

God, calling to mind the mortality of my body I knowing it is appointed
all men to die, do make ordain & constitute this to be my last will & Testament
that is to say, First I give & renounce my sole into the Hands of Almighty God
who gave it & my body I recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian
decent manner at the discretion of my executors. As touching such worldly
& properly as God has been pleased to bless me in this life with, I give demise &
dispose of in the following manner & form, first my will is that all my lands
debts be paid: I give & bequeath to my well beloved wife Catherine one third
of my land including my buildings & improvements during her Natural life
likewise her bed & bedclothes a spinning wheel a pot, two cows which she
may chose out of my stock & a two year old & a yearling both heifers & two sheep
& her choice of one of the horse creatures which moveable property to be hers
hers forever. I likewise give and bequeath to my well beloved son Gavin the
remaining two thirds of my land & at the decease of my wife if my son Gavin cho-
ses to take the other third of the land which my wife possess. I pay unto my
son in law John Vickers, & James Lowrey thirty pounds each then on his
making payment the land to be his, otherwise the said third of the land
to be sold at publick sale & the money arising to be equally divided between
J^r Lowrey, & Vickers. Likewise to my son Gavin all my body clothes. I give &
bequeath to my well beloved step daughter, Mrs Brooks two cows, & the remain-
der part of my ^{property} estate to be sold at publick sale & the money arising from
it to be equally divided amongst my above named children that is to say
Gavin Ervine, James Lowrey, John Vickers, & Mrs Brooks, & I do hereby appoint
my trusty friends, Verman Steel, & James Gay, to be executors of this my last
will & Testament & I do hereby revoke & disannul all other wills & Testaments
ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & Testament in
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this eighth day of
Decem^r 1774.

Signed Sealed published
& proven in the Pres-
ence of
J^r Nichols
Thomas Porter

Read

his
James Ervine Seal
witness

This will was proven in Court by the hand writing of J^r Nichols
being proven by Son Gay - May 1811