

In the Name of God Amen. The Twenty second day of February
 Seventeen Hundred and Eighty one I John Kennedy of the County of Bedford
 being in my Health and proper senses. Do for the Ordering my Affairs with as
 much Justice to my Surviving Family and Other Persons herein Mentioned as
 may be make and Ordain this my last Will & Testament in the following
 manner, that is to say First I recommend my soul to God my Saviour and
 my Body to the Ground The Worldly property whose Right is on me I do dispose
 of in manner herein after Mentioned And whereas in the Course of the winter
 1780 while I was at Kentucky I found it likely to be to the United Advantage of
 my Brother Joseph Kennedy of Maryland & myself to Contract with Mr James
 Rucker and Reuben Corward to clear out and procure the Grants to us for
 two Tracts of Land being Preemption Rights of one Thousand Acres each
 one of which Grants to Issue in the name of Joseph Kennedy and the Other in
 my own name and After they are Obtained Joseph Kennedy and myself or
 some Person for us to take ^{first} Choice of those two Tracts of Land which first
 Choice must in a fair and Equal manner be divided one half to Joseph
 Kennedy his Heirs & assigns & the Other half to my Heirs. I do therefore
 hereby empower my Executors or either of them hereafter mentioned & do hereby
 strictly enjoin and require them to Comply in all respects on my part with
 the Agreement to said Rucker and Corward and also that they or either of
 them deal by Joseph Kennedy or his Heirs according to these Instructions

what may Appear to be just by referring to the said Agreement (in Writing)
dated January 1780. and in case the said Joseph Kennedy, or his Heirs
do ratify and Confirm the said Agreement with the said Flack and Coward
with regard to The Tract of Land they are to have in case it be the one whose
Grant is Obtained in his name or divide with my Executors for the use of
my Heirs (making Right) as the case may be According to those Instruc-
tions and what Appear just by the said Agreement. In that case my Will
and desire is that as soon as Grants are Obtained for the Three following
Warrants that is to say one of seven Hundred & fifty Acres and two Warrant-
ts of one thousand Acres each all dated the 16th day of October 1779 that
my Ex^{rs} or either of them lay off unto Joseph Kennedy this Heirs one Thous-
and Acres of the Lands Obtained by the said Warrants & also unto Peter Kelly
seven Hundred and fifty Acres of the said Lands to be Laid off to each of
them in one Body or more Bodies According to Justice & Equity so as to
render the Lands most Valuable to all Persons Concerned they Paying to my
Heirs Major Daniel Boons Charge for Locating and Surveying the said
Warrants. The remaining part of what Property I am Possess of
Except a Negroe Wench called Jane I give and Dispose of as follows that
is to say After Paying all my just debts and my Wife having her Share
According to Law to be Equally divided Among all my Children then Living
and Also for ever I also give and Bequeath unto Esther my well Beloved

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and Assigns for ever I also give and Bequeath unto either my well Beloved
Wife a Negroe Wench called Jane during her natural life & afterwards
be the Equal Property of all my Children and further I do hereby wish

my Executors or Either of them to sell all the Lands I have a Right to in
 Bedford County in such manner as they think best and lastly I do hereby
 Nominate and Appoint my Trusty and well Beloved Friend Thomas
 Logwood with Esther my Beloved Wife to be the Executors of this my
 last Will & Testament. In witness whereof I the said John Kennedy have
 hereunto set my Hand & Seal the day and Year above Written
 Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of us

his
 Thomas I Williams
 Clerk

John Hardwick

John Hardwick Junr

John Kennedy

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24th day of September 1788

This last Will and Testament of John Kennedy deceased was proved by the
 Oaths of Thomas Williams John Hardwick and John Hardwick Junr Witnesses
 thereto subscribed and Ordered to be Recorded and on the Oath of Esther
 Kennedy the Executrix and Thomas Logwood the Executor therein named who
 made Oath thereto According to Law Certificate is granted them for

Obtaining probate in due form giving Security whereupon they Together
 with John Hardwick and Charles Gwallther their Securities entered into
 Oath & Acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of Five Hundred Dollars

Done at the said Court and Executors due and lawful Admoners

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and Acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of Five Hundred Dollars
for the said Executors and Executors due and faithful Adminis-
tration of the said decedent's Estate and performance of his Will

Teste J. H. H. C.

In the Name of God Amen J. H. H. C. of Bedford