

Proof that Mary Talliaferro, wife of Maximilian Berryman, is the daughter of Robert Talliaferro and Elizabeth Mathews

Pages 77 - 78 WILL OF JOHN MATTHEWS

In the Name of God Amen. I **John Matthews** of King George County being very sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect mind thanks be to God, Do make and Ordain tgis my last Will and Testament in manner and form following (Viz.)

Imprimis: My will is that all my just debts be paid by my Executor hereinafter mentioned.

Item: My will is that my Executor herein mentioned do purchase out of the Money due to me from Thomas Harwood of King and Queen County two young Negroe wenches for **Mary Taliaferro** and Elizabeth Taliaferro the **two daughters of my sister Elizabeth Battaley** for the proper use and benefit of the said Mary & Elizabeth and their heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my sister Elizabeth Battaley as much money as will buy her a young Negro man or woman at her choice

Item: I give and bequeath to Mary and Elizabeth Taliaferro my said sisters daughters, my Land above the falls of Rappahannock River in King George County to them and their heirs forever equally to be divided between them.

Item: I give and bequeath all the rest of my estate both real and personal unto my brother Baldwin Matthews under the limitation following (Viz) My will is that my part of the tract of land in King George County whereon Mr. William Skrine now dwells be to my said brother Baldwin Matthews and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten and for default of such issue in my said brother, then my will is that the same be to my sister Elizabeth Battaley and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

Lastly I do nominate constitute ordain and appoint my good friend Mosley Battaley of Spotsylvania County whole and sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby utterly revoke all other wills and Testaments by me formerly made acknowledging this and no other to be my last Will & Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seale this 6th Day of February Anno Domini 1728/9.

Sign'd Seal'd and Published In the Presence of

Lewis Morris

Peter Nugent

Last of all it is my Will and dying request that Moseley Battaley & Elizabeth his wife do have and enjoy the plantation whereon John Canner now dwells with one hundred acres of land thereunto adjoining to them the said Mosley and Elizabeth and the heirs of their bodys lawfully begotten forever notwithstanding any former clause or article in this will by me made in manner and form afore-

said. Witness my hand and seale ye date above written.

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John Matthews \*Seale\* \*\*\*\*\*

Sign'd Sealed Publish'd & Declar'd in Presence of us

Lewis Morris Peter Nugent

John Matthews \*Seale\* \*\*\*\*\*

At a Court held for King George County the 6th Day of June Anno Dom: 1729.

“Virginia Council Journals, 1726-1753 (Continued)” Virginia Magazine of History and Biography 36 no. 2 (April 1928), pp. 135-144. Your quote is on p. 135:

Present Richard Fitzwilliam Esq.

[June 11, 1730]

Moseley Batteley and Elizabeth his wife, late the relict of Robert Talliaffarro Deced., in behalf of themselves and of Mary & Elizabeth the Daughters of the said Robert, having Petitioned for Stopping several Patents sued out by James Dyer, Thomas Edines and Dennis Linsey for land lying in the first Fork of Rappedan River in the County of Spotsylvania, Nineteen hundred & Eighty Two Acres of which said Land was formerly Surveyed by the said Robert Talliaffarro in his life time. On hearing the parties it is this day ordered by the Governr, with the advice of the Council, that the said Nineteen hundred Eighty two acres of Land formerly Surveyed by the said Talliaffarro be granted to his Widow and Daughters Viz: 500 acres thereof to Elizabeth now the wife of the said Moseley Batteley and 1482 acres the residue to Mary and Elizabeth Daughters and Heirs at Law of the said Robert and that the patents prepared for the said Dyer, Edins and Linsey be stopt, reserving nevertheless power to them to sue out new Patents for so much of the respective tracts as shall not be included within the Daughters of bounds of the Patents hereby ordered to Issue to the Widow and the said Robert Talliaffarro.

*Deed Abstracts of Orange County, Virginia (1743-1759)* by Sparacio (1985), pp. 77-78.

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To all men by these presents •• I MOSELEY BATTLELEY of Spotsylvania County, Gent .• know ye for divers good reasons .• thereunto moveing •• give unto MARY BERRYMAN, wife of MAXIMILIAN BERRYMAN of Prince William County •• or heirs of her body lawfully begotten 500 acres in Orange County in first fork of Rappidan River •• Signed •• 10 March 1746.

Witnesses: M. Battaley  
John Battaley  
Joseph (X) Brookes, Mary (X) Brookes  
Recorded Orange County 27 March 1747.

Mary Love Berryman – marylove@suddenlink.net  
With the Assistance of Bob McAlear, Marvin Berryman, Nova Lemons & Vicki Betts