

Meermans
Will

In the Name of God Amen the second day of December in the Year
of Our Lord Christ 1776 Silas Meerman of the County of Bedford being
Sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and Memory thanks be given unto
God therefore calling into 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 god that gave it and for my Body
I recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian like and decent
Manner 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 hath pleased god to bless
me with in this life (my Lawfull Debt being first paid) I give devise and
Dispose of the same in the following Manner and form Inprimis I lend
and Bequeath unto my Well beloved Wife Sally Meerman my Land and
Plantations where on I now live Containing of One Hundred Acres, one fourth
of an Acre, Calf Tamer &c my whole stock of all kinds, three Beds and
all other Household furniture, her Widow hood or till my Children comes
of Age and if she survives then the whole Above mentioned Articles to be
Divided Amongst my Wife and three Children - Martha Meerman, David

all other Household furniture, her Widow hood a till my Children comes
of Age and if she survives then the whole Above mentioned Articles to be
Divided Amongst my Wife and Three Children - Martha Moorman Jacob
Moorman & Pleasant Moorman Land Excepted I Bequeath unto my son
Jacob Moorman One Hundred Acres of Land with the Plantation whereon
I now live, which if my Wife do not survive while my Three Children
comes of Age then the whole Estate be Equal Divided Except the Land I do
Constitute and Appoint my Brother Charles Moorman Jacob Moorn Junior and
my Brother Andrew Moorman Executors of this my last Will and Testament and
I do revoke all former Wills by me heretofore made Ratifying and confirming
this my last Will and Testament In Witness whereof I have heade unto set
my hand & Seal this Second day of November One Thousand seven hundred and Seventy
Six.

Signed Sealed Published and delivered
in Presence of

Archibald Moon

Salem Bock

Lodwick & Cook
Attys

Silas Moorman

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Is a Court held for Bedford County the 25th day of February 1777
 This Last Will and Testament of Silas Moorman Deceased was proved
 by the Oath of Becher Moon a Witness thereto Subscribed, and at a Court
 held for said County the 25th day of March 1777 The said Will was further
 Proved by the Affirmation of Salem Brooks another Witness thereto Subscribed
 and Ordered to be recorded And On the Motion of Charles Moorman Jacob
 Moon Hunt and Andrew Moorman The Executors therein named who made
 Oath thereto Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining Probate thereof in due
 form giving Security whereupon they together with Nicholas Cloud and
 William Moon their Securities entered into and Acknowledged their Bond
 in the Penalty of Three Thousand Pounds for the said Executors due and
 faithful Administration of the said Deceaseds Estate and Performance
 of his Wills
 Et
 Test J^{as} Stephens Clk.

The Appraisement of Silas Moormans De^d Estate March 31st 1777

Moormans	To four sides of Tan Leather 30/-	To one Mans Saddle & Cloth 50/-	15 ^l 0 ^s 0 ^d
Appraisement	To 1 Small short Gun 2 ^l	To One Long short Gun 2 ^l	15 ^l 0 ^s 0 ^d
	To three Harv Con hides 1 ^l 1 ^s	To One set Cart Boxes 6 ^s 8 ^d	1 ^l 1 ^s 8 ^d