

The Will of John Heard.

In the name of God Amen:
I, John Heard, of the County of
Wilkes, being of sound mind and
disposing Memory do make and
Ordain this My Last Will and Testa-
ment in manner and following
Form.

Item: I give to my well
beloved Grand-Daughter, Jane
Austin, my Negro Girl, Julia, to
her and her heirs forever, also
all my House hold Furniture, of
what ever kind to her and her heirs
for ever.

Item: I give to my Grand
Daughter, Sarah Humpalby, eldest
daughter of Bridget Statham and

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her youngest daughter Bridget Staton all the rest of my Property of what ever kind to be equally divided between them. But that my beloved Wife shall keep the whole of my Estate in her hands as long as she lives without interruption the better to enable her to raise and educate my grand-daughter Jane Austin, but if either of my grand-children should die before they come of age or marry; then their part to be equally divided among them that do survive and all my Wife's, Bridget Heard's decess my Will and desire is that my estate be kept in the hands of my Executors until disposed of as above.

I do constitute and appoint my trusty Friends, my son Stephen Heard, and my Son in law, Joseph Staton, and my Nephew, Jesse Heard, Executors to this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my Seal this Twentieth Day of February 1787. In presence of,
Jesse Heard
William Vardeman
John Heard

The will of John Heard is of
record at the State Archive Department.
The date proved may be found.