

John Phelps
will

In the Name of God Amen I John Phelps of
Bedford County being in good and sound memory thanks be to Almighty
God for it and calling to Remembrance the uncertain Estate of this
Transitory life do constitute and appoint this to be my last will and Testa-
ment bearing date this day of one Thousand Seven hundred and
Seventy one. Rescinding and annulling all other wills by me heretofore
made either by Word or Writing and for settling my Territorial Estate and
such Goods and Chattle as it hath Pleased God to Bestow upon me I do
order give and dispose of them in manner and form following that is to
say. first my will and desire is that all my debts ^{that} is justly due be paid
within convenient time after my decease by my Executors hereafter
mentioned. Next I give to my daughters namely Jane, Judith, Sarah
and Ann one Shilling Sterling Each and no more. Next I give to my
daughter Mary one Negroe Wench named Hanna to her and heirs an
one Shilling Sterling and no more. Also I give to my daughter B. Mary

a small Parcel or tract of Land containing forty four Acres or there
 abouts and Bounded as follows Beginning at a Corner white Oak
 near the mouth of Hunts Spring Branch thence North New lines
 a direct course to the middle Branch thence up the said Branch with
 mainders ^{to} the dividing line thence along the said line to a Corner
 thence to the first Station also I give to my son John Phelps
 all the Land ^{that} I am Possess with also two negroes namely Dick
 and Rachel and as a legacy I give my Riding Horse bridle and
 Saddle and my wearing cloaths likewise I give ^{to} my daughter
 Aggey and her heirs two Negroes namely Old Jack and young
 Dick, also I give my beloved Wife one Negro Child named Dacy
 and my will and desire is that her Estate may remain in my Wife hand
 during her life or Widowhood and at her decease the Estate to be
 Brought to an Appraisement and to be equally divided between
 John Phelps and James Turner Juner and Nathan Turner

At a Court held for Bedford County February 25. 1772.

This writing purporting the Last will and Testament of John Phelps
gent. decd. was Exhibited into Court by Mary Phelps and John Phelps
and on Examination of Divers Witnesses who deposed that the said
John Phelps decd. at the time of his last Illness (when in his perfect
senses) did declare and Acknowledge the same in their presence.
Whereupon the said writing is Established as his last will and Testament
which is Ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of the said Mary
Phelps and John Phelps who made Oath according to Law, Certificate is
Granted them for Obtaining letters of Administration on the Estate of the
said John Phelps decd. with his will Annexed upon Giving Security
Whereupon they together with William Austin Henry Strall on their Securities
Entered into and Acknowledged Bond in the Penalty of one Thousand
five hundred Pounds for the due and faithfull Administration of the
said Decedents Estate

Teste

J. C.