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Thomas Biddle Will

In the name of God Amen

I Thomas Biddle her. of the County of Washington State of Virginia being sick & weak of body but of sound mind & disposing Memory for which I thank God & my friends to witness of my worldly estate that I have been blessed with I desire that after disposing to express of a quiet and Christian journal of my body and payment of all my last debts be distributed as stated hereunder I bequeath to the heirs of my son Thomas Biddle viz. James Biddle John Biddle Hugh Biddle James Biddle the tract of land whereon Thomas Biddle built a house & other improvements containing about five acres also a part of my old tract lying between Samuel Biddle Thomas Biddle & the first Matheias tract of twenty five acres beginning at Samuel Biddle's corner that line runs with the same line near the state house a corner of Samuel Biddle's land then down to Branch to a fork in the stream on the north side of the branch a corner of a quantity of fifteen acres thence with the line of land entry to John Humphrey area usual one of five acres also a new entry of thirty five acres made during the former years of John and John Biddle & the first Matheias twenty five acre survey in all appears to be nearly even up or more & the said newly surveyed to be for the use of Elizabeth Biddle during her widowhood after her Marriage to be rented and the proceeds to be applied equal for the use of the heirs of Thomas Biddle viz. (sons) John Biddle & James Biddle all the household furniture that I purchased at reasonable value the proceeds of my son Thomas Biddle & I and all my that I have against the estate of my son Thomas Biddle a Book account I bequeath to my daughter in law Elizabeth Biddle for her use during her Natural life & after her death to be for the use of her heirs & the Matheias - Then I bequeath to my daughter Mary Stearns the following tract of land beginning at a double white oak on John Humphrey's line in a Valley near the east corner of the field the new ground that Robert Stearns helped to clear thence with the fence to a Spanish Oak near the South corner of same fence thence with the fence to the line thence along the line covered the house here it comes to an Elm thence with the fence round the lot including the lot and an improvement that Robert Stearns made on Old Cemetery at a Milling in the lane at the corner of the Orchard thence with the Orchard fence running up towards the way the course of said fence a straight line till it strikes Samuel Biddle's line thence with said line to the corner on Thomas Biddle's line thence with the said Biddle's line to a corner of John Humphrey's thence with said Humphrey's line to the beginning and appears to be forty acres up or more The remaining part of my land I bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Sarah Biddle to use for her use and to dispose as she may think proper Then I bequeath to each of my sons (sons) James Biddle John Biddle Samuel Biddle one dollar each to be paid one year after my decease Then I give & bequeath to each of my daughters (daughters) Elizabeth Hall Peggy complete one dollar each to be paid one year after my decease Lastly I ordain & appoint my son James Biddle & my wife Sarah Biddle executor & executrix of this my last will & testament recording all my debts & testament signed & acknowledged in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty five the day of January and on my hand that

Thomas Biddle (Sd.)

In presence of us The foregoing will was proven in court by the oath of David Whittier & David Whittier & Samuel M. Gray both of the subscribing witnesses thereto at April Term 1826 Howard Biddle of the County of Washington qualified as executor to the foregoing will.

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Henry Nelson Will

In the name of God Amen

Henry Nelson of Washington County in the State of North Carolina being sick & weak of body but of sound mind & disposing Memory for which I thank God & my friends to witness of my worldly estate that I have been blessed with I desire that after disposing to express of a quiet and Christian journal of my body and payment of all my last debts be distributed as stated hereunder I bequeath to the heirs of my son Thomas Biddle viz. James Biddle John Biddle Hugh Biddle James Biddle the tract of land whereon Thomas Biddle built a house & other improvements containing about five acres also a part of my old tract lying between Samuel Biddle Thomas Biddle & the first Matheias tract of twenty five acres beginning at Samuel Biddle's corner that line runs with the same line near the state house a corner of Samuel Biddle's land then down to Branch to a fork in the stream on the north side of the branch a corner of a quantity of fifteen acres thence with the line of land entry to John Humphrey area usual one of five acres also a new entry of thirty five acres made during the former years of John and John Biddle & the first Matheias twenty five acre survey in all appears to be nearly even up or more & the said newly surveyed to be for the use of Elizabeth Biddle during her widowhood after her Marriage to be rented and the proceeds to be applied equal for the use of the heirs of Thomas Biddle viz. (sons) John Biddle & James Biddle all the household furniture that I purchased at reasonable value the proceeds of my son Thomas Biddle & I and all my that I have against the estate of my son Thomas Biddle a Book account I bequeath to my daughter in law Elizabeth Biddle for her use during her Natural life & after her death to be for the use of her heirs & the Matheias - Then I bequeath to my daughter Mary Stearns the following tract of land beginning at a double white oak on John Humphrey's line in a Valley near the east corner of the field the new ground that Robert Stearns helped to clear thence with the fence to a Spanish Oak near the South corner of same fence thence with the fence to the line thence along the line covered the house here it comes to an Elm thence with the fence round the lot including the lot and an improvement that Robert Stearns made on Old Cemetery at a Milling in the lane at the corner of the Orchard thence with the Orchard fence running up towards the way the course of said fence a straight line till it strikes Samuel Biddle's line thence with said line to the corner on Thomas Biddle's line thence with the said Biddle's line to a corner of John Humphrey's thence with said Humphrey's line to the beginning and appears to be forty acres up or more The remaining part of my land I bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Sarah Biddle to use for her use and to dispose as she may think proper Then I bequeath to each of my sons (sons) James Biddle John Biddle Samuel Biddle one dollar each to be paid one year after my decease Then I give & bequeath to each of my daughters (daughters) Elizabeth Hall Peggy complete one dollar each to be paid one year after my decease Lastly I ordain & appoint my son James Biddle & my wife Sarah Biddle executor & executrix of this my last will & testament recording all my debts & testament signed & acknowledged in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty five the day of January and on my hand that

James Biddle
William Wood
Isaac Denton
The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oath of Isaac Denton and William Wood of the subscribing witnesses thereto at April Term 1826 & recorded John Nelson qualified as the executor of the foregoing will

William Young will

April 8th 1824. William Young at my death desired & gave my part of the land to my Mother during her life & at her death to my sister Sam White & after her death to her three sons at my death I gave all my money to my Mother to divide as she saw proper I leave my Mother executor of all I have got I William Young do bequeath unto William Brown my slave man to satisfy a debt that I owe him, my hand & seal this

James W Young
Elijah Brown
William H Young
The foregoing will was proven in court by the Oath of James W Young and Elijah Brown two of the subscribing witnesses thereto at April Term 1827 & recorded Rebecca Brown qualified as executor