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David Thanks
Will

I David Thanks born in the County of Baltimore on the 23rd day of August 1775 being of sound disposing mind but recently been admonished of the certainty of death have thought proper and right to make this my last will; I do therefore will to my wife Susan M Thanks during her natural life, my Brick house and lot attached to same in the town of Salem, My tract of land lying on the north side of Salem containing 172 acres, All my household and kitchen furniture in the house where we reside, my negro man Sam, and his wife Mariab & their children. (provided they will be obedient good servants, if not to be sold or exchanged for such as will answer her purpose) Two milch cows, Two hogs, a small waggon and a sufficiency of farming utensils to cultivate the farm above mentioned. I will to my said wife Susan M Thanks 1829 4838 I will that all my negroes, horses, cattle, pigs, sheep & personal property of every description whatsoever (after complying with my specific will) be sold on a credit of twelve months, and the debt secured - My negroes to be sold separate unless the woman have young children, then the child to be sold with the mother. I will that my two farms on the south side of Roanoke be rented or leased out until my children become of age, and that the persons so renting or leasing be bound to cultivate the same in small grain, clover & a small proportion of each in corn so as to keep the same in a regular state of improvement, that the fencing be kept in a good state of repair & that no timber be cut or removed off of said farms except what would keep the same in a good state of repair, any renter or leasor failing to keep the said farms in as good repair as they now are. It must be distinctly

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Keep the same in a good state of repair, any renter or tenant failing to
Keep the said farm in as good repair as they now are. It must be distinctly
understood that they forfeit their contract and give immediate possession of
the farm that they occupy. I will that all the money now owing to me
& that arising from the sale of my personal property be loaned out and
the debts secured either by personal security or otherwise. I will that
out of the interest arising from money loaned to the rest of my two farms
on the South side of Roanoke, my children be educated and the situation of
my family in every respect made comfortable. I will that my executors
pay out of the first money coming into their hands all my just debts
and that they divide my estate between my children as they become of
age Share & Share alike. It is however my will and I do by These presents
authorize and empower my dear wife to sell any one or all of my children should
by any misfortune whatever place themselves in a situation so as not to be able
to maintain their portion off my estate to advantage, to secure the same in
such a way so that the persons receiving from their portion of my estate
will under them as comfortable as practicable. It is my wish that ample
provision be made for my wife during her life and at her decease all the
property already willed to her be equally divided amongst our children. In
order to carry the aforesaid will into effect I do hereby appoint Wm. Dr. Lewis
Frank South Johnston & George Johnston, my executors to qualify with
good security and request that Col. Thomas Shanks shall superintend &
whenever it may be necessary advise with them as to their general proceedings.
Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of May 1833.

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J. Smith

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At Botetourt January 1st 1834

The instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of David Hanks dec^d was exhibited in court and there being no subscribing witness to the same Jerry Lamberson and Robert W McCanahan were sworn in and who stated that they were well acquainted with the hand writing of said decedent and verily believe the said will and the signature thereto attached is wholly in the hand writing of said decedent. Whereupon the said will is ordered to be recorded as the true last will and testament of said David Hanks dec^d.

Attest
J. M. Lamberson
R. W. McCanahan

James Hanks
used
In the name of God Amen I James Hanks of the county of Botetourt, being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory (for which I thank God) and calling to mind the uncertainty of human life, and being desirous to dispose of such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bestow upon me with I give and bequeath the same in manner following to wit: 1st I desire that the whole of my lands on which I now live, shall be equally divided between my three sons, Bryan, David and William in consequence of which they are to support and take care of their mother as long as she shall live. 2 - I give and bequeath to my son Bryan the property given him at his marriage. 3 - I give and bequeath to my son David the three head of horses which he now claims as his own, also one bed and furniture. 4 - I give and bequeath to my son William the mare claimed by him as his own, also two beds and furniture. 5 - I give and bequeath to my daughter Sarah the property given her at her marriage. 6. I desire that all the remainder of my household furniture

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