

In the name of God Amen I John Puffer of the
County of ~~Mecklenburg~~ ^{Mecklenburg} ~~Virginia~~ ^{Virginia} do hereby declare my last will and testament
to be as follows I first move I do move and direct that all
my debts may be fully paid off and discharged as soon
as the necessities of my estate will admit and as to
the settlement and collection of the debts due to me I
leave it entirely to the discretion of my executor.
I am further moved hoping he will show indulgence to
such of my debtors as are needy and honest.
I move I do fully release and forgive any balance
due to me from the estate of my Brother in Law Mr.
George Nicholas deceased and to his son George
Nicholas I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred
pounds.

And I give and bequeath the to my much esteemed
friend George Cayhall of Chesterfield County the bay
Colt he has now in possession.

I leave all the rest of my estate of what nature or
kind soever I desire to my Brother Francis Puffer
to have and he has for ever.
Lastly I declare that my estate shall be administered

afterwards I am hoping he will show indulgence to
each of my debts as we are ready and honest.

There I do fully release and forgive any balance
due to me from the estate of my Brother in Law Mr.
James Buchanan deceased and to his son George
Buchanan I give and bequeath the sum of five hundred
pounds.

There I give and bequeath to my much esteemed ^{friend}
Mr George Cagbell of Chesterfield County the Bay
Cell he has now in possession.

I leave all the rest of my estate of what nature so
ever I should bequeath to my Brother Francis Ruffin
to have and to dispose of as he sees fit.

Lastly I desire that my estate may not be appraised
and disappointed my Brother Francis Ruffin.

Witness of this my will I seal and sign of these
instruments and my hand and seal this 28th of May
1776

John Ruffin



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At a Court held for Mecklenburg County the 8 day of December
Francis Puffin Gent. made a deposition of John Puffin
and presented his petition in chancery to the Court with
oath that the said John before his death in his own
writing made his last will and testament but would
bring ^{to prove} ~~themselves~~ that such testimony might be taken thereon
to the Court should see meet and a decree made
agreeable to such evidence and that the said will might
be admitted to record whereupon Henry Hather and Dr.
Puffin Gent. being sworn said they were acquainted
with the hand writing of the said John Puffin Gent.
believed the writing to them produced for proving his
will and testament to be wholly written with his own hand
and therefore the said writing was ordered to be received
as the last will and testament of the said John
Puffin died and on the motion of the said Francis Puff
the executor named in the said will who made oath
therein and together with Henry Hather and most Dr.
his securities entered into Acknowledged that being
the sum of ten thousand pounds conditioned as to
the sum of ten thousand pounds was wanted him to obtain

to the Court should seem meet and a decree made.
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be admitted to record whereupon Henry Wether and Geo.
D. ... of ... being sworn said they were acquainted
with the hand writing of the said John Puffin ...
believed the writing to them produced for sporting his
last and testament to be wholly written with his own
hand and thereupon the said will was ordered to be received
as the last will and testament of the said John
Puffin ... and on the motion of the said Francis Puff
the executor named in the said will who made oath
to do and together with Henry Wether and Geo. D.
his securities entered into & acknowledged their bond
in penalty of ten thousand pounds conditioned as the
said decrees certify was granted them for obtaining
a probat thereof in due form.

Given &

To be

John Brown Cl. Cur.

... of the estate of John Puffin ...