

being for the use of the former wealth in like manner as is or
shall be directed in case of Public Places and shall in all other
things truly and faithfully Execute the said office of Sheriff during
his continuance therein then the above obligation to be void otherwise
to Remain in full force and virtue —

Sam^l Shrewsbury *(Seal)*

John Shrewsbury *(Seal)*

Anthony Abbot *(Seal)*

All a Court continued for Bath County the 9th day of November 1796
The within Bond was Acknowledged in Court by the Subscribers
thence and Ordered to Record —

Teste Charles Cameron Clerk

In the name of God amen I William Stuart of Bath
County & State of Virginia now in health and low in body
though perfect in memory & sense at present calling into mind
do this twentieth seventh day of December in the year of our Lord
1796 six years and obtain my last will and testament in
the manner and form hereafter mentioned: first to my well
beloved son James Stuart I leave him all my Right title and claim
of all the lands that I hold or claim in the Cowpasture to him the
said James Stuart and heirs forever except my one hundred & twenty
three acres of land lying on the Bullpasture mountain which I
hereafter mention to another of my heirs I next to my dear & well
beloved wife Abigail Stuart I leave her all my Right title and claim
of the tract of land now I possess personall and Real during her
time of life in Bullpasture and at her death I order that said estate
before mentioned to my wife Abigail to descend to my fourth son
William Stuart Junior on provide that he the said William
Stuart do maintain and cloath sufficiently his younger brother
Nehemiah Stuart non compos mentis the time of said Nehemiah's life if said
William Stuart after the estate coming into his hands does or
will not maintain and cloath his before mentioned brother then he
is to pay annuall the sum of twelve pounds Virginia currency during
life of said Nehemiah who is to be supported by William or his heirs of the
benefits of that Real estate I give for further provision for said
Nehemiah I do leave that certain tract of land on the Bullpasture
mountain containing one hundred and twenty three

acres before mentioned to be valued by the three brothers Edward John
& William Stuart at the expiration or term of two years after this
present date after the valuation of the said three then the before mentioned
James Stuart: to enjoy inherit & possess him and his heirs forever
by paying the sum of ten Dollars annuall until the valuation or
sum is fully payed unto either Stuart his Guardian or executor
lawfully chosen and said Guardian is to convert that sum of
ten dollars annuall to usury otherwise to necessary call and if
either is called away before the time of payment expiring then
then the remaining sum or sums to fall into the hands of my
wife Abigail to do and make use of as she thinks fittest to
conduct at pleasure and if neither my wife Abigail or yet
my son either surviving untill those payments being fulfilled by
my son James: then my son Edward to enjoy and call on such
sum or sums then remaining or payable of that estate to him or
his heirs duly and payable as before mentioned I give on further
consideration I do leave to my afore mentioned wife Abigail the
soul mead and that soul mead cost to do and conduct with
as she my wife thinks fitting with at pleasure: I give I do
leave a certain Greay near two years old past this date to my
Daughter Mary Calaghan wife to Charles Calaghan and
further to my Daughter Jean Dickin wife of James Dickin I leave
the sum of five pounds Virginia currency to be paid in the term
of three after my decease or this present date: I give to my beloved
son Edward Stuart I leave the sum of ten pounds Virg. currency
or a Horse to that amount or value by any chosen agreeable
to the 18th and credit at the expiration of three years after my
decease I give and further to my beloved son John Stuart I do
leave twenty shillings as before mentioned three years after my
decease This being my last will and testament I the name
of God amen

Teste Executors
J^{no} G^o R^o R^o J^{no} Stuart
Wm Stuart
his
William M^o Stuart
mead

Bath County February Court 1797

This last will and testament of William Stuart Dec^d was
proved in Court by the witnesses thereto and ordered to be
Recorded

Teste Charles Cameron Clerk

Virginia state Bath County March 26. 1797

The following freeholders John Peoples John Nicklin Joseph
Gwin and Samuel Tollins this day and date above wrote
being lawfully and mutually chosen came to the estate of
William Stuart late deceased and ther being sworn according
to before me one of the Justices of State & by afores^d to value all
and every personal estate formerly belonging to said William
Stuart late late truly & justly as far as their knowledge affords
in Justice and equity to all and every heir and legatee belonging
therunto signed and sworn before me this day & date above
Written

Witness John Nicklin
John Nicklin
Joseph Gwin
Samuel Tollins

To 13 Hogs	22 p ^r Hog	11	5	6
To sundr. such as Scythes & axes		2	2	
To 6 hals	3 Doll p ^r ap	5	8	
To 1 Waggon & three p ^r of Hears		25		
To 1 young Black steer		23	10	
To 1 Chesnut steer	100 lbs	30		
To 1 old Chesnut steer & 2 Cows	60	24		
To 3 Milk cows	2 p ^r p ^r price	28	16	
To 3 young cattle	2 p ^r p ^r price	16	16	
To 9 sheep & 4 lambs		4	10	
To 1 plow & 1 mow	15	1	5	
To 1 cutting box & knife & hay fork & wry comb			11	
To 111 Gun Hill & 5 vessels		7	10	
To 1 60 Gall Vessel			6	
To 1 old Barrel			2	6
To 1 8 Gall Cask		6	0	
To 1 Negro wench & child		100		
To 10 Books & sundries			11	
To 2 spinning wheels & 1 Chute		1	8	
To 1 Jug and 3 other sundries			6	
To 1 large pot & 3 others & 1 pot Rack		2	3	
To 1 furniture belonging to Wesson		2	15	
To 1 Head of a steer			15	
To 2 Hides & one blinn			7	6
To 1 Loin & three Hides		2		
To 1 tub and 1 grindstone			3	

Witness

John Nicklin

Joseph Gwin

Bath County April Court 1797

This Inventory and appraisement of the estate of William Stuart
late was Returned to Court by the subscribers thereto and ordered to
be Recorded

Witness Charles Cameron Clerk

Know all Men, by these presents, that I, Abner Griffin of the
County of Bath in the State of Virginia, do hereby constitute and
appoint, and, by these presents, have constituted, authorized and
appointed Timothy Holcomb of said County and state my lawful
attorney in fact for me, and in my Name, to demand, receive or
make use of all legal Means to recover whatsoever Legacy may
have been devised to me, in the last will and testament of my
deceased father, Benoni Griffin, formerly of the County of
Stafford, & Town of Granby, in the state of Connecticut, whether
the said Legacy may consist of Lands and tenements, Money,
or other personal property Giving him, the said Timothy
Holcomb, the same power and authority, in all legal Acts
by him done in the premises, as I myself might have were
I personally present In Witness whereof I the said Abner
Griffin have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this
eleventh Day of April one thousand seven hundred and ninety
seven

Signed, sealed &
Acknowledged
in the presence of

Wm. White
G. Christian
Francis Griffin

Abner Griffin 

Bath County April Court 1797.

The above power of attorney from Abner Griffin to Timothy
Holcomb was proved by Wm. White & G. Christian &
ordered to be recorded

Witness Charles Cameron Clerk