

In the Name of God Amen I John Gordon of the Town of Fredericksburg in Virginia being in a sickly & low State of Health but of a good and perfect Memory & Sense and Calling to Mind the Uncertain State of this transitory Life and that all flesh must yeeld unto Death at Gods Call Do make Constitutoe and Declare this my Last Will and Testament in Manner ~~and~~ following. In full is being full Penitent for my sin past & humbly Desiring Almighty God I Commit my soul to my Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ I trust & hope for Salvation and as for my body I leave that To be buried where my Executors Please to Appoint and now for settling The temporal Estate which when it hath pleased God to bestow on me I desire all my ~~debts~~ to which I owe in Right or Conscience any

Hom ~~Persons before~~ Paid and Discharged
When my Debts are ~~paid~~ and the death of my ~~personal Estate~~ coming in Debt of good and Chastity whereever being to be divided Equally Between my beloved wife Margaret Gordon and my two Daughters Catharine and Isabella & the Child or Children my wife should happen to go with at my Decease I her and I her like

Hom In Consideration and for the better Maintenance of my Children I Give the Use of all my houses and Lotts in Fredericksburg to my said wife Margaret Either to live in or to Let out as she shall think fit until my two Daughters Catharine and Isabella arrive to the Age of twenty years

Yeare or are Married let which first happen but if my wife should happen
to be with Child at the time of my Decease then she shall have the use
of the ² Houses and Lotts untill such after born Child or Children shall
Arrive to their ² Age or Marrie And then my will is that all my said
Houses and Lotts be sold by my Executors for the best Price that can be got
For the same and the Money Arising from such sale I direct to be Equally
Divided between my said wife and all my Children that shall be then living
Each share & share alike to them & their heirs & assigns forever and that my
Wife be not Accountable for the Rents or Profits of the ² Houses & Lotts
During the time she has the use of them by this my will before executed
but I intend her the Benefit of them in case of her Maintaining my Children
if at any time their share of my personal Estate should be deficient for that purpose
I appoint my said wife Guardian of her Children during her widow hood
but if she should Marry I leave them to choose other Guardians if they think
fit when arrived to a proper Age for that Purpose I appoint my beloved wife
& my Friends ^{Mr. Charles Dick} W^m. Robert Jackson & Roger Dixon Executors of this my
last will & Testament In Testament whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Affixed my seal this thirtieth day of December one
Thousand seven hundred and forty nine

Sealed & delivered published & Declared
By the testator to be his last will & Testament
In Presence of us the words [by my Ex^{rs}.]
in the third Line of this will being first in-
serted also the words W^m. Charles Dick

John Gordon, Seal

of my last will & Testament In Testament whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Affixed my my seal this thirteenth day of December one
Thousand Seven hundred and forty nine

Sealed & delivered published & Declared
By the testator to be his Last will & Testament.
In Presence of us the words [by my last will]
in the third line of this side being first in-
scribed also the words W^m Charles Dick

John Gordon, Seal

Thomas Mackie

Alex. Bruikshanks

Roger Dixon

At a Court held for Spotsylvania County on Tuesday February the 17th 1749

The Last will and Testament of John Gordon Deceased being Exhibited

was in Court by Margaret Gordon and Charles Dick Executors

therein named and was proved by the Oaths of Thomas Mackie Alexander
Bruikshanks and Roger Dixon the Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be
Recorded

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Edmund Waller Clk