

In the Name of God Amen; I Alexander
this of Thaxendoh County and Colony of Virginia considering
the Mortality of my body and that it is appointed for all men
~~and to die, do think it Right to leave my temporal affairs~~
in as settled a manner as I can, and for this Purpose I
make a last will and Testament, and being of a sound mind
and memory, I first of all Recommend my Soul to God who
gave it, with an humble Resignation; and my Body to the
Earth to be buried in a Decent and Christian like manner
I will as followeth Willeth

Voluntarie That all my Just Debts and funeral Charges be first Paid
and Satisfied

Item I give and bequeath unto my Beloved sons James & John to
them their heirs and assigns for ever; that Tract of Land
whereon they now live, to be divided in this Manner, by

a line that is already run Beginning (a) a white oak
marked thus ~~on~~ off the North line or side, thence south
some Degrees west to the back line Near the Bunchy
Mountain, containing 132 Acres each less or more.

Atom. I give and bequath to my four Sons Alexander, Jeremiah Benjamin
and George to them their heirs and assigns forever all that
tract of land wherein I now live containing 400 Acres Accord-
ing as it is now laid off and Divided amongst them only
making this Reserve, that my Beloved Wife Elizabeth Mathes
shall have the use of and enjoy one third part of the said
land during her Natural life Including the house & plantation
where I now live.

Atom. I give and bequath to my Beloved Wife a third Part of all
my moveables of every sort and kind.

Atom. I give and bequath to my well beloved son Benjamin Mathes
two thirds of all my moveables to him his heirs & assigns.

lastly: - I do Nominate and appoint my two sons James
and Benjamin Executors of this my last Will and Testament and
Revoking all and Every other Will or Wills heretofore made
Declaring this only to be my last Will and Testament, In
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this
5 day of September anno Domini 1788

Signed Sealed Published and
Declared by the Testator to be
his last Will & Testament
in the Presence of us
Abraham Heller
John Hershison
John Wetherston

Alexander Mathes ^{his} L.S. mark

At a Court held for the County of Shannandoah on Thursday
the 30th day of October 1788

The last Will and Testament of Alexander Mathes

in the Presence of us
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John Hutchison

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The last Will and Testament of Alexander Mathes
Dec. was exhibited to the Court by James Mathes & Benjamin
Mathes Executors therein named, and was proved by the
Oaths of John Wetherston & John Hutchison Witnesses thereto &
Ordered to be Recorded. On the Petition of said Executors a
Probate thereof in Due form is granted them they having given
Bond and Security according to Law.

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John Williams Clerk