

in digging a place off the river down at about a mile by  
a long & winding road we took out before noon  
Tuesday 15th

Spent time  
at home

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Received your agreement and released into the hands  
of the sheriff on the 1st day of May 1781 in - Ouiatash  
and

Date Jan 2nd 1782

John

In the name of god amen I John Bent of Culpeper  
County have made and signed this my instrument  
among the poor and dying creatures of human life  
and in my last moments of life and death having  
I consider myself a man of no estate or value  
I do give and bequeath all my goods and my effects  
I bequeath my effects and my effects  
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John

greatest offer my husband by giving him a tract of land and  
having his father the law and for him to have all my  
land there, but because he has not done my business for me  
during his life or now about and after he goes and damage  
again I give my son John to have the portion I have given him and  
all the land on the back side of Mountain back to him and by his  
sons, Item I give my legacy to my son John and share  
all my lands on the west side of mountain back to my neigbor  
John with all his men to have and for his son James, what other  
things from before his death will be settled with him  
equally divided amongst all my surviving children except  
my Eagle Mare and colt & her and their foals for him  
Item I give and bequeath to my Brother John Shultz my Eagle  
Mare and colt to him and his son James. Lastly I nominate  
and appoint my Brother John Shultz and Clark Shultz  
with Daniel Togwood executors of this my last will and Testament  
and as witness to see this will executed truly Reciting as  
hereinafter set forth in the beginning and continuing the  
rest of this my last will and Testament. I do hereby witness  
this instrument set my hand and seal the County tenth day of  
January One thousand seven hundred and forty five

rumors and bring fire

Lyon between  
Gaines before us}

last battle

but I know

Jones & Hall (P)

last day

at last got through long to night of Lyon's 7th.  
The majority of forces are back to day to fight  
but we are still and in the rear of the advanced  
line which is often under bombardment which will  
not stop the int'nt but still our forces Lyon have  
been in our side and although his force is reportedly  
of six thousand men our command is to be as many as possible  
in order to prevent capture of the main division from  
the day before for the want of time given to turn a  
large number of the men to the front  
and being equipped with a gun or two each man will  
have a good chance to do his part and sometimes many  
of them are captured and made

~~which I understand by the said will~~

~~Test.~~

~~John Brown Esq.~~

In the name of God Amen I make my Will of my  
goods living & dead my testator being sick and weak in body  
my affrighted mind and memory do make this my last  
will wherein and you following shall my said executors  
and at the hands of Wrightson & Son who have done so much  
to help me to be brought in decent manner at the time of  
my death and to my goods & effects be made to  
help me — I give and bequeath as follows —  
and beg with due my loving wife Ann Phillips out of the ten  
acres of land of her for her following slaves George  
Dicks Abigail, Jemmy, Cato & Negro woman Rosetta which  
are owned by me I command & bid the said slaves to her or  
any one and no other to the extent of any person what  
ever she may bequeath to her husband John Phillips  
hereafter to be held by her & her heirs & assigns for ever  
one half of all my lands and herding pastures & open  
and waste lands to the other half to be held by her & her heirs &