

Mr. Davidson's
Last Will

In the Name of God Amen

Exam^r. This Second day of January one thousand Eight hundred and two, I

John Davidson of Rockbridge County and Commonwealth of Virginia,
being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory thanks be to
God for it, therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and
knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to Die, do make and

~~revoke this my last will and testament that in to say, Principally and~~

first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God
who gave it, and my body I recommend to the Earth to be Buried in decent

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lowing manner and form Viz: —

Imprimis, I allow all my just debts to be paid out of whole
Estate, and I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Mary, the
mansion house with the benefits of one third part of the land while she
lives, as also here more bonny for her use and disposal as also her
flock of Three cows and six Sheep which number is to be kept up for
her, as also all my household furniture, and I allow my son Robert to lay
in yearly and seasonably a sufficient stock of bread and meat
for him and his family of every necessary kind; and as he shall

man is getting old I allow a good riding Breast saddle and bridle to be purchased out of ~~the~~ Estate one year after my decease for her use and disposal.

Item I give to my Daughter Sarah Gillmore ten dollars to be paid three years after my decease. —

Item I give to my daughter Jinney Davidson ten dollars to be paid three years after my decease.

Item I give to my Son Robert all the Land I now possess for his use and disposal forever, provided he has Issue, but if he dies before his present wife without Issue then the land to be divided between my two Daughters Sarah Gillmore and Jinney Davidson for their use and disposal saving to Roberts present wife the right to the house she now lives in, and one third part of the Land while she lives unmarried, or on the place, but if she marries or leaves the place, then the land to be divided as above men-

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sal as before, But if he said Robert should still die without Issue, then
the Land to be divided as above mentioned, save to his second wife
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if after my debts is paid there should be any remaining Stock left,
I allow them to be equally divided between said Robert and his mo-
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And I allow my son Robert and James Gilmore my son in law to
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Signed Seal published pronounced and delivered by the
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In presence of us
John Davidson, John Smith

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Signed, sealed, published pronounced and delivered by the
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John Davidson

In presence of us
John Hamilton, John Smith

William White, Smith Smith

At Rockbridge County Court 1802.

This writing purporting the last Will & Testament of John Davidson deceased was produced in Court by Robert Davidson and James Gill more executors herein named & proved by John Houston & William St. Scott subscribing Witnesses & Ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of said Executors who made oath according to Law certificate is granted them for obtaining probate hereof in due form they having with Robt. Black & William St. Scott their Securities entered into & acknowledged Bond in the sum of Six thousand dollars conditioned according to Law.

Teste Jm Reid Clerk

Wm. St. Scott
Deed Miler

In the name of God Amen, I William St. Scott of the County of Rockbridge and State of Virginia being informed

with in body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I