

John Heston's
Will

In the name of God Amen. This Eighteenth day of October in the year of our
 Lord One thousand Seven hundred and twenty four I John Heston Son of Mecklenburg
 County being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thank
 to God for the same, and knowing that it Appointed for all men to die do make
 and give in this my last Will and Testament, that is to say, first and
 principally I Recommend my Soul into the hands of God that give it, hoping at
 the General Resurrection to receive the same again through the merits of Jesus Christ
 and my body I Recommend to the earth to be buried in a Christian and
 decent burial at the direction of my Executors hereafter named and as
 touching such Worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me in this
 life with, I Give devise and dispose of in manner and form following
 all my last debts being first duly paid. Item I Give unto my son
 John Heston five Shillings Cash, to him and his heirs forever. Item I Give
 unto my daughter Mary Canton five Shillings Cash to her and her heirs
 forever. Item I Give unto my loving wife Elizabeth Heston during her
 natural life two Negroes to wit, Jane and Peter also the best feather bed and
 furniture, four bush of wheat of her choice, six hogs and all the sheep as
 also one Black cow and butch the best and best of all

and in the said will some other things are mentioned as follows with the same
 I have signed this Will in the presence of one Thomas D. Parsons and one
 son of the said John Heston and as my duty obliging to my nearest friends for the same
 I have signed this Will in the presence of one Thomas D. Parsons and one son of the said John Heston

• I have been for a number of years the owner of a plantation in the western part of Virginia. I have been married to my wife for 20 years and have 10 children. I have been a member of the Methodist Church for 20 years and have been a member of the same for 10 years. I have been a member of the same for 10 years and have been a member of the same for 10 years.

...familiar, from lists of battle of her choice. See logs and all the sheep as
also one black mare and saddle, likewise the best and type of Oison
One table and best chest four chairs and all the printer together with the
use of the plantation. I have but that nothing of the articles before but
should be moved out of this County, neither off the said plantation
I have my desire is that the rest of my Estate be it of what kind same shall
be kept together until my youngest child arrives to the age of ten years
and then to be equally divided among all my children hereafter named
Israel, Sonny, Hannah, Nure, William, Joseph, Maria, Thomas
James, Betsey, Edmund and Sally. And to them and their heirs
forever in case either of my children should die before the expiration
of the time (having no issue lawfully begotten of their body) for their
part to be equally divided among those then living. My wife being now
great with child, in case it should live to share equally with the rest
of my children at the death of my wife, all that I have but shall be
equally divided among all my children before mentioned in succession
to them and their heirs forever. I certify I affirm my friends John
Columbus and loving wife Elizabeth Kinton are witnesses to this

I love my desire is that the rest of my Estate be it of what kind soever shall
be kept together until my youngest child arrives to the age of two years
and then to be equally divided among all my children hereafter named
to wit, Sonny, Hannah, Anne, William, Joseph, Marnie, Thomas
James, Betsey, Edmund and Sally. And then their
poor in case either of my children should die before the expiration
of the time (having no issue lawfully begotten of their body) for their
part to be equally divided among those then living. My wife being now
great with child, in case it should live to share equally with the rest
of my children at the death of my wife, all that I have here shall be
Equally divided among all my children before mentioned in division
to them and their heirs forever. So that I appoint my friends John
Coleman and Henry wife Elizabeth. And my wife and to be
Executor and Guardian of this my last will and Testament and any
all other before made by me and confirming this shall be my
last will and Testament. In Witness whereof. John Coleman

Set my hand and affix my seal, the day and year first above written.

Signed Sealed published
and Delivered by the said

John Keen *JB*

John Keen as his last
Will and Testament

In presence of
William Algood
Peter Barton

At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 9 day of January 1795

This Will was proved by the Oath of Peter Barton one of the Justices
and at a Quarterly Court held for the said County the 9 day of March following
the said Will was further proved by the Oath of William Algood another
Justice thereof and ordered to be recorded.

Teste

William Baskinway Clk. Cur.

Nicholas
Deputy
The

In the name of God Amen I Nicholas Deputy of the County of Mecklenburg County

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in solemn manner and in open Court do hereby certify to all that the

above written is a true and correct copy of the original as the same is now on file in the