

In the name of God Amen

Jas. Dickson

In God's great name Amen. Know

all men by these presents that I James Dickson

Execut

of Rockbridge County and State of Virginia

being convinced of the certainty of death to all men

and of my own in particular: But at present

in common health and in the possession of perfect

soundness of mind, which is common to those

in my years: after committing my soul to

God who gave it and my body to the care of

my Executors to be buried in a decent and Christian

manner I ordain this my last Will and Testament

concerning the portion of this world's goods which

the blessing of providence has bestowed upon

me, to be disposed of in the following manner

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1st That after defraying the expence of my burial
all my just debts be paid -

2nd To my beloved wife Martha I give and bequeath
unto her the profits of my real Estate for her
support during her natural life, and the room
in the old end of the house adjoining the new
end, with a good bed and ^{sufficiency of} bedding to be wholly
at her disposal, during her natural life, and
besides, that she shall have one horse and
saddle, and one cow, each of her own choice
from the stock, and to be kept for own use
during her natural life and at her decease
this said Horse, saddle and cow, to become the
property of whichever of her children she
has in her wisdom best chosen most convenient
to live with - And further it is my will

that if the above mentioned one third profits of my real Estate be not in the judgment of my ~~and wife~~ sufficient for her comfortable support that she shall in connection with my ~~and~~ named Executors have the privilege of choosing three or five reputable freeholders, who shall judge what shall be afforded her out of the Estate as a sufficient, and comfortable support in place of the above mentioned one third.

3^{dly} I give and bequeath unto my two Sons Thomas and John Dicksons all and every part of my personal Estate and real Estate not mentioned in the foregoing Items together with the one third of my real Estate bequeathed to my wife above and to become theirs at her decease, and in proportion to their division of lands under mentioned -

4th I give and bequeath unto my son James
Dickson one hundred and twenty dollars to be paid
him by my two sons Thomas and John at a period
not less than eighteen months after my decease
unless they shall find it convenient to pay it sooner.

5th I give and bequeath unto my two daughters
Martha and Nancy Dicksons one good horse
and saddle each and good bow each, two good
feather beds each with sufficiency of bedding
one Bedstead each, six good chairs each to be
furnished them out of my Estate, by my sons

Thomas and John.
6th It is my will that the property by this
instrument vested in the hands of my two
sons Thomas and John after defraying the foregoing
debts between them in the following manner

1st that the personal property be equally divided
between them - 2nd that the plantation of
which I am now possessor containing by deed
two hundred and twenty seven acres be divided
one hundred and twenty seven acres to Thomas
and the remaining hundred to John -

Finally, I do hereby ordain, and appoint my
two sons Thomas and John to be the Executors
of this my last Will and Testament unto all
which I hereunto set my hand and affix my
seal this 21st day of March one thousand eight
hundred and eight -

James Dickson (seal)

Signed & acknowledged
in the presence of }

James Lyle
John B Whiteside }

John B Whiteside }

At Rockbridge County Court May 6th 1811

The last Will and Testament of James
Dickson dec^d was produced in Court proved by
the oath of the witnesses thereto and arrived to
be recorded. And on the motion of Thomas Owen
and John Dixon Executors therein named pro
thereof is granted them in due form they having
together with James Lyle and Samuel Stow the
Securities entered into and acknowledged. For
the penalty of five thousand Dollars and
with legal conviction and made oath accord
ing to law -

A Copy Attest J^W P^W