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I, John D. Jordan, of Lunenburg
County, Virginia, being of sound mind & knowing I am to die, do make & ordain this to
be my last will & testament, revoking all wills by me heretofore made.
I leave to my beloved wife Mary D. Jordan during
her natural life, the land & plantation whereon I live containing
about three hundred acres (more or less) together with all my house-
hold & kitchen furniture, and at her death the said land with
such furniture, to be sold & the money equally divided between my
sons forever. - But should my wife at any time choose to take
the said tract of land, she may sell & the money arising
from such sale to be laid out in the purchase of another tract
such as she may choose and direct. - Thus & in that case my
will & desire is that my executor hereafter named shall dispose
of said tract of land for the best price that may be obtained,
and lay out the proceeds of said land in the purchase of such
other tract of land as my said wife shall direct, & which
tract when bought my said wife & myself during her life, &
at her decease the same to be sold & the money equally
divided between my two sons.

Item my will & desire is that all my interest in my real estate
shall be sold by my executor upon such credit as he may
think best for the benefit of my sons & the money arising

think best for the benefit of my sons & the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between my two sons forever: and unless such sale takes place my wife shall enjoy the benefits of said mill for the use of my family which sale may take place as soon as my executor may judge most proper --

I then my will & desire is that my wife shall enjoy during her natural life all the negroes which I now have in possession except negro man Phill, & at her decease the said negroes so loaned to her to be equally divided between my two sons forever: and should my said wife at any time think proper to curtail the sale of any one or more of said slaves so loaned to her for life, then & in that case my executor shall be authorized & is hereby directed to make sale of such slaves or slaves & purchase as soon as convenient other slaves or slaves in their stead as my wife may choose & request to be had by her as aforesaid for life & then to go as aforesaid to my said two sons -- my will & desire is that if either of my two ^{sons} die before they arrive to lawful age or marry then the surviving son to possess forever the share or portion in this my will bequeathed to such deceased son

I then I leave to my beloved wife my negro servant Phill during her life & at her decease to be equally divided with the said two sons

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her natural life all the negroes which I now have in possession
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be loaned to her & be equally divided between my two sons forever:
and should my said wife at any time think proper to direct
the sale of any one or more of said slaves to be loaned to her for
life, that I in that case my executor shall be authorized &
is hereby directed to make sale of such slaves or slaves I
purchase as soon as convenient other slaves or slaves in deed
thereof as my wife may choose & request to be had by her as
aforesaid for life & then to go as aforesaid to my said two sons
- my will & desire is that if either of my two sons die before
they arrive to lawful age or marry then the surviving son
& possess forever the share or portion in this my will bequeathed
to such deceased son

I then - I leave to my beloved wife my negro man Phill
during her life & at her decease to be equally divided with
the negroes before mentioned between my said two sons forever.

I then my will and desire is that, all the interest that I
have in my deceased father's estate, upon the death of my
mother, whether in the land there or other property, shall be equally
divided between my said two sons forever and I hereby direct
that my executor shall do the same of my said two sons

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that the negroes I have as indebted unto upon the death of my
mother, by virtue of my father's will should be sold. I do hereby
request my executor to dispose of said negroes as soon as they shall
be secured upon such credit as he may think best - & the proceeds
therefrom to be equally divided between my said two sons forever.
Item I give & bequeath unto my beloved wife all my stocks of horse
cattle sheep & hogs forever including my interest in a stud horse.

Item my desire is that my executor shall my best able out
of such property as he may think best, but I should prefer if
possible that so much money as be necessary for such purpose to
be raised by the sale of my interests in my mill as aforesaid.

Item my is ^{Lunenburg County Wills 1818-1826} ~~that my estate~~ shall not be appraised -
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Item what I have loaned & bequeathed to my beloved wife is to
be in full of & drawn in any part of my estate.

Item all the residue of my estate (if any) I wish to be equally
divided between my sons forever.

Item I do hereby approve and constitute my beloved wife
executrix & Doct Edward H Borchett executor of this my last
will & testament revoking all others by me made - For testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal.

This 11th day of April 1823

Signed sealed published &

acknowledged in presence of

Baister Jordan Seal

divided between my sons forever

I then, I do hereby appoint and constitute my beloved wife
agent & Dock Edward H Bortchett executor of this my last
will & testament revoking all others by me made - In testimony
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal.
This 11th day of April 1823

Signed sealed published &
acknowledged in presence of
George Braghead and
James Bayley

Baxter Jordan Seal

In Lunenburg County, Virginia, this 11th day of August 1823 The within written
last will & testament of Baxter Jordan dec'd was presented into court &
the same was proven by the oaths of the two certified clerks subscri-
bed and ordered to be recorded - and on the motion of Edward H Bortchett
son of the executor therein named who having made oath
according to law: certificate is granted him for obtaining probate of
the same whereupon he entered into & acknowledged bond with
approved security for that purpose conditioned as the law directs
reserving liberty to the executor therein named to join in probate
whenever he shall think fit -

Teste

Wm A Taylor Ck

Chas Rolt I Robert Price of Lunenburg County & State of Virginia