

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Hughes of the Parish of
Southam & County of Cumberland being of perfect & disposing mind
& memory do make order constitute & appoint this to be my last
Will and Testament in manner & form as followeth to wit.

My Will & devise is that my Body be decently entred & as to my
worldly Estate which it hath Pleased God to give me after my Debts
are paid I give & dispose of in manner & form as followeth.

That is to say I give & bequeath to my eldest son Jese
Hughes my manner Plantation lying & being in the County of
Cumberland containing by Estimation five hundred & forty five
Acres to him & his Heirs forever. I give & bequeath to my
son Robert Hughes one certain Parcel of Land lying & being in
the above said County of Cumberland on both sides of Muddy
Creek joining James Rivers thence down the said River to a Black
Walnut line Tree that stands in an Old field that divided the
land I formerly lived on from the Land I bought of John
Alexander and so to continue as the Oldfield goes till it comes to
the Path that goes from the Oldfield to the River thence up the

and I have hereby bequeathed all the Land contained in them
to my son Robert to him and his heirs forever

And I have bequeathed to my son David Hughes the
plantation I bought of John Alexander and all my Land upon
the river that is not included in the bounds of the Land

bequeathed to my son Robert to him and his heirs forever only my
will is that my beloved Wife Ann Hughes may live
during her life in the part of Land I have devised to

my son David & further my Will is that if either of my sons
Robert or David dies before they attain to the age of twenty one
years he that is then living shall have the other's part of Land

that is devised. And I have my part of the Estate that
shall fall to me after my Mother's death to be equally divided
among my two Daughters Frances Hughes & Martha Hughes to have

their share forever but my Will is that if either of my daughters
dies before she attains to the age of twenty one years
she or he then living shall have it all

And I have bequeathed to my beloved Wife Ann Hughes two Negroes (that is to say one male and one female) to have and to use during her natural life only my Will is that

during her Natural Life only my Will & desire
- Negroes I lived to my Wife may not be separated from
- Myself till my Eldest Son John Hughes attains to the Age of 21
- one Year (for my Will is that my Negroes remain together
- Eldest Son John does attain to the Age of twenty one he is a
- my Wife and Children mentioned in this my Will I am
- Will is that my Negro Gave Sarah shall be her & her
- equally divided between my two Daughters Frances & Mary
- to be their share forever & my Will is that if either of
- my Daughters dies before they attain to the Age of twenty one
- or married she or her then living shall have the said Negro
- as her share. Then my Will & desire is that all the money
- that can be raised out of my Estate beside Paying my Debts &
- Wholly my Children & maintaining my Wife and Child till
- from the time of my death till my Eldest Son John comes to the age
- of twenty one years shall be equally divided between my three Son
- (my 1st Son John & my 2nd Son David & my 3rd Son James) forever
- My Will is further is that the rest of my Negroes which are two

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Agd. Court Pulaski Declared by
witness by the said Robert Hughes to
be his last Will & Testament

Robt Hughes S.S.

John Hughes

William Spear

John Robinson

Daniel McLean

At a Court held for Cumberland County the 27th October 1784
This last Will & Testament of Robert Hughes dec'd read over by John
Hughes William Spear & Daniel McLean three of the Nearest Kin
ordered to be recorded and on the motion of Ann the his executrix
the same named who made Oath according to Law & Certificate
granted her for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form giving
Security whereupon she together with William Clarke John Hughes
and John Alexander her Executors entered into and acknowledged
the said Will & Testament according to Law and Statute in force
in the County then named to join in Probate

Test Thos James Clerk