

Thompson  
Annals:  
Will

James Thompson Minister of the Gospel enjoying the proper Exercise of Reason and Health of Body at present do make and ordain my last Will & Testament in manner following—

First I commend my Soul to God Who gave it, in Comfort-able Hopes acceptance with God thro' the alone Merits of Christ; and my Body to the Earth expecting a Glorious Resurrection to eternal Life.

And my worldly Estate I dispose of as followeth:  
Imprimis I give unto my beloved Wife Jane all that Tract of Land on which I now live to her and her Heirs and Assigns forever, and my white servants during their servitude; and my Negro Children, viz: Jan, Dick, Will, and Ned I give unto my beloved Wife during her natural life together with the Use of my grown Negroes, Jack, Bett, and Ben, for three Years after my Will takes place; and I order my Executors after the expiration of said three Years to emancipate, and procure for s<sup>d</sup>. last mention- ed three Negroes as full Liberty as those have who <sup>are</sup> born free in any of the United free States of America; and my Will & desire is that my Negro Children should be free as above after the decease of my Wife— And I likewise give all my Stock, Implements of Husbandry, Books and Household Furniture unto my beloved Wife her Heirs & Assigns, Item I order my Executors to sell that Tract of Land on which my Mills are, as soon as it will sell to advantage after the Time is expired for which it is rented; and I give the Money arising from s<sup>d</sup>. Sale after paying my just debts & defraying the expences of selling my Negroes Jack, Bett & Ben free, unto the Trustees of New Jersey Collige; and my Will and desire is that they appropriate the Interest thereof to the Education of ingenious apparently pious young Men for the Gospel Ministry. And I appoint my beloved Wife together with my trusty friends Josias Clapham Esq<sup>r</sup>. and Samuel Poling Executors of this my last Will & Testament and in confirmation hereof I have herewith set my hand and seal this eleventh day of September 1776

in presence of  
Joseph Reider  
Gabriel Fox  
Sam<sup>l</sup>. Lewis

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