

510 In the name of God Amen I John Sh^r of
Bedford County and parson of Bedford being sick of
body but of perfect memory do make and declare this
my last will & Testament in Manner and form
following in the first place I commit my Soul to
Almighty God who gave it my body to be decently
buried at the Discretion of my friends and the
small Estate whose with God has blest me to be
disposed of as followeth To wit; That all my
lawful Debts be faithfully paid - Then my will is
that my Loving Wife Deborah shall have possession of
my whole Estate during her life or widowhood out of
which she is to maintain and school my Children and at
the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named to sell
any of the said Estate for that Purpose and at her
Death or Marriage the whole of my Estate to be equally
divided by my Executors amongst my Children by sale
or any other way that may be found most convenient
to give each one an equal part and also my will is
that if it may be found convenient for my Wife Deborah
to remove to any distant part she with the
Governance of my other Executors shall have power
to sell my Land for that purpose to enable them

Successors of my other Executor shall have power
to sell my Land for that purpose as well as their
to borrow and purchase elsewhere provided at his
Death or marriage under all the Estates then in
his Hands or possession be divided as above except One
Horse Saddle and bridle and bed and furniture
which I give to my beloved wife to be disposed of by her
as she shall think fit and for the full performance
of the my last will & testament I constitute and assign
my beloved wife to be my true and lawful Executor
Blessed Executor as before whereof I have herunto set
my hand and affixed my seal this twenty first day
of February One thousand seven hundred and eighty
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John Shaw

Signed sealed & delivered
in presence of us
A. Rogers.
D. M. Entwistle

At a Court held for Bedford County the 24 day
of July 1786. This last will & Testament of John
Shaw deceased was proved by the Oath of John

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover", is written across the top of the document. The signature is stylized and spans most of the width of the page.

Arthur Rogers.

Dr. J. M. Innes

At a Circuit Court for Bedford County the 24th day
of July 1786. This last Will & Testament of John
Shaw deceased was proved by the Oath of Henry
Morgan & Robert Martin witnesses thereto subscribed
& Ordered to be recorded - And on the Motion of John
Shaw Esq. Attorney & Samuel Clayton the Executor thereunto
named who made Oath thereto Liberty is granted
them

them for obtaining probate thereof in due form they
giving security, whereupon they together with William
Read their security entered into and acknowledged their
Bond in the penalty of five Hundred pounds for
the said Executors & Executors due and faithful
administration of said Decedent's Estate & performance
of his will.

Teste

J. Stephen L. W.

In the name of God Amen I John Ferguson of Bedford
County being sick and weak but of a perfect memory
thanks be to God I now declare this to be my last will
and Testament in witness and for my solemnizing
thereof I give and bequeath my soul to God that gives us hopes
of his Acceptance thereof through the merits of
Christ my Saviour and my body to the Earth from
where it was taken to be buried by the discretion
of my Executors my Executors after named and as to