

I James Madison of the County of James City do hereby m——\*  
this my last will and Testament. I give to my two children Jan——\*  
Catesby, and Susan Randolph all the land which I hold, to b——\*  
equally divided between them, fully empowering Robert G. Sc——\*  
son in Law to sell and dispose of in any manner he may——\* proper  
such Lands as shall fall to the share of his wife——\* provided and  
on this exprefs condition, that the property accru——\* from such  
sale or disposition be held and considered as the property of my Daughter  
Susan and her children by her husband Robert G. Scott, so that in case  
of his death, the Lands here given or the value thereof may be still  
held and enjoyed by his wife and their children.

To my affectionate and beloved wife Sarah, I——\* during her life,  
all my other property of whatever kind, and ——\* my will is, that  
it shall be equally divided between my son and daughter as before  
mentioned. With respect, to the ——\* limitting the right of Robert  
G. Scott to the use of such ——\* or value to his life, and rendering  
him incapable of ——\* ting it, or any way disposing of it, that in the  
event of his death the whole value thereof shall not be fully held and  
enjoyed by his wife and their children. I do not thus restrain the  
rights of my son in Law because I have not a perfect confidence in his

prudence, his Honour, or in the goodness of his heart, and the pure affection for his wife, on the contrary, I have the highest confidence in him, my object is solely to guard against a loss which his wife and their children might sustain by the casualty of his dying intestate. This will and Testamony is written with my own hand, and I do hereby sign it on this twenty eighth day of January in the year of our Lord 1812 constituting my wife Executrix thereof, and sealing it with my seal.

James Madison (LS)

We a Court held for James City County the 13th day of April 1812. This writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of James Madison deceased, was produced in court, and thereupon St. George Tucker, William Coleman and George Jackson, being sworn, severally ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~\*posed that they are well acquainted with the hand writing of the said James Madison deceased, *from having frequently seen him write,* and verily believe that the said Will with the signature, "James ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Madison", thereto affixed, are all the proper ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~\* Testator, and thereupon the said will was ordered to be recorded.

In testimony whereof I Leonard Henley Clerk of the Court of the County aforesaid, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of my Office to be affixed this sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and in the 42 year of the Commonwealth.

Leo. Henley C. C.

State of Virginia

James City County to wit,

J. William Walker presiding magistrate of the Court of James City and State aforesaid, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by an out of \* \* \*