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In the Name of God Amen I Thomas Meray
apostolical man do hereby in the parish of St. George being in
Perfect health & memory thanks be to God therefore doth
make this my last will & Testament full & true &

bequeath my soul to God who gave it me & my body from
thence it comes & from & bequeath to my dear son

Thomas & Paddyman Meray my land in Craggy county
which I bought of Coyne Blower on Torrey Thompson
given to them & their heirs for ever to be divided & sold
Within my son Paddyman comes of age then my son
Paddyman to have & to, in two parts & give me in the

Meray his choice

Thomas & give & bequeath to my three daughters Mary
Elizabeth Meray & Anne & their children
Young Lady & all her children

I desire of all her children to promise me
 to be divided as follows: when either of my daughters
 or Son-in-law of Age then they agree to be quiet, I desire
 a mung them & the daughters to marry or Son-in-law
 of Age to receive her part & the other daughters & Son-in-law
 together shall one of the other daughters & Son-in-law
 of Age & then to be equally divided between the two
 but if it should please God that either of my daughters
 should die before her Marriage or Son-in-law of Age then
 Give their part to be equally divided between the two
 I am I give I bequeir to my Son-in-law & my daughter
 Live on as also my wife, also my Siding & share with
 all my household stuff & what ever to her husband
 over the paying all my just debts, although two
 Legacies of my sisters children if recovered by them
 I am I give I bequeir all the rest of my estate what
 I have my land which I bought at Hittin & Hampton

John Bates

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a Court held for Orange County on Thursday the 23^d
day of September 1754

This will was presented into Court by Owen Thomas &
William Smith two of the Executors therein named &
was sworn by the Oath John Bates one of the witnesses there
to & appearing to the Court that this Will is all of the last
Will of the Testator it was ordered to be proved by an affirmation
of Owen Thomas & William Smith who made oath according to Law
and were granted there for obtaining Letters of probate
thereof in due form giving security on which they with
John Goodall & Reuben Daniel their securities entered into &
forfeited their bond for the same according to Law & Statute
returning the widow of the deceased the other Executors named
in this Will personally appeared in Court & declared that
they would not sue the probate & that they would not

except receive or take any Legacy or bequest to her given or bequeathed thereby or any part thereof & so discontinue all Advantages which she might claim by her Will

Test Geo. Taylor Skelton,
Jr

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Smiths
Will

In the name of God amen I Edward Smith of Orange County in the State of Virginia being in full
Through age & other infirmities but in Perfect sense & memory
Blessed be God for it I do make & ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner & form as following

I bequease my Soul unto allmighty God that gave it in hope of pardon of all my sins through the merits of my Saviour Jesus Christ & my to the ground to be buried and

Christianly & decently by my Executors hereunto named & so

all which I do as it hath pleased allmighty God to bless me with

His Blessing Amen