John Abney

Will

Staunton June 14th 1788 The last Will and testament of John Abney. In the of God amen — Being in an Imperfect state of Health but of a sound — and senses do Settle my worldly affairs in the following manner 1st my Body to be buried in a decent Manner 2d all my lawful debts to be paid as soon as money may be collected — 3d I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Isabella during her widowhood my houses and lots commonly known by the number Eleven and Sixteen with the other lots and land adjoining them over the Creek containing five acres, also 100 acres of woodland and an Entry Joining the same of a 100 acres the former Land Joining Robert Reids land and if she marry then to have the one half during life, also one negroe Girl named Annis to be hers during life, and at her death to be devided between my children her & her increase, at her discretion likewise the rest of the negroes and all the houshold furniture in Like manner. — 4th I give and bequeath to my Son William at his mothers death the house & lot I now live on in Consideration of his expenses to raise and school the rest of the children & if he should die without Issue the said house & lot

to be the property of my Son John and his heirs also it is my desire that my son William should carry on the hatting trade for the support of my family and if he should marry he may Build on the remaining half of my lots when he thinks most convenient and at the death of his mother when he becomes possessed of her house and lot to relinquish his right to the other part of lots. 5th I have also 350 acres of land adjoining Trember and the Plantation that Dannally now lives on also my plantation in Albermarle County near Charlottsville I allow to be sold for the support of my family if necessity requires and all my lands in the western County to be equally devided between my children except my right to my lands on Green River which I allow for my son John as his part of the western Lands 6th My Bond, book debts & publick papers when collected to be for the support of my wife and children I appoint my wife Issabella my sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament Revoking and making void all and every will or wills before this date, and this only to be my last will and Testament. as witness my hand and seal the day and date first above written

John Abney (Seal)

Test
Wm Chambers
Alexr. Humphreys

At a Court held for Augusta County 16th September 1788

This last will and testament of John Abney deceased was presented in Court by Issabella Abney the Executrix therein named and proven by the oaths of William Chambers and Alexander Humphreys witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the said executrix who made oath according to law Certificate is granted her for obtaining probate thereof in due form she having given Security as the Law directs

Test J Lyle Cr Dl

Abney Test Jacob Kinney C.A.C.

Augusta County towit

This day Issabella Abney personally appeared before me one of the Justices of the peace for said County & made oath that her son John Key Abney will be on the 20th day of March next twenty one years of age. Given under my hand this 6th day of Feby 1800

John Jackler

Virginia Augusta County towit

I Jacob Kinney Clerk of the County aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of John Abney deceased and also of the

Certificate granted for obtaining a probate of said will and I do farther certify that John Jackler esqr who hath subscribed to the above certificate of the proof of John Key Abneys age, is a Justice of the peace for the said County, duly commissioned & qualified and that full faith and Credit is due to all his acts & deeds as such

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said County the sixth day of February in the year of our Lord 1800 and in the 24th year of the Common wealth

Jacob Kinney

Virginia Augusta County towit

I Alexander Robertson presiding Majestrate of the Court of Augusta County in the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that the attestation hereto annexed, made by Jacob Kinney Esqr late Clerk of the sd Court of Augusta is in due form and that full faith and credit is due thereto in any Court within the united States. Given under my hand this 24th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two, and of the Independence of the United States the twenty sixth,

Alexr Robertson

Green County State of Kentucky Sc

This Copy of the last Will and testament of John Abney with the Certificates thereon, recorded in my Office.

Test James Allen clk

I Thomas Baps of Green County and State of Kentucky being of sound mind and usual understanding, knowing that death is certain and not knowing when it may approach, do constitute ordain and establish this my last will and testament (Viz't)

First I bequeath to my beloved wife Susanna for her use during her widowhood (and — care she should not marry) then during her life one Negroe Man by the name of Tobid & one Negroe Girl by the name of Lucy also the tract of land whereon I now live, with all its appurtenances, also my household & Kitchen furniture, and set of Smiths Tools, also all my stock of Horses, Cattle, Sheep & Hogs &c except so much, or the proceeds thereof if any as will be sufficient to procure my five youngest children a common English Education which I wish to be applied to that use

Secondly, at the death or marriage of my wife Susanna Baps I bequeath to my eight children (Viz't) Mosly Judah, Robinson, Elizabeth, Thomas, Archabald Peter

and Sharissa and equal proportion of all the above named property with their increas if any together with the slaves Peter, Fanny, & Eliza (which said Peter Fanny & Eliza I will and desire should be hired out until the death or marriage of my wife as aforesaid) the proceeds of their hire and also one negroe girl by the name of Hannah now in the possession of Thomas Carter with their increase if any to be equally devided between my eight children as aforesaid.

Thirdly, whereas I have given to my son Mosely Baps one horse and saddle & one Bed and furniture to my daughter Judy one horse & saddle & in consideration of which it is my will that a deduction be made from his said Moslys part at the division as aforesaid of $65 also a deduction be made from this said Judahs part of $70 at the division aforesaid and the said deductions to be equally divided between my eight children as above named

Lastly I appoint my beloved wife Susanna Baps and my brother Peter Baps my Executors to see this my last will & testament executed To which I have assigned my name and affixed my seal this day of Anno Domini 1812 Signed & Sealed in presence of

Thomas Baps (Seal)

George Maddy

Josiah his + mark Baps

Laurence Snapp