

John Fair

In the name of God Amen

Will

Exam^d

I John Fair of the County of Rockbridge and Common Wealth of Virginia
Being sick of body but of sound mind and memory calling to remem-
~~ber~~ the Mortality of my Body and Knowing that it is appointed for all Men
once to die do constitute and make this my last Will and Testament --
first of all I recommend my Soul to God Who made it my Body to
the Burial to be Buried in a Christian manner at the Discretion of
my Executors I do Appoint ordain and by this ^{my} last Will and Testament
my well beloved and trusty friend Samuel Garter of the County of
Augusta and Common Wealth of Virginia my Executor to pay or settle all
lawful claims or just Debts against my Estate and collect and pay all
Debts or lawful claims due to my Estate and to dispose of it in the man-
ner follows to Wit, I leave and bequeath to my well beloved wife Barbara
Fair one dark bay Mare her Bed besides the third of all the movable pos-
serty of the Estate of John Fair the part allowed her by Law of the one third

of the plantation during her life, I leave and bequeath my plantation
whereon I now live to my two sons David & John jointly to be equally
divided between them both when my younger child be of age, I leave
and bequeath to my two ~~two~~ sons Twenty pounds a piece to be paid
out of the movable property the rest of the movable property to be
equally divided between my seven daughters to wit Elizabeth Barbara
Mary Anne Catherine Magdalene & Susan or my two sons David and
John to pay Twenty pounds Virginia Currency to each one of my Daughters
out of the land when it comes into their possession to be paid by equal
guilt of Twenty pounds a year beginning at the oldest and so according
to their Age I allow my two sons to be educated as for as the Rule of
Three Direct and my Daughters to be learned to read and write for
which I allow the two thirds of the benefits arising from the plantation
to defray the charges I, John do make this my last Will & Testa-
ment revoking and annulling any former Will or Testament here
before

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before made by me in any manner whatever Signed sealed Delivered and pronounced this Tenth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and two Signed and Delivered in presence of

Test
Edward Walsh

John F. Fair 

James B. Fair
James B. Fair

At Rockbridge County Court, April fifth 1803

This writing purporting the last will and testament of John Fair deceased was produced in court by Samuel Gorker Executor herein named and proved by the oaths of Henry Baker, and Henry Coffel subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded And the said Gorker refusing to take upon himself

At Rockbridge County Court, April fifth 1803

This writing purporting the last will and testament of John Fair deceased was produced in Court by Samuel Garber Executor herein named and proved by the oaths of Henry Baker, and Henry Goffel subscribing witnesses and ordered to be Recorded.

And the said Garber refusing to take upon himself the burthen of the Executorship on motion of Barbara Fair widow and relict of the said decedent and David Fair who made oath according to Law Letters of Administration are granted them with the will annexed of the estate of the said deceased. And they with John Banister & Samuel Garber their Securities entered into and acknowledged bond in the sum of \$3,000 conditioned according to Law.

Teste

As Presid Clerk

Rockbridge County, March 10th 1803