid of the said Richard Fox's will; The heirs of Richard Fox sold the above land to William Davis. Land on both sides of Smith's Creek, containing 200 acres. Description mentions Ballard's, formerly Fowler's corner red oak on the west side of the creek; Kirk's, formerly Robertson's line Davis's, formerly King's corner.

Deed signed by: Jacob Fox, Richard Fox, **John Kindrick, Amy Kindrick**, Joseph Price, Sarah Price, and Anna Fox.

Recorded 10 Nov. 1777

Page 124: Indenture made 7 Feb. 1777.

Between William Fox, Jacob Fox, Richard Fox, Anna Fox, and John Kendrick & Amy his wife, and William Davis of the County of Mecklenburg, VA, Joseph Price & Sarah his wife and David Towns & Hannah his wife of the County of Bute, NC, Luke Matthews & Lucy his wife of the County of Brunswick, VA. aforesaid (which said William, Jacob, Richard, Anna, Amy, Sarah, Hannah, William Davis and Lucy are devisees of Richard Fox, deceased) of the one part, and Edward Davis of the other part. The Fox family members, or heirs, sold to Edward Davis, land on the north side of Smith's Creek, containing 196 acres. Description mentions Smith's Creek, Stephen Kirk's line, Wallace's line, William Davis's line.

Signed by: Jacob Fox, Richard Fox, **John Kindrick, Amy Kindrick**, Joseph Price, Anna Fox

Recorded: 10 Nov. 1777