

Banister's

Examine

In the Name of God Amen I Elyah Banister of the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia being Sick and Weak in body but of Sound Mind Memory and understanding (praised be to God for it) ~~and considering the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and to the end I may be the better prepared to leave this World when it may please God to Call me hence so therefore~~ ^{I desire} make this my last Will and Testament in manner following (Wit)

First and Principally I commend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hoping for free pardon of all my sins and to enjoy everlasting happiness in his heavenly Kingdom through Jesus Christ my ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} ~~body~~ I commit to the earth at the discretion of my Executors herein after named as to my worldly Goods I give and bequeath as follows.

Imprimis. I give to Elizabeth Shroyers the whole of my Tract of Land to her forever 2nd I give and bequeath to my Nephew James Banister one feather bed and bedding also one chaff Bed to him forever 3rd It is my will that the balance of my Estate not bequeathed may be sold as soon as convenient after my decease by my Executors herein after named and the money arising from such Sale to pay all my Just debts and to divide the balance of said money equally between Elizabeth Shroyers and my Nephew James Banisters If I do constitute

Equally between Elizabeth Shroyers and my Nephew James
Banisters If I do constitute and appoint John Vandine
my Soul Executor to this my last will and Testament
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal
this 24th day of April in the Year of our Lord Eighteen hun-
dred and twenty seven

Signed Sealed & in
the presence of
J F Robertson
J W Vandine

his
Elijah Banister (Seal)
mark

Codicil

It is my will and desire that the item bequeathed to my
Nephew James Banister shall be claimed in the hands of my
Executor until he becomes of the age of twenty one years and
that my Executor herein named shall see to and provide for
him at his discretion

his
Elijah Banister (Seal)
mark

Witness
J F Robertson
J W Vandine

At Botetourt May Court 1827

This Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and
Testament of Elijah Banister was exhibited in Court and proven by
the oaths of John F Robinson and J W Vandine subscribing witnesses
thereunto and ordered to be recorded