

Witness
Will
In the Name of God Amen I Martin Hemon of Bedford County being very
Sick & Weak in Body but of perfect mind and Memory Thanks be given to
God. therefore calling to mind the Mortality of my Body & Knowing that
it is Appointed for all men to Dye do make and Ordain this my Last will &
Testament That is to say Principally and first of all I Give & Recommend
my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it and for my Body I Recommend
it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like Decent Manner at the
Discretion of my Executors not Doubting but at the General Resurrection I
shall Receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God and as Touching
such Worldly Estate where with it hath pleased God to Bless me with in
this Life I Give Devise and Dispose of the same in the following Manner I
form. In Premis it is my Will & I do Order That in the first Place all my
Just Debts & Funeral Charges be paid & Satisfied Item I Give & bequeath
unto Mary my Dear and Beloved Wife the Plantation with Houses and
all Appurtenances thereunto Belonging where I now Live During her
Natural Life and then to be sold and Divided Between my Three sons

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form, Imprimis it is my Will & I do Order That in the first place all my
Just Debts & Funeral Charges be paid & satisfied Item I give & bequeath
unto Mary my Dear and Beloved Wife the plantation with Houses and
all Appurtenances thereunto Belonging where I now Live During her
Natural Life and then to be sold and Divided Between my Three sons
Named Jacob, Martin & Henry and if Either of my sons dies before
the Land is Sold his part to be Divided Between the Surviving son or sons
that is if he die under Age but if of Age to be at his own Will Item it is my will
and I do Order that Stephen Goggin do make a Deed for the said plantation
& Land to my Wife Mary & my Three sons above Named Item I also Give unto

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my Wife Mary all my cattle, Horses, Sheep, Hogs, Plantation, Tools
and House hold Goods untill my son Jacob Comes of Age and then to
be Divided Between her and my sons above Mentioned and I give to
them as they come of Age by her my Wife Mary & my Brother Alexander
Stemon, Whome I do Appoint constitute make and Ordain my only
& sole Executors of this my Last will & Testament and I do hereby
Utterly Disallow Revoke and Disannul all and every other former
Testaments Wills Legacies and Executors by me in any ways
before this Time made & Willed & Bequeathed Ratifying and
Confirming this and nother to be my Last Will and Testament
in Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this 4th
day of March 1768

Martin Stemon (S)

Seal Published and Declared by the
above Martin Stemon for and as his Last
Will & Testament in the presence of us
Stephen Goggin, Robert Russell, Peter Junker

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A Court Held for Bedford County May 24th 1768

Severin Last will & Testament of Martin Stemon Dec^d
was Exhibited in Court by Mary Stemon & proved by the Oaths
of Robert Russell. Stephen Goggin & Peter Junk & Ordered to be Recorded
and on the Motion of the said Mary Stemon who gave Bond with
Security & made Oath according to Law Certificate is granted her
for Obtaining a Probate thereof in Due form of Law Teste Benjamin
Howard C. C.