

In the Name of God Amen. I John

W. Covington of the State and District aforesaid, being in a low state of health but of a sound mind & a disposing memory through the mercy of God do make this my last will and

Testament. First, I commit my soul into the hands of God who gave it, resting my hopes in the merits of Jesus Christ my redeemer for a blefssed immortality, my body I commit to the grave requesting only a decent and christian like burial.

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As to my worldly estate wherewith has been pleased God to blefs me I will and desire that it may be disposed of in the following manner, that is to say out of the funds I have in the hands of William Thomas Esq. consisting of my undivided of his last years crop of cotton I suppose to be ten or twelve Blass that part a debt due by Nath. Coggeshall to him for produce sold, my part of which amounts to about three hundred & twenty dollars & also my undivided part of all the lumber sawed while I lived with him Since his Mills have been rebuilt the probable amount I cannot guefs but fully confideing in him, My Executors will meet with no difficulty in a Settlement, Also the hire of my negroes to John Lide when due being about thrity four hundred and fifty pounds of clean cotton, and a sum of money which is due me from my Father's Estate, and which I have sued for, I wish my Executors hereafter named to collect and pay all my Just debts the principle part of which is due the Executors of my father's Estate for certain negroes I lately purchased, at the sale of the same. If these sums I have named should not be suffioient to pay my just debts I will and devise that my Executors sell one or more of my negroes at their discretion until the whole be fully paid & satisfied, after which I will and desire that my Executors hereafter to be named, appoint three or five freeholders of

good characters to be approved of by the Ordinary of our District aforesaid to divide the following negroes (Viz) Jim, Sye, Cook, Billy, Captain, Tom, Jack, and Ned, young lad & Julia, Rose, Arrica, Tena & Kate, Also Wench Teamer and her children viz. Lucy, Rachel, Beck, Charles Frank & Jesse, equally according to their value between my beloved Wife Elizabeth Covington, and the child she is now pregnant with, which division so made shall be final. The one half allotted to my wife I give to her and her heirs forever, also all my household furniture, chair and horse or whatever else may not be hereafter disposed of to her and her heirs forever; The other part which may be set apart to the unborn infant, I give and bequeath to him or her (as the case may be) & to him or her heirs forever.

Lastly, should the infant not be born alive, or arrive at the age of discretion in that case and no other I desire and will that the part to him or her be in like manner divided between my own brothers & sisters, to each or the representative of each one equal part, to them and their heirs forever.

I do hereby constitute & appoint my well beloved and trusty friends (who have promised me to act) May. James Gillespie Malachi Pegues Esq. & Francis Gillespie Executors to this my last Will and Testament, revoking all others, I declare this to be my last Will.

In Witness Whereof I have this ninth day of July One thousand eight hundred and nine and in the thirty third year of American Independence Set my hand and affixed my Seal.

Signed Sealed published & declared to be the last will and Testament of John Wall Covington by him, revoking all others in the presence of

Elias Jones

Robert Covington

John Covington (LS)

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Wm. Easterling, Ord. M.