

Witness

In the Name of God Amen

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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 into
the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I Recommend to the
Earth to be Buried & nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I
shall Receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God and touching
such Worldly Estate Wherewith it hath Pleased God to Bless me in this
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Three Creatures that shall be hereafter Named Likewise of the Negroe
that now is and that shall hereafter be Bought out of my Estate At B

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I Leave Four Bonds of 100 £ Curancy Each the first is due in 1768
at Christmas the second is due at Christmas 1769 the third is due at
Christmas 1770 and the fourth is due at Christmas 1771 the said money
with Intrest Arising therefrom I leave to the Exccatrix of this my will
Either to buy a Negroes or not and the said part proportioned to my
Wife to be hers during her Life then the same with the Increase of every
Species to be Equally shared Between my Son and Daughter Nicholas
and Mary Welch to them their Heirs and Assigns for Ever Item
I give and Bequeath unto my well Beloved son Nicholas Welch a
Blaze horse bolt that come from my big Mare for a Riding Horse
to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever also a piece of Land of
100 Acres lying on Shocco in Bedford County also the Tract of Land
I live on After my Beloved Wifes Decease with all the Improvements
Thereof to my Son to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever if the
Bonds as before is appropriated as there mentioned or if not the third
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Assigns forever the Third part of all Negroes and Goods & Chattels
Whatsoever to be my Son or his Heirs or Assigns forever Item to my
Well Beloved Daughter Mary Welch I give and Bequeath a Young
Bay Mare that came of the same Mare my Son's horse did also
a Tract of 163 Acres of Land lying on Craig's Creek in Augusta County
to her and her Heirs forever with all the Improvements thereof also the
Third part of all Goods and Chattels that now is with the Improvements
thereof to be hers and her Assigns for ever with the Third part
of the Negroes that now is or shall be Bought with the Bonds or the
Money to be hers and her Heirs and Assigns forever Item I give
unto my Beloved Son Henry Paulin one Cow and calf As for my
Honoured Father Nicholas Welch I Desire that he may be maintained
While he lives with my Beloved Wife with Diet and Decent Cloathing
and Lodging & if he is Willing to go off I have no Creature of his own that he
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may have a Creature at the Expence of the Estate. all Other Debts due
to me on Bonds or Notes or on the Books or any other way whatever I
Desire that they may be equally Shared as above only my wife's part
after her Decease to be Equally parted Between my Son and Daughter

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or to their Heirs or Assigns I constitute make and Ordain my well
Beloved Wife Mary Welch Sole Executrix of this my Last will and Testam-
ent and I do hereby Utterly Disallow Revoke and Disannul all and
every Other former Testaments Wills Legacies and Bequests by me
in any ways Named Willed and Bequeathed Notifying and confirming
this and no Other to be my Last will & Testament In witness whereof I
have hereunto Set my hand and Seal the day and Date Before written
Signed Sealed Pronounced and ^{his} Nicholas N. Welch (L.S.)
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At Court held for Bedford County July 26th 1768

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Oaths of Archibald Lamb & John Persey & Ordered to be Recorded and on the
Motion of the said Executrix (who Entered into bond with Security &
Acknowledged the same for her due and faithfull Execution of the said
Last Will & Testament & made Oath according to Law) Certificate is granted
her for Obtaining a probate thereof in Due form of Law Teste Ben Howard
Clerk