

John Nicholas (B. fur.)

In the Name of God Amen I Robert Green of S^t Marks Parish in the County of Orange and
County of Virginia being a little indisposed in Body but of perfect mind and Memory Thanks to God
for the same, therefore coming to mind the uncertainty of this life & the certainty of Death, and that Death should
surprise me at any time I have my Affairs to my satisfaction, I do make and Ordain this my Last Will and
Testament in the following Manner. I principally wish that I should be remembered to God and
a Hoping that thro' the Merits and Sufferings of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to enjoy everlasting
Felicity. And my Body I commit to the Earth I desire to be decently interred at the Discretion
of my Executors herein after mentioned and as for such worldly Estate with which it hath
pleased God to bless me in this Life I dispose of in the following Manner. I am primo
Married and Desire with that my funeral Charges except Buriall first paid be discharged
out of the first and best Estate I have or shall have and out of all my Goods Chattels and other things I leave in
Proportion to the Number of my Children and shall have unto my said Wife I leave an equal Share in Proportion
as a portion of the Land which I have to be paid up at the time of my Death during her Life
I give and bequeath to my son William Green of the County of Stafford for use all the remaining
Part of a Tract of Land of which I am Part to Master Hall joining a Tract of Land patented in my
Wife's Name, also one tract of Land containing four hundred acres lying at the foot of the large
Mountain formerly in dispute with my late Uncle W^m Duff Deceased lying for four or five hundred
acres of Land joining to the same a Warrant from the Postmistrs Office for which is now
in the possession of Mr. James Green Surveyor One Lot or half Acre of Land in the Town of Salomoth
which I bought of Capt. Robert Jones a Debt for which is secured in King Georges County for
half a Tract of Land in Augusta County containing four hundred Acres a Part of which is
allotted to the Clergy's Office in the Name of Col. James O'Hanly Part of the Rights and Stock of the
Shore of a Tract of Land which the Indian Church stands in Community with tenants
of S^t Marks Parish in the County of Orange

and hoping that thro' the Merits and Sufferings of my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ to enjoy everlasting
Felicity. And my Prayers I commit to thy Care that thou wilt be decently interred at the Discretion
of my Executors herein after mentioned and as for such worldly Estate with which it hath
pleased God to bless me in this Life I dispose of in the following Manner. I am giving
My Wife and Decease with my funeral Charges paid. I do hereby first bequeath
I give unto my Wife Elizabeth Green her dear and dear and all my Goods both little and great according to the
Proportion to the Number of my Children and I do hereby bequeath my said Wife Elizabeth a great Share in my
as a portion of the same which I shall be satisfied for the Time of my Decease during her Life.
I give and bequeath to my Son William Green of the County of Devon for ever all the remaining
Part and Part of Land of which I do Part to Martin Hall joining to a Tract of Land patented in my
Sons Name also one Tract of Land containing four hundred Acres lying at the Foot of the High
Mountain formerly bequeathed to my Son John W. Druff the same being for four or five hundred
Acres of Land joining to the same a Warrant from the Commissioners Office for which is now
in Possession of Mr. James Green Surveyor. One Lot or half Acre of Land in the Town of Balmouth
which I bought of Capt. Robert Jones a Deed for which is recorded in King Georges County Records
half a Tract of Land in Virginia County containing four hundred Acres a Part of which is
returned to the Surveyors Office in the Name of Col. James Harding Part of the Rights and Stocking of the
I have paid and one Tract of Land which the Baptist Church at Balmouth is now in Possession of
the Field including Town and Land as follows to my Son William my Wife Elizabeth and
I give and bequeath unto my Son Robert Green and his Heirs and Assigns for ever all that Tract or
Tracts of Land in the County of Devon in which I am now and am to be a Part of the same and all
the same being by the Title of the said Robert Green and his Heirs and Assigns for ever all that Tract or

at the time of my death on Little Creek in Virginia. I have left all the Land and Plantation
of Land near the town of Richmond being the whole of the same to my son Dr. William Byrd
and his heirs forever, from that time forth and forever, and I have also conveyed in the said
Office of Virginia (which remains still undivided)
My Son and his heirs forever, my son Dr. Green and his heirs forever, all the Land and Plantation
containingly situated from the Little Creek in the said County of Richmond, joining to the
Land of Anthony Little, it is a tract of Land containing one thousand and one hundred and
thirty acres, lately conveyed by the James Green lying in the said County of Richmond, called the
Merrimac tract, but now have been partly conveyed with the James Wood of the same County
in several tracts of Land, and probably it may appear by some Writing as the same Land, but I
not approved of, that the said James Wood may have some right to the last mentioned tract
of Land, it is therefore my Desire and the hereby require of my Executors that they do
convey one half the said tract of Land (not mentioned) to the said James Wood in his paying
the Charges which shall come thereon, in Case it shall appear as is before suggested,
otherwise it is my Desire that my said son Dr. Green and his heirs and assigns enjoy the same forever
and ever.

My Son and his heirs forever, my son John Green and his heirs and assigns forever, all my Land and Plantation
on Muddy Run, on which my Mill doth stand, together with the said tract of Land which
I bought of John Latham, Dr. joining to the said Mill tract. Also one half of the Land which
was lately conveyed for me on Negro River and Hedgman's River joining to Mr. Charles Dewitt's
Land, and one other tract of Land containing one hundred and fifty acres, my son
Bignator was built at the mouth of Crooked Run which I bought of Isaac Vainthorpe.

My Son and his heirs forever, my son Nicholas Green and his heirs and assigns forever, all that
tract of Land and Plantation which was conveyed by my son James Green formerly did line near to the East of the

24thly I give and bequeath unto my Son Nicholas Green and his heirs and assigns forever all that Tract of Land and Plantation wherein Benjamin Green formerly did live near to the Foot of the Red Oak Mountain on Cannon's River containing by Patent two Acres and one half that Tract of Land containing seven or ten hundred Acres on the Branches of Meady Creek at the Foot of the North Mountain in Augusta County. Also one half of a Tract of Land lying in the said County of Augusta containing three hundred & fifty Acres, a Part of which is returned to the Secretaries Office in the Name of Col. James Ward, being Part of the highly desirable Fee that is

25thly I give and bequeath unto my Sons James & Moses Green & their Heirs and assigns forever one Tract of Land containing by Patent four hundred Acres lying between the said three hundred Acres bequeathed to my Son Nicholas, the Land of Col. Thornton & William Covington, which Land was sold to me by Thomas Papad by me from the said Thomas, as may appear by Deed and my Part of the Land, which was patented in my Name on the south Branch of Cannon's River, according to Col. James Ward of Frederick County one half thereof, he paying to my Executors twenty five pounds being my Part of what he has received for Land sold on the said south Branch, and I do give and bequeath to the said James & Moses & their Heirs & assigns forever one equal half Part of the said Land (Patented) on the south Branch of Cannon's River, in consideration of his paying the said twenty five pounds he having already paid his Part of all other Charges.

26thly I give and bequeath unto my said Sons James & Moses Green & their Heirs & assigns forever one half of a Tract of Land containing two thousand Acres lying in Augusta County between the River Shenandoe and the Peak of Mountain and any Part is that the said Land bequeathed to my said Sons James & Moses Green shall be equally divided between them at the Discretion of my Executors.

27thly Whereas I have already bequeathed to my Son William Green my Right to one half a Tract of Land in Augusta County containing four hundred Acres and half one other Tract containing three hundred & fifty Acres to my Son Nicholas Green in the said County the State

Part of the North Mountain in Augusta County, Virginia, which contains
the said County of Augusta containing three hundred fifty Acres, a Part of which contains
to the Secretary's Office in the Name of Col. James Wood & my Part of the said County of Augusta
18thly. I give and bequeath unto my Sons James & Moses Green & their Heirs and Assigns for ever one Tract of
Land containing by Patent four hundred Acres, lying between the said three hundred Acres
bequeathed to my son Nicholas, the Land of Col. Thornton & William Covington, which Land
was bequeathed to my Son Moses by me from the said Mountain near by the
all my Part of the Land, which was in Part of my Name in the South Branch of Potomack
River, running to Col. James Wood of Frederick County one half thereof, he paying to my Ex^{rs}
twenty five pounds being my Part of what he has received for Land sold on the said South
Branch, and I do give and bequeath to the said James & Moses & their Heirs for ever
one equal half Part of the said Land (Patented) on the South Branch of Potomack, it
being in consideration of his paying the said twenty five pounds he having already paid
his Part of all other Charges.

19thly. I give and bequeath unto my said sons James & Moses Green & their Heirs & Assigns for ever one half
of a Tract of Land containing two thousand Acres lying in Augusta County between the River
I have in the Peak of Mountain and my Will is that the said Land bequeathed to my said
Sons James & Moses Green shall be equally divided between them at the Discretion of my Executors
20thly. Whereas I have already bequeathed to my son William Green my Right to one half a
Tract of Land in Augusta County containing four hundred Acres and half one other Tract
containing three hundred fifty Acres to my Son Nicholas Green in the said County the Part
for which Land is returned to the Secretary's Office in the Name of Col. James Wood
is to be paid by him that the said James & Moses may when they shall be of Age
the said Land be sold to the said James & Moses for one moiety thereof and the said

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that my Will is and shall be my desire, that my said son Col. James Wood has conveyed to my said son the tract as aforesaid, one half of which is in Augusta County at the foot of the North Mountain on the borders of muddy Creek, containing by Patent twenty thousand Acres. And also one half of another tract of Land in the said County of Augusta between Shamokin River and the Blue Ridge Mountain containing by Patent two thousand Acres.

10thly I give and bequeath unto the said Col. James Wood his heirs and assigns forever (as his buying one half of the Charges attending them) one half of a Tract of Land lately conveyed to me by Mr. James Green, on Upper Drury's Run, near a bridge joining to the North River in the lower the Little Fork of Drapachamunah Run, being on pursuance of an Agreement made with the said James Wood.

11thly I give unto Mr. John Nelson son of William Nelson two thousand Acres of Land lying on the branches of Black Water Run at the Red Oak Mountain in Orange County being in consideration of his bearing part of the Expenses in taking up a large Tract adjoining to the same, which Tract was ceded from Daniel Brown.

12thly My Will and Desire is, that all the Negroes, Little, Slaves, household Goods and Farming Tools except the New Goods in the State, which I shall be possessed of at the time of my Death, shall be equally divided between my Wife & Children aforesaid. Except my son Buff Green who is sufficiently provided with such necessaries by the Will of my deceased Uncle W. Buff and it is my Desire, that those who divide my said Personal Estate, may have regard to proportion the Age of the Negroes to the Age of my Children to whom they are allotted, and not to be shared out by my said personal estate, but according to their Number. And my Desire is that each of my said Estate as shall be allotted for my sons John, Nicholas James & Moses Green, except the Negroes, may be sold in such manner as my Executors shall think most advantageous, and the Money arising therefrom, as also their Ransoms and the Profit

the Sums of the Negroes to the Apprenticing Children to whom they are allotted, and not to be shared
among my other present issue, but according to their Number. And my Desire is
that each of my ^{own} Estate as shall be allotted for my sons John, Nicholas James &
Moses Green, (except the Negroes) may be sold in such manner as my Executors shall think
most advantageous, and the Money arising therefrom, or the said Negroes and the Profit
of them to remain in the Hands of my Executors until the said John, Nicholas James &
Moses shall arrive at the Age of twenty ^{years} and during which Time they are to remain in
my said Wife's Education & to be schooled at her Discretion during her Widowhood, and if she
marries then my Desire is, that my said Sons shall be under the Tution & Care of my
Executors. And after mentioned, And my Desire is, that my three eldest Sons William, Robert
and Duff Green, may possess their Estates & be at Liberty to use as they shall arrive
at twenty ^{years} years of Age.

Other Things by the Will of my Deceased Uncle W^m Duff, he amongst other Things left unto
his Wife Elizabeth during her Life all his Lands & Plantations in ^{the} Negroes & King George
& Westmoreland Counties, and after her Decease he bequeathed the said Negroes &c. to William
Duff of Virginia, John Duff of the Kingdom of Ireland & to the Survivors of them, namely
William & John Duff, & their Heirs in Fee Simple, & the Profits & certain duties & charges
to be depayed thereby, and the Profits thereof more than will ^{be} there ^{by} Changes to be equally
divided between the said John & William Duff, and the Male Heirs of their Bodies
lawfully begotten, & for want of such Heirs, then he bequeathed the said Estates to me during
my Life and after my Decease to my Son W^m Green & his Male Heirs &c. And the said
W^m Duff being dead without Male Issue & the said John Duff having as yet not claimed
the said Estate, the same still remains in my Possession and after my Decease will
devolve to my S. Son William Green. It is therefore my Desire, that if the said
John should ~~not~~ claim the said Estate within four years from the Date of this

my said Wife condition & to be school at her Discretion during her Widowhood and if she
marries then my Desire is, that my said Sons shall be under the Tution & Care of my
executors and after the mentioned and my Desire is that my three eldest Sons William, Robert
and Iuff Green may possess their Estates & be at Liberty, even as they shall arrive
at twenty one years of Age.

And whereas by the Will of my Deced'd Uncle W^m Duff he amongst other Things left unto
his Wife Deced'd during her Life all his Lands Plantations, Negroes & thing George
& Westmoreland Counties and after her Decease he lent his said Negroes to William
Duff of Virginia & John Duff of the Kingdom of Ireland & to the friends of them & the
Meeting at West River in Maryland in Trust & for the use of the said Duff & his
to be defrayed thereby and the Profits thereof more than will their Charges to be equally
divided between the said John & William Duff and the Male Heirs of their bodies
lawfully begotten & for want of such Heirs then he lends the said Estate to me during
my Life and after my Decease to my Son W^m Green & his Male Heirs & now the said
W^m Duff being dead without Male Issue & the said John Duff having as yet not claimed
the said Estate the same still remains in my Possession and after my Decease will
devolve to my Son William Green. It is therefore my Desire that if the said
John should not claim the said Estate within three years after my Decease that
then my said Son W^m Green shall defend to my said Wife Deced'd and the said Estate
to be equally divided between them (except my son Duff as before) and the rest of my personal
Estate which he shall receive at my Decease, that if it should be required that the said
John Duff or his Heirs or any other Person within the time aforesaid should claim the
Estate from my said Son that then he may lawfully enjoy his equal share of my
said personal Estate to the said Son W^m Green or his Heirs & assigns forever.

And whereas I am concerned in sundry Tracts of Land & Vnder of Court for Land (for which the
said Patents are yet) It is my Desire that all such Land should be sold at the Direction
of my Executors in such a manner as shall be most advantageous to my Heirs and that the Money arising by
such Sales shall be appropriated to discharge all such Debts (if any) as shall be due
from me at the time of my Death to any Person, and particularly on Account of the
Estate of the above named William Duff decd. to the said John Duff in Case he should
survive the above mentioned Estate, and what will arise by the said Sales more than will
discharge the Debts aforesaid shall be equally divided between my Wife and Sons aforesaid
except my Son Duff aforesaid and it is my Desire that all such new Goods as shall be
in my House at my Death shall be sold and the Proceeds thereof to be equally divided
in last mentioned and further, my Desire is that if any of my aforesaid Sons
should die before they arrive at Age to possess their Estates, that then his or their Estate
or Estates shall be equally divided between the survivors.

14thly Whereas I am possessor of one hundred Acres of Land in Prince William County which
belongs to me and which I have of the above named Wm Duff Decd. the same being unbegun and
by the said Wm Duff to my Son and I am at this time in possession of the same and of a Tract
of Land containing five hundred Dollars adjoining to the said hundred Acres two
hundred Acres Part of the said five hundred the said Wm Duff bequeathed to Anne Duff
the said Wm Duff's Wife and the remainder of the said Tract to Anne Duff now Wife of John
Duff and I therefore Desire, that the said Land may be sold by my Executors,
therefrom to be equally divided between my Sons Wm Green & Robert Green
in my Name, which by an

As therefore I desire, that the said Land may be sold by my Executors
herefrom to be equally divided between my Sons W^m Green & Robert Green
I therefore have disposed of two hundred Acres of Land situated in my Name, which by an
agreement I made with John Newport died I was to make him & coming to him & Newport
but as I was not sure for that Newport died in his Life time for his faithful Performance
of the Office of Deputy Sheriff in the County of Orange, and now Suit is brought against
me for his Default in the said Office, if therefore the Heirs of the said Newport shall
indemnify my Heirs from any Thing that may Accrue from any Default in his
Office, I do require & intreat my Executors to convey these two hundred Acres of Land to
the Heirs of the said Newport.

And lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my beloved Wife, Anne Green
my Son William & Robert Green & my good friend & friends & Daughters Gent^l Men
if this my last Will & Testament, hereby revoking all other Wills by me formerly
made. In Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Seal the
twenty second Day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven
hundred & forty seven eight.

Robert Green

Signed sealed published & declared by the
above Robert Green to be his last
Will and Testament, and that the
same was contained in ^{three} Sheets
of Paper in Presence of us
Three Witnesses the eighth Line the
Word (en) was added in the twenty
eighth Line the Word (Male) was added
in the ninth Line the Word (dear)
his Name in the ninth Line was added

But as I was already married
of the Office of Deputy Sheriff in the County of Orange, and now Suit is brought against
me for his Default in the said Office if therefore the Heirs of the said Newport desire to
indemnify my Heirs from any Thing that may Accrue from any Default in his said
Office, I do require & empower my Executors to convey them Two hundred Acres of Lands to
the Heirs of the said Newport.

And lastly, I do hereby nominate, constitute & appoint my beloved Wife Minna Leggett
my True Willing & Robert Green & my good friend & sincere Daughters friend Leggett
of this my last Will & Testament. Revoking hereby all other Wills by me formerly
made. In Witnes whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Affirmed that the
Twenty second Day of February in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and forty seven eight.

Robert Green

Signatures published & declared by the
above Robert Green to be his last
Will and Testament, and that the
same was contained in those Sheets
of Paper in Possession of us
Three Witnesses in the eighth Line the
Word (en) scratched out in the twenty
eighth Line the Word (State) scratched out
in the twenty first Line the Word (doe)
his Heirs in the twenty seventh Line
inserted before the 11th Line
John Thompson Richard Young
James Gills John Roberts

At a Court held for Orange County on Thursday the 28th of July 1788

✓ The last Will & Testament of Robert Green dec^d was presented into Court by the Executors therein named proved by the Oaths of John Thompson Richard Young John Robert Williams James Henry & John who were William Green & his at Large to the said Robert & appearing in Court declared that he had no money offer in Opposition thereto on the Motion of William Green William Thomas & William Green Robert Green & his Executors named who made oath according to Law Certificates granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due Form

Teste

John Nicholas

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(St. Cur)

In the Name of God Amen I William Morton of Orange County & Pth Thomas Parish being Sick & weak in Body and Mind & Memory do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament in Manner & Form following

I recommend my Soul to God who gave it me & Body to the Earth to be decently buried at the Discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned.

It is my Desire that all my just Debts be paid

I give to my beloved Son Jeremiah Martin ten Shillings but Money he having received his other Part already.

I give unto my Son in Law Henry Brown & my Daughters Ann Brown one hundred Acres of Land with the Pth & Mth & so on

I give unto my Son in Law Henry Brown & my Daughters Ann Brown one hundred Acres of Land with the Pth & Mth & so on