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Negroes thereon except those herein otherwise given. I also give him Two Negroes named Hercules & Isaac. Item. I give unto Sarah Cobb for the use of the Daughter One Hundred Pounds Currant Money. I also give unto her Daughter Sarah Stagg all my Land on the South Side of Appomattox River to be to her and the Heirs of her Body lawfully begotten forever & for want of such Heirs then to return to my Son William Randolph & his Heirs forever. I also annex to the said Land for the uses aforementioned Five Negroes named Redriff Affey, Bagwel Jack & Phibby. Item. I give unto my Son Peter Randolph Two Negroes named Jenny & Flora. All the rest & residue of my Estate Real & Personall I give unto my Son Beverley & his Heirs forever except as followeth, I give unto my Daughter Mary Five Negroes Named Phibby, Mirtilla Phillis & her Three children. I give unto my Son William Randolph all my Plate & Household goods on the Plantation where I live in Goochland County. It is my will that the Stock Tools & utensils on the several Lands be given therewith. It is also my will that the Slaves & Plantations herein particularly given be kept together by my Executor untill my Legacies shall be paid out of the Profits thereof. Item. I give Two Hundred Pounds Sterling which is owing to me from my Son in Law John Chiswell unto his Daughter Elizabeth & Susannah to be put out to interest by my Executors for their use.

Lastly I do appoint my Three Sons Beverly Randolph, Peter Randolph & William Randolph, Executors of this my Last will & Testament & it is my direction that my Executors be not obliged to Inventory or appraise my Estate.

Witness my Hand & seal the Seventeenth Day of October One Thousand Seven Hundred & Forty Two.

WILLIAM RANDOLPH (seal)

This will was signed sealed & published in the presence of us. Wm. Mayo. Saml. Cobbs. John Scruggs. Thos. Carter. Richard Povall.

At a Court held for Goochland County Novemb. 16. 1742. This Will was proved by the Oaths of William Mayo, Theodrick Carter, and John Scruggs to be the Last will and Testament of the Honble William Randolph, Esqr. Dec'd. which was ordered to be Recorded.

Test.

HENRY WOOD Cl. Curt.

A copy—Teste.

P. G. MILLER, Deputy Clerk
for William Miller, Clerk G. Co. Ct.

Sept. 18, 1894.

II. SUSANNA³ BEVERLEY (*Peter*,² *Robert*,¹) youngest daughter, born —; died —; married Sir John Randolph, of Williamsburg (son of Colonel William Randolph, the elder, of "Turkey Island") who was born 1693, died March 9, 1737. He was educated at William and Mary College, Gray's Inn, and The Temple; and after finishing his legal studies in England returned to Virginia, settled in Williamsburg (though he had estates in Gloucester, where he was at one time County Lieutenant), and at an early age was appointed Attorney General of Virginia. He represented William and Mary College in the House of Burgesses, and in 1730, while visiting England, it is said to obtain a renewal of the College charter, he was knighted. In 1736 he was chosen Speaker of the House of Burgesses and Treasurer, and in the same year, the first recorder of the new borough of Norfolk. Sir John seems to have been considered to have been at the head of the bar in his day, and to have been generally regarded as a man of great talents and acquirements. His nephew, William Stith, says that he (Randolph) intended to write a preface to the laws of Virginia, "and therein to give an historical account of our Constitution and government, but was prevented from prosecuting it into effect by his many and weighty public employments and by the vast burden of private business from his clients." Stith made use of the materials his uncle had collected.

The following obituary notice of Sir John appeared in *The Virginia Gazette* for the week ending March 11, 1736-7:

"WILLIAMSBURG, March 11.—On Monday last, the Hon. Sir John Randolph, Knt., Speaker of the House of Burgesses, Treasurer of this Colony, and Representative for William and Mary College, was interred in the Chapel of the said College. He was (according to his own Directions) carried from his House to the Place of Interment, by Six honest, industrious, poor House-keepers of Bruton Parrish; who are to have Twenty Pounds divided among them: And the Rev. Mr. Dawson, one of the Professors of that College, pronounced a Funeral Oration in Latin. His Corps was attended by a very numerous Assembly of Gentlemen and others, who paid the last Honours to him, with great Solemnity, Decency, and Respect. He was in the 44th Year of his Age.

"He was a Gentleman of one of the best Families in this Country. Altho' what Livy says of the Romans, soon after the Foundation of their City, be very applicable to us here (in novo populo, ubi omnis repentina nobilitas fit,) yet his family was of no mean Figure in England, before it was transplanted hither. Sir THOMAS RANDOLPH was of a Collateral Branch, which had the Honour, in several important Embassies, to serve Q. ELIZABETH, one of the wisest Princes that ever sat on an English Throne, very nice and difficult, and happy, even to a Proverb, in the Choice of her Ministers. Among these, Sir Thomas made no inconsiderable Figure, and is acknowledged to have been a Man of great Parts and Ability, and every Way equal to the Employments which he