

Will
Hugh Beard
Grand
I Hugh Beard of the county of Rockbridge State of
Virginia being in perfect mind & disposing memory
do make this my last will & testament in Manner
following Vly -- after paying all my Just debts &
funeral Expenses -- I give & Bequeath to my wife Sarah
one third part of the plantation whereon I now live
during her natural life & also give to my wife to be
at her disposal all my stock of Horses Cattle sheep
hogs &c. together with my Household & Kitchen furni-
ture of whatsoever kind it may be of to do with as
she may think proper.

2nd I give & bequeath to my son Robt. Beard all
the land I possess in the county of Rockbridge &

Augusta which I now live on to be at his disposal
after the death of my wife. My daughter Ann which
which my 5^d Daughter Ann is to be desently supported
by my 5th son Robert Beard during her life but provided
that my 5^d son Rob^t Beard should find it more conveni-
ent in order to pay certain legacies (which will be hereafter
mentioned) to sell any quantity of the above mentioned
land so it does not reduce the survey under two hun-
-dred acres. In the 5^d Rob^t may have it to own choice to
either sell what is over the two hundred acres or not.
It is my intention to prevent disputes that all the abo-
mentioned Lands shall descend to the 5th Robert Beard
his heirs or assigns agreeable to the above statement. If
I bequeath to my son Rob^t all my Farming Wharfe

of whatever kind they may be of
I further Bequeath to my three daughters to wit Jane Alex-
ander Sarah Kanady & Easter Beard Six Hundred Dollars to
be Equally Divided between them which said sum is to be
paid to them by my son Rob^t Beard at the Expiration of six
years after my Death in consideration of the 3^d land above de-
vised to the 3^d Rob^t & further it is my desire that my son Rob^t
is to give to my daughter Easter Beard a decent support as
long as she remains unmarried & also the 3^d Rob^t Beard is
to keep for his sister Easter while single a mare & colt & two
cows & half Doz sheep which property has always been con-
sidered as being Easter's own

I further Bequeath to my son Robert all my outstanding debts

I direct him to pay all the debts which I owe - & I also appoint
& authorize my son Robert Beard to make a title for a certain
Tract of land lying in the state of south Carolina which I
formerly sold to William Beard of S^d State & has laterly given
my Bond to make a title to Thomas Beard son to the S^d
William on condition that the S^d Thomas Beard pay one
Hundred dollars with Interest for which he gave his bond
& further as to my son Thomas Beard I conceive that he has
received a full & ample share of my estate some time ago
Lastly I appoint my wife Sarah as Exec^{tr} & my son Rob^t
Beard & my son in law Robert Alexander as Exec^{rs} of this
my last will & testament hereby revoking all former
wills by me made - In testimony whereof
I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 21st day of

first day of May Eighteen Hundred Six

signed sealed &
acknowledged before us

Wm. Steele

James Alexander

William Alexander

Hugh Beard 

At Rockbridge Court February 2nd 1807

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bing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded, And on
the motion of Robert Beard and Robert Alexander two of the
Executors therein named who made oath according to law
Certificate is granted them for obtaining probate thereof in
due form they having together with James Alexander & William
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Alexd. Gb.