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August, 1791. Richard Tool, brother of elder James, was born 24th of December, 1767; Frances Lucas, daughter of William and Sarah, was born on 21st of August, 1803. The foregoing, extracted from an Old Testament of the Tool family, in possession of William Lucas' son, by R. A., on 2d of April, 1833, in Gloucester county.

WILL OF RICHARD TALIAFERRO.*

In the Name of God Amen. I, Richard Taliaferro, of the Parish and County of James City, being aged, but of sound mind and memory, do make my last Will and Testament as followeth:

I recommend my soul to the mercy of Almighty God, trusting to the merits of his Son Jesus Christ for pardon and remission of my sins, and my Body to be decently and modestly buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named.

I Give and desire my House and Lotts in the City of Williamsburg, situate on the West side of Palace Street, and on the North side of the Church yard, to my Son in Law, M^r George Wythe, and his wife, my Daughter Elizabeth, during their lives, and the Life of the longest liver of them, and afterward to my Grand son Richard Taliaferro and his heirs forever. Provided, my said Daughter shall die without issue living at her death, but if she shall leave lawful issue of her body living at her death, then I give the said Houses and Lotts to her and her heirs forever. I also give to my said Daughter my negro Wench Peg, and my negro boy called Joe to her and her Heirs forever. And I further Give her during her natural life the yearly sum or Annuity of twenty five pounds current money, to be paid her after my death by my son out of the Estate hereafter given him. I give to my Grand son Richard Taliaferro my negro Boy Sam, and my negro Girl Aggy, to him and his heirs forever, and to each of my other Grand children a negro Boy and Girl apiece, as near their own age as conveniently may be out of my Stock of Slaves, to them and their heirs forever.

All the rest residue and Remainder of my Estate real and Personal, I Give and Devise to my Son Richard Taliaferro and

* He was father-in-law of Hon. George Wythe. The house referred to in the will was the present "Wythe House," headquarters of General Washington in 1781.

his heirs forever. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my Son in Law the said George Wythe, and my said son Richard Taliaferro, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills by me made, and directing that my Estate be not appraised nor my Executors be obliged to give Security to the Court for the same. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, the third day of February, 1775, and in the fifteenth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, George the third.

RICHARD TALIAFERRO, S. L. S.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Testator to be his last Will and Testament, in presence of us who witnessed the same in his presence at his request. Gabriel Maupin, Ben Waller, Ben C. Waller.

At a Court held for James City County, August 9th, 1779. This Will was proved according to Law by the Oaths of Benjamin Waller and Benjamin Carter Waller, Witnesses thereto, sworn to by Richard Taliaferro, an Executor therein named, and ordered to be recorded.

Liberty is reserved to George Wythe, the other Executor therein named, to join in the Probat when he shall think fit.

Teste Ben. C. Waller, C. C. Com.

A copy, Geo. Dunlevy, D. C. C.

GEORGE WYTHE'S GIFT.*

Be it known unto all men by these presents, that I, George Wythe, of Williamsburg, have given and delivered unto Richard Taliaferro, of the County of James City, my negro woman slave Cate, with her children and grandchildren, Rachel, Lydia, Lucy, Bob and Jamey, and also my negro woman slave Fanny, with her children, Paris and Isaac, to have and possess the said slaves to the use of his the said Richard Taliaferro's children. Anne, Rebecca, Sarah, Lucy, Benjamin and Robert to be divided among them, so that Anne and Rebecca may each have such of the said slaves as are equal in value to Rose and Edward, her child this

* George Wythe married (1) Anne Lewis, of Spotsylvania, (2) Elizabeth Taliaferro, daughter of Richard Taliaferro and Elizabeth Eggleston. See QUARTERLY, IX., p. 128.