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In the name of God Amen I John Paston of Rockbridge County being sick but of sound mind and memory thanks be unto God for the same do make this my last will and testament in the manner following (viz) I recommend my soul unto God, that gave it and as touching my worldly affairs I desire that my body be decently buried at the discretion of my Exrs. hereafter mentioned I desire that all my just debts be paid I leave and bequeath unto my wife Mary a sufficient support out of the Crops raised on the plantation whereon I now live with my dwelling house and furniture during her natural life. Also negro man named Bratoona and a negro woman named Bina Fifty pounds Current money of Virginia to be paid him or at his decease the furniture to go to my daughter Hannah and Mary a saddle Hogs and his Mch (but for his own use during life to be always kept up by my son James) I leave and bequeath unto my son John a negro man named Dick and his heirs forever and thirty pounds of Current money of Virginia to be paid him by my Exrs. I leave and bequeath unto my son Joseph the plantation whereon I now live in Rockbridge County County Davis hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less a negro man named Manasse to him his heirs and assigns forever one hundred pounds Current money to be paid him by my Exrs. out of my movable Estate I leave I give and bequeath unto my son William the plantation whereon I now live in Rockbridge County a negro man named Jos to him his heirs and assigns forever One hundred pounds of Current money I leave I give and bequeath unto my son in Law Samuel Keaton a negro woman named Peg and her increase to him and his heirs and assigns forever three hundred pounds Current money to be paid by my Exrs. out of my movable Estate I leave I give and bequeath unto my daughter Hannah Four hundred pounds Current money to be paid to my Exrs. out of my movable Estate her feather bed and furniture a horse and saddle to the value of thirty pounds a negro woman named Lucy with her increase and her heirs and assigns forever and three cows to be divided by my Exrs. One half acre late on the west side of the Great Plains Run by the water side to her and her heirs and assigns forever and a sufficient support off the plantation of now live on state She remains unmarried I leave I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary a negro boy named Jack to her and her heirs and assigns forever three hundred pounds Current money to be paid by my Exrs. out of my movable Estate a feather bed and furniture a horse and saddle to the value of twenty pounds three cows and a sufficient support off the plantation of now live on to him and his heirs and assigns forever also she remains unmarried I leave I give and bequeath unto my son James the plantation whereon I now live to him and his heirs and assigns forever excepting the four acres adjoining the town on each side of the street for purposes hereafter mentioned also two small tracts of land in the proper River and a negro man named Nissa to him his heirs and assigns forever One feather bed and furniture two cows and hogs and all the plantation whereon I leave I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son James Keaton one half acre late adjoining the town of Lexington on the east side of the Street to him his

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heirs and assigns forever I leave I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son John Keaton one half acre late on the east side of the Street adjoining to James Lane I leave I give and bequeath unto my Grand Son Robert Keaton one half acre late on the east side adjoining to James Lane to him their heirs and assigns forever I give and bequeath to my Grand Son Joseph Lane one half acre late on the east side of the Street adjoining to James Lane to him his heirs and assigns forever I leave I give and bequeath to my Grand Son John Paston one to John Paston one half acre late on the west side of the Street adjoining the Keaton Lane to him his heirs and assigns forever I leave I give and bequeath unto my daughter Mary One half acre late on the west side of the Street to her and her heirs and assigns forever I leave I give and bequeath unto my Grand daughter Esther Lane one half acre late on the west side of the Street to her and her heirs forever and one hundred pounds Current money to be paid her by my Exrs. out of my movable Estate The within mentioned legacies to be paid by my Exrs. when called tid agreeable to the dignity of the sums left each I should my movable Est. left as above and the Exrs. - The remainder to be equally divided among my four sons and three daughters I do hereby constitute and appoint my son Will Paston and David Edmundson Exrs. of this my last will and testament and do hereby utterly disallow revoke annul and all and every other former Testaments wills and Legacies by me in any ways before named ratifying and confirming this and in other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have set my hand and Seal this 24 day of January One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Seven - Meant at the third last line in the first page, take notice the word furniture is interlined. Dig and Seal and delivered in the presence

of John Bouger
Joseph Bouger
Thomas Paston

State of Virginia

At a Court held for Rockbridge County the third day of April 1787 Edwinton, purchasing the last will and testament of John Paston deceased was produced in Court by William Paston and David Edmundson the Exrs. sworn therein named and proved by the oath of John Bouger and James Buchanan two of the subscribing witnesses thereof and on the motion of the said Executors who qualified as the law directs a certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof as due form they haveing together with William Paston Senr. William Alexander James William George Elliott and Joseph Salway their deacons interlined into and attested and signed. Bona in the penalty of five thousand pounds according to law. The testimony whereof and that the foregoing is a true copy of the last will and testament of the said John Paston of Andrew Reid clerk of the said Court here sheweth set my hand and affixed the Seal of the said County the 24th day of January 1808 and in the 37th year of the said