

Rentfro In the name of God Amen, I Joseph Rentfro of
Wise Bedford County and Colony of Virginia Esq^r being very sick and
weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be
given unto God. Calling to mind the Mortality of my Body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men, once to die do make
and Ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say
Principally and first of all I give and Recommend my
Soul to the hand of Almighty God that gave it and my
Body I Recommend to the Earth to be Buried in Decent
Christian Burial at the discretion of my Executors Nothing
Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the
same again by the mighty power of God And as Touching such
Worldly Estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me
in this life I give, demise and dispose of the same in the
following manner and form. And after all my Just Debts
being paid. First then I give and Bequeath to Mary my
Dearly beloved Wife her or my Bed and Furniture my Riding
Horse and her Saddle Likewise her third part according to
Law likewise the best Negroe Wench so long as she continues
a Widow - Also I give to my Beloved Son James Rentfro
True ^{Shills} ^{Curr} Killings Curr Money of this Colony. Also I give to my

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Five ^{Shells} ^{Cents} Money of this Colony. Also I give to my
Beloved Daughter Mary Jones five ^{Cents} ^{Shells} Money of
this Colony.

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Also I give to my Beloved Son Joseph Rentfro five Shills.
^{Curr.} Curr. Money of this Colony. Also I give to my Beloved
Son in law and Daughter Moses Rentfro living and
Hannah Deceased five Shills. ^{Curr.} Curr. Money of this Colony.
Also I give to my beloved Son John Rentfro five Shills.
^{Curr.} Curr. money of this Colony. Also I give to my Beloved
Daughter Susanna Rentfro five Shills. ^{Curr.} Curr. money of this
Colony. Also I give to my beloved Son William Rentfro
a Negroe Boy, or Girl and a piece of land lying between
the old survey and the pine Tree likewise an entry on
each side. Also I give to my beloved Son Joshua Rentfro
the South side of the ^{this} Land on Black Water which I now
live on likewise crossing the South fork of Black Water
through the Wild Meadow to the Old line a Straight
Course; and an equal share of my Negroes after my
Decease with my son Mark Rentfro (Saving and be it
known to all persons that the Negroes Bequeathed or
given to my dearly beloved wife is to be equally after
her decease to be divided between the said Joshua and
Mark Rentfro) also I give to my Beloved Son Mark

from the North side of this Land on Black Water which
I now dwell on as likewise his Equal part of my Negroes
as I have in this last part given or Bequeathed to
my Son Joshua Rentfro likewise a Survey - Also I give
to my Sons Joshua and Mark Rentfro an Entry South
side of Black Water equally to be Divided across according
to their lines - Also for my Goods and Chattles I desire that
at my Decease my Goods and Chattles may be sold at
Publick Sale and the Value Equally Divided between my
three Youngest Sons William, Joshua and Mark Rentfro
saving the third part as before mentioned to my
Beloved Wife Mary - And I do hereby ^{discontinue} utterly discontinue
Revoke and Disannul all and every former Testaments Wills
Legacies and Bequests and Executions by me in anywise
before named Made and Bequeathed Ratifying and
Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament
In Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this
fourteenth Day of November in the Year of our Lord One
Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Two.

Joseph Rentfro

Signed Sealed & Published Pronounced and Declared by
the said Joseph Rentfro, as his last Will and Testament
in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence
of each other have hereto Subscribed our Names.

M. Dunn James Hunt.

Executor appointed with consent of all parties Present James Rentfro Junr Joseph Rentfro meys
John Rentfro and William all my sons.

At a Court held for Bedford County March 25th 1776.

The within last Will and Testament of Joseph
Rentfro Gent. Deceased was proved by the Oath of James
Hunt. And at a Court held for the said County the Twenty
second Day of April following the same was further proved
by the Oath of Michael Dunn and Ordered to be Recorded.
And on the motion of James Rentfro Junr. John Rentfro and
William Rentfro who made Oath thereto Administration was
Granted them on the said Deceaseds Estate with the Will
Annexed giving Security, Whereupon they together with
John Talbot Matthew Talbot and Charles Lynch Gent. ~ ~
entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the Penally
of Three Thousand Pounds for the due and faithful
Administration of the said Deceaseds Estate and
Performance of his Will.

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J. A. Steptoe C. C.