

In the Name of God amen

The Twenty Second Day of September one thousand seven hundred and Eighty. I James Laird of Washington County & State of Virginia being in perfect Health of Body and of Sound mind and memory Thanks be given to God for the Same. Yet caling the Mortality of my Body (and more Especially in this time of Present Danger) knowing it is appointed all Men once to Die. ~~Do hereby make my last Will and Testament in~~
form and manner following To wit and Principally and first of all I Recommend my Soul into the Mercifull hands of Almighty God that gave it and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried at the Discretion of my Friends and Country Men as god and his Providence may please to Permit Nothing Doubting but I shall Receive the same again at the general Resurrection of the dead by the Mighty power of God. And as touching my worldly Estat wherewith it has pleased god to Bless me in this life, I give Devise & Dispose the same in the following ^{manner} & form. First I give & bequeeth to Letter my well beloved wife the whole Vispopal of all my moveable Estat during her Widowhood, that shee may Keep her Family together, and that untill her said Son comes of age in case shee Marrieth before that time, shee shall have the one third of my moveables or the Value thereof, & in that case I allowing Executors to apply the other two thirds of my moveables to the benefit of my Lands for the maintenance of my Children & give my well beloved son John his Choice of my Two Places the one whercon I now live and that on Clinch, and that my well beloved Son Samuel the other Place, and if my Executors cannot obtain my two Entries of Land in Powell's Valley in Carovana State that the same be Equally Divided and my Son Samuel have his first Choice & my son John have the other I also allow my three well beloved Daughters (viz) Jean Letter and Mary Shorty Pounds Each (stematizing the money as it is paid in the year 1793. And I constitute and Appoint Benjamin Estill and James Simpson of the County and State aforesaid whole and sole Executors of this my last will and Testament and in case of the Death or non performance of either of these my Executors then constitute & appoint John Blackburn on stand of such Felinguent In Witnesses whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above Written. James Laird SS.

Witness present
Benjamin Estill
James Simpson
John Blackburn

At a Court held for Washington County the 22 day of November 1788
the last Will and Testament of James Laird deceased was proved in Court by the oath of Benjamin Estill and James Simpson two of the witnesses thereto and it was ordered that John Blackburn be Executor of the same.

In Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of

William White deceased — John the 15th September 1721

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Rev. John Campbell C. W. C.

An Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of James

and increased - When the Jan^{ry}, November 1770

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Test John Campbell C.W.C.