

In the name of God Amen the Thirtieth Day of December in the Year of our Lord one

1729-1737

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Thousand Seven hundred and Thirty Six I John Nelson of Virginia in the County of Accomack being very Sick and Weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be Given unto God therefore Calling unto mind the mortality of my Body and Knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die do make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament that is to Say principally I Give and Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that Gave it and for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Like and Decent manner at the Discretion of my Executors nothing Doubting but at a Generall Resurrection I Shall Receive the Same again by the mighty power of God as Touching such worldly Estate Wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this Life I Give and Devise and Dispose of the Same in the following manner and form Imprimis I Give and bequesth to my well beloved son John Nelson a Certain Tract of Land whereon he now Lives Called and Commonly Known by the name of Hunting Creek Containing fifty Acres to him and his Heirs for Ever Item I Give and bequesth unto my Daughter Elizabeth Lewis one Shilling Sterling in full of her portion Item I Give and bequesth unto my Daughter Mary Elliot one Shilling Sterling in full of her portion Item I Give to my son Daniel Nelson one old musquet that he hath now in possession to him and his heirs Item I Give and bequesth unto my Daughter Ads Gunter one Shilling Sterling in full of her portion Item I Give and bequesth unto my Loving son Joshua Nelson one Shilling Sterling in full of his portion Item I Give and bequesth unto my Loving Daughter Tabitha Cary one Shilling Sterking in full of her portion Item I Give and bequesth unto my Loving Son Smith Nelson one Small Gun in full of his portion Item I Give and bequesth unto my Daughter Abigail Nelson the best Bed upstairs and furniture in full of her portion

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to him and his heirs for Ever Item I Give and bequeath unto my Daughter Klizabeth Lewis
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and bequeath unto my Daughter Ails Gunter one Shilling Sterling in full of her portion
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Daughter Abigail Melson the best Bed upstairs and furniture in full of her portion
Item I Lend unto Mary my Dearly Beloved Wife all the Remsinder of my Estate untill the
Day of Marriage or Death and then to be Divided smongst my Children that are not Named
whom I also Constitute make and Orisin my only and Sole Executrix of This my Last Will
and Testament and I do hereby utterly Disallow revoke and Disannull ^{all and} Every other former
Testament Wills and Legacies and Executors by me in any ways before this time named
willed and bequeathed Ratifying & Confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and
Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the Day and Year
above written

Signed Seald published and Declared by the S^d

John ^{his} Melson (1/12
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John Melson as his Last Will and Testament

in the presence of us the Subscribers Viz^t

Test Rob^t Caldwell)
Henry White)
her)
Sarah X White)
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It also is my will that at the Day of my Wifes Marriage or Death that Tobias Bull Roger Abbott John Simpson and Thomas Riley any three or four of them Shall then Divide the Estate and What Ever They do Shall Stand Also my Will if I Die at the house of my Son Daniel Melsons that he may have my Coate and Vest a p^r of Shoes and Stockens a fine Shirt and hat

At a Court held and Continued for Accomack County the 3^d Day of August 1737

The within Last Will and Testament of John Melson Deceas'd was presented in open Court and proved by the Oaths of Henry White and Sarah White two of the Witnesses to the Same and Joshua Melson being Heir at Law having Consented to the Same it is ordered to be Recorded.

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