

In the Name of God Amen. March the twentieth one
thousand seven hundred and eighty three. I Paul Beck of the County of
Henry and State of Virginia, being sick and weak in body, yet of
perfect and sound memory thanks be to God, calling unto mind
the mortality of my body, and that it is appointed for all men once to
die, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, that is to
say principally and first of all, I recommend my Soul into the hands of
Almighty God that gave it, and my body to the Earth, to be buried at
the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but I shall receive the
same again by the mighty power of God. and as touching such worldly
estate, wherewith it hath pleased God in his mercy to bless me, I give
devise, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.
First I desire that my Just debts be paid out of my Estate by my
Executors, and secondly I desire my Executors to satisfy Samuel Cox &
Solomon Cox for two certain tracts of Land, which I have purchased of
them severally, to wit, one hundred acres each, or otherwise to give up
the said tracts of Land to the said Samuel Cox and Solomon Cox, or to do
and dispose of the same as they shall think most proper. Thirdly I
give and bequeath unto Martha my beloved wife, my riding mare &
her saddle, freely to be possessed and enjoyed by her, as her own
property for ever, and I also will and bequeath unto my said wife
Martha all the residue, and remainder of my Estate after the payment
of my Debts and funeral Expenses, both real and personal, Household
goods and furniture freely to be possessed and enjoyed by her, and at
her disposal during her Widowhood, without Inventory appraisment
or security given to count for her or my Executors, and at her death, or
marriage I desire that Joseph Lewis shall give security to Court, and
take the whole of my Estate into his hands and secure the same for
my Children. and at the marriage or decease of my said Wife
Martha, I give, devise, and bequeath, all my Estate, real & personal,
after my Legacies and debts are paid, unto my Loving Sons, Moses,
Edward, Joseph, Paul, John and Preston, and my Loving Daughters
Martha, Sarah, and Susannah equally to be divided amongst them
and freely to be possessed and enjoyed by them and their Heirs forever; &
I also appoint Joseph Lewis Guardian for my Children after the marriage
or decease of my said Wife Martha, and I appoint my said wife
Martha, and Joseph Lewis Executors and Executor of this my last Will
and Testament, ratifying and confirming this my Last Will and
Testament, and utterly disallowing, revoking, and disannulling all
other Wills, Legacies, Bequests, and Executors by me in any wise before
named. In Witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand, and

affixed my seal, the day and year above written.

Published, pronounced and declared by the said Paul Beck to be his last Will & Testament

Paul Beck (Seal)

In presence of us

Robert Jones

William Maavity

Thomas Jones Jr

At a Court held for Franklin County at the Courthouse in December 1791

This Last Will and Testament of Paul Beck deceased was produced in Court, and proved by the oath of William Maavity one of the subscribing Witnesses and at a Court held for the said County at the Courthouse the 5th day of January 1801 the said Will was further proved by the oath of Thomas Jones another subscribing Witness & ordered to be recorded

Teste James Callaway. C. C.

Richard
Carter's
Will
Etc

In the Name of God Amen. the twenty first day of march in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one. I Richard Carter of Franklin County and State of Virginia being very weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God bawling to mind the immortality of my body, and thought proper to make this my Last Will and Testament as followeth, Viz. I recommend my soul into the hands of him that gave it, Secondly I recommend my body to the earth from where it was taken, to be buried in christianlike, and decent manner First all just debts being paid out of my moveable Estate, and further I give unto my beloved wife Lidia Carter, one Horse, and one Cow, one bed & Bedstead, and the remainder of the moveable Estate to be divided between my two children, Richard Carter and Lidia, and likewise give and bequeath to my son Richard, one part of my Land on the west side, beginning at Bell's Line in Jack's Creek, running up the said Creek into the orchard to the head of the Spring, thence from the Spring to Hudson's Corner to a Gum. Secondly I give unto my Daughter Lidia the balance of my Land lying East side of the Line above mentioned. The said Richard and Lidia Carter is to hold the same tract of Land for ever, his heirs or assigns, and further it is my Will, that my wife Lidia Carter shall have a peaceable living on the same place, and also I make and Order John Wiggatt Senior, and Matthew Farmer