

Thomas
Will

I Francis Thomas of Botetourt County and State of Virginia, seriously taking into consideration my mortality and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, and that in consequence of my advanced age, the time of my sojourning in this world, at most, can be but a few years, do hereby make my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say:

First of all, I render my immortal soul to God who gave me the same trusting that through the merits of my blessed saviour, he will accept my humble offering, and my body I order to be buried in a Christian like manner, having a confident hope that my glorious Redeemer at his appointed time, will raise it ^{Botetourt County Virginia Wills 1829-1838} ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} ~~and my body~~ qualified to become an inhabitant of his heavenly kingdom.

Secondly, As touching my worldly estate I give to my dear & well beloved wife Grace Thomas, all my estate both real and personal as long as she lives and at her decease to dispose of my servants in such a way in the way that will be for their good, but it is my wish that if they or any of them are sold it should be to good & humane masters.

3rd I give to my daughter Lily Reed exclusive of her equal share of my estate five hundred Dollars to be paid her or her heirs on the division of my estate after the death of Mrs Thomas.

4th And after the decease of Mrs Thomas and after the above legacy is paid to Lily Reed, and all my just debts are paid, I desire and direct the rest of my estate to be divided equally amongst my children in respect to

burial offering and my body I order to be buried in a Christian like man-
ner, having a confident hope that my glorious Redeemer at his appointed
time will raise it a spiritual body, qualified to become an inhabitant of
his heavenly kingdom.

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any of them are sold it should be to good & humane masters.

3^d I give to my daughter Leticia Reid exclusive of her equal share of my
estate five hundred Dollars to be paid her or her heirs on the division of
my estate after the death of Mrs Thomas.

4th And after the death of Mrs Thomas and after the above legacy is paid
to Leticia Reid, and all my just debts are paid, I desire and direct the
of my estate to be divided equally amongst my children, having respect to
what I have already given them for which they have given receipts to
wit to my son John Thomas & his heirs, my daughters Elizabeth Reid & her
heirs the children of Mary Caldwell dec^d and their heirs Ann Harrison &
her heirs Thomas Mitchell & his heirs & Leticia Reid & her heirs.

And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son John
Thomas my executor of this my last will and testament and he is hereby
authorized to execute the same in full and to do all such things as may be
lawfully required of him in and about the execution of this my last will and
testament.

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that this 10 day of June 1830...

Signed, Sealed as was for the Last Will and Testament of the above named Francis Thomas }
in presence of
Wm W. Fogg, Wm Ferguson, Saml Ferguson

Francis Thomas *Test*

The Commonwealth of Virginia To Samuel Powell Judge of Washington County in the State of Tennessee greeting. Know ye that we trusting to your fidelity and prudent Circumspection in examining William Ferguson a witness attesting the Will of Francis Thomas deceased hereunto annexed, authorize and require you that at such Certain day and place as you shall appoint, the witness aforesaid before you, you call and Cause to Come and diligently examine on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God touching the execution of the said will and his attestation thereto and his examination into our County Court of Botetourt County distinctly and plainly without delay you shall send and certify enclosed returning also the said together with the said Will. Witness Henry W. Boyce Clerk of our said Court this 20th day of November 1835 in the 60th year of the Commonwealth

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test H W Boyce Clk

State of Tennessee Washington County

In pursuance of a Commission from the County Court of Botetourt County in the Commonwealth of Virginia I have Called William Ferguson to appear before me Samuel Powell Judge of the first Judicial Circuit of the State of Tennessee of which Circuit said County of Washington forms a part, at the house of John V. Chester in said County this 7th day of December 1835 who being duly sworn by me about the above...