

John Middlecott
will

In the name of God Amen. I John Middlecott of the County
of Botetourt and State of Virginia being aged and infirm, but
of sound mind and good memory, and being sensible of the
uncertainty of life, do hereby make my last will & testament
in manner and form following that is to say,

1st, I desire that my executors hereafter named may sell at
public sale upon a Credit of twelve months, all of my personal
and perishable property, consisting of all of my stock, farm-
ing utensils, household and kitchen furniture & grain & with
the exception of so much as I shall hereafter give to my
wife Elizabeth Middlecott; and collect as soon as possible
all Debts, ^{Botetourt County Virginia Wills 1829-1838} ^{www.virginiapioneers.net} ~~either by law or otherwise~~, which may be due
me, and out of the monies arising therefrom, pay and satisfy
all of my just debts and my funeral expenses, and the bal-
ance of the monies arising from the sale of the aforesaid prop-
erty and from the collection of the aforesaid debts shall be
applied and appropriated as I may hereafter direct.

2^{ndly} After the payment of my just debts & funeral expenses
I give to my wife Elizabeth Middlecott, if she should
survive me, one third part of the tract of land upon which
I now reside, to include the dwelling house, kitchen & barn
and the meadow and orchard nearest the dwelling house and
such other lands as the Commissioners, appointed by Court for
that purpose, may think proper to include.

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1st, I decree that my executor hereafter named may sell at
public sale upon a Credit of twelve months, all of my personal
and perishable property, consisting of all of my stock, farm-
ing utensils, household and kitchen furniture & grain &c, with
the exception of so much as I shall hereafter give to my
wife Elizabeth Middlecaugh; and collect as soon as possible,
all Debts, either by bonds or otherwise, which may be due
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and the meadows and orchard nearest the dwelling house and
such other lands as the Commissioners appointed by Court for
that purpose, may think proper to lay off & set
as a third part of the said tract of land, and
that it may be so laid off as to injure as little as possible
the balance of said tract of land, which third part of said

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I give and bequeath to my wife the said Elizabeth Middle-
cough for and during the term of her natural life.
3rd It is my will and desire that my Executors, hereafter named,
as soon after my death as they may think proper, do sell and
convey for the best price they can obtain, the tract of land
upon which I now reside, giving such credit for the payments
as they may think most advisable and most conducive to the
interest of my Estate, and I hereby authorize my executor or executors
to execute a good and legal deed of bargain and sale, for the said
tract of land, provided that if my wife Elizabeth Middlecough
should survive me, they shall reserve in such sale one eighth
part of said tract of land as is described in the 2nd section
of this my last will and testament; and the proceeds, arising
from the sale of the ~~above~~ tract of land, they shall appropriate
and apply in the payment of legacies as I shall hereafter direct.
4th I give to my wife the said Elizabeth Middlecough
if she should survive me, one horse, saddle and bridle, to
be selected by her out of my stock of horses - one cow, &
be chosen by her out of my stock of cattle, and one bed
bedclothing & bedstead to be selected by her out of my fur-
niture and one hundred Dollars to be paid out of the first
money my Executors may collect; and it is my will & desire
that the proceeds arising from the sale of the said tract of land

and one hundred Dollars to be selected by her out of my furniture and one hundred Dollars to be paid out of the first money my Executors may collect; and it is my will & desire that the proceeds arising from the sale of the whole of my real and personal estate, which shall remain in the hands of my executors, after making the payments heretofore directed, shall be appropriated and applied in the following manner to wit,

1^{stly} To my son David Middlecough I give & bequeath one hundred (\$100.00) dollars.

2^{ndly} To my son John Middlecough I give and bequeath five hundred dollars (\$500.00)

3^{rdly} To my son Jacob Middlecough, I give and bequeath five hundred dollars (\$500.00) -

4^{thly} To my son Joseph Middlecough I give and bequeath three hundred dollars (\$300.00)

5^{thly} To my son George Middlecough I give and bequeath five hundred dollars (\$500.00)

6^{thly} To my daughter Nancy Rhodeheiser I give and bequeath ten dollars (\$10.00)

7^{thly} After paying the foregoing legacies, if there should still remain a balance of my estate in the hands of my executors, it is my will and desire that they divide such balance equally between my aforesaid sons, David, John, Jacob, Joseph, & George Middlecough and my daughter Nancy Rhodeheiser.

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8^{thly} I constitute and appoint my worthy friend & friend

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Carped and Jacob Carped my executor to this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all other or former wills or testaments by me heretofore made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this day of _____ in the year of Christ one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

Signed, sealed, published & declared as & for the last will & testament of the above named John Middlecoff

John Middlecoff in presence of us
John W Thompson
C. Hedrick, Wm Craft

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At Botetourt September 1st 1836

This Instrument of writing purporting to be the last will & testament of John Middlecoff dec'd was produced in Court and proved by the oath of John W Thompson a subscribing witness thereto; and the handwriting of Charles Hedrick dec'd another subscribing witness, was proved by the oath of Joseph R Pitzer; and thereupon the said Instrument is admitted to record as the true last will and testament of said John Middlecoff dec'd.

Attest
John A. Holly DC

Subscribed & sworn to before me this 1st day of September 1836