

In the Name of <sup>Amelia County Wills 1734-1761
www.virginiapioneers.net</sup> ~~God~~ John Butler of the
Parish of Raleigh in the County of Amelia being Sick in Body but
of sound Sense and Disposing Memory Thanks be given to
Almighty God and calling to Mind the Mortality of my Body
and knowing that it is Appointed for all Men once to die I
make and Ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament in
Manner & Form following I give and Bequeath
my soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it to me and
to the Earth to be Interred by my Executors hereafter named And
to such Temporal Estate as hath pleased God to Bless me with
I give and Dispose of the Same in manner and Form as followeth
Item I Lend to my Loving Wife Martha Butler my Land and
Plantation During her Natural Life and after her death
I give and Bequeath the said Land to be equally Divided between
my Nephews orphans Jirina Water and George Ridley the said George
to have his part on that part of Land joining Stocks creek to them
and their Heirs forever.

Item I Lend to my Loving wife Martha Butler after my
Lawful Debts are paid the rest of my Estate during her
natural life and after her Death I give and Dispose of
what shall be found in the manner following.

Item I give and Bequeath to George Ridley three Acres two
Basons and my Gun to him & his Heirs forever.

Make and Ordain this to be my last Will and Testament
(Manner) I Form following my own Give and Bequeath
my soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it to me, and
to the Earth to be Inherited by my Executors hereafter named And
to such Temporal Estate as hath pleased God to Bless me with
I Give and Dispose of the Same in manner and Form as followeth
Item I Give and to my Loving Wife Martha Butler my Land and
Plantation During her Natural Life and after her death
I Give and Bequeath the said Land to be equally Divided between
my Nephews orphans Dirinda Walter and George Ridley the said George
to have his part on that part of Land joining Stocks creek to them
and their Heirs forever.

Item I Give to my Loving wife Martha Butler after my
Lawful Debts are paid the rest of my Estate during her
natural life and after her Death I Give and Dispose of
what shall be found in the manner following.

Item I Give and Bequeath to George Ridley three Acres two
Basons and my Gun to him and his Heirs forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath to my Sister Sarah Dirinda Walter
my large Iron pot to her and her Heirs forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath to Elizabeth Collin Anderson as part
to her and her Heirs forever.

Item I Give and Bequeath after my Wifes Death the residue of
my Estate not here to fore Given to be equally Divided between

Divided between my three Nephews Vice Butler Penel Josiah & Anna
Water and John Wingo to them & their Heirs forever.
Herr I constitute and appoint my Loving Wife Martha Butler whole
& Sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby
Revoke and make Void all Former Wills by me heretofore made
and do Declare this to be my last & true Will in Witness whereof
I have hereunto set my hand and Affixed my Seal this fourth day of January
One thousand seven hundred fifty and nine
Signed Sealed Published & Declared to be the last Will
& Testament of John Butler in presence of us
Thomas Foster
Francis Anderson

John Butler

At a Court held for Amelia County August the 23^d 1759.
This Will was proved by the Oaths of Francis Anderson & the said
Witnesses there to sworn to by Martha Butler the Executrix therein
Named and Ordered to be recorded and on the Motion of the said Executrix
who entered into Acknowledged Bond with Francis Anderson her
Security as the Land Directs Certificate was granted her for obtaining an
a Probate thereof in due form.

Test Griffin Peasery