

# TIGHT BINDING

Henry Bowers Will

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I Henry Bowers of Washington County & State of Virginia being sick & very weak in body but of sound mind & memory do make & constitute this my last will & testament in manner & form following First I give that all my ten acres to pass out of my movable estate. Secondly, I will & bequeath to my beloved wife Nancy two first choice house beasts & four first choice cows & thirteen good choice hogs and all the household & kitchen furniture & the first choice gears, for two horses & one carriage plough & one horse plough & twelve choice sheep & the whole sum of my cattle my horses till the youngest child is of age that is then living & my horses are to stay with their mother & her till he or she is of age & the remaining part of my movable estate after these & the money equally divided between my left widow & children namely Levi Joshua Abraham and Lawrence. Thirdly, my last will to be observed in the following manner when my children are all of age that is equal between all my above named children & said widow my widow to hold her part during her natural life and at her death to be sold & the money equally divided amongst my above named children and I appoint John Bowens & my said widow Nancy, executors of this my last will & testament and I hereby make void all other wills and testaments by me made & established this my last will & testament signed sealed and published in presence of us the twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & eighteen —

Henry Bowers *(Signature)*

Joseph Nelson,  
Archibald Brown

John Bowers & Henry Bowers  
The foregoing will was proven in open court by the Oaths of Joseph  
Nelson & Archibald Brown two of the subscribing witnesses thereto at  
April before 1818 & ordered to be recorded John Bowens & Henry Bowers  
gentlemen as executors & executors to the foregoing will

John Blairs last Will

In the name of God amen

I John Blair late of the County of Washington & State of Virginia being of sound mind & god although weak in body and failing to mind my Mortality as herein this day last will & testament in manner following first I give my love to god who made me & my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian like manner & trusting my worldly estate with which god has blessed me I write & direct that my executor herein after mentioned shall as he may think fit see either of further or private late as he may deem best for the best & last estate all my property both real & personal & after paying my funeral expenses & all last debts I direct that the balance remaining whether in money or property be equally divided among my eight children after all expenses of my wife Sarah Blair be left out for her life end of the same that is to say amongst my last eight children after setting the three of them who have been advanced in my lifetime & taking that into estimation & I appoint John Blair Jr. my executor hereby certifying & confirming this my last will & testament & desiring all others by one means to be used in writing whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 12th day of May 1818

John Blair *(Signature)*

Henry Nelson The foregoing will was proven in open court by the Oaths of Henry Nelson & also Master  
John Martin two of the subscribing witnesses thereto at April before 1818 & ordered to be recorded  
(John Blair to make his will & testament to the foregoing will)

John Carr Esq. Will.

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State of Virginia In the name of God amen.

I John Carr Esq. of the County  
and a State aforesaid being in perfect health and of sound  
and disposing mind & memory thanks be given to Almighty God Calling to mind  
the uncertainty of this mortal life. Do make and ordain this piece of paper to be  
my last will and Testament. That is first of all I give and recommend my soul into  
the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth to  
be buried in a Christian like manner at the discretion of my executors and as  
touching such of my worldly estate I give and command as the same in  
the following manner and forms. First that whereas I am heretofore given to my  
children that is my Sons John, James, Richard and William and my Daughters  
Elizabeth, Louisa, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth an infant, what out of my estate  
I then thought I could spare, therefor I now give and bequeath to each of  
them respectively and severally all that I can heretofore give them to be  
their severally forever. Secondly, that notwithstanding my remain on hands  
of my estate at the time of my death, let it be negroes. Servts of any kind  
farming utensils, household furniture, money or obligations to collection on  
any thing whatsoever, he it be sold and the proceeds arising therefrom to  
be equally divided with any money that may be on hands or thereafter estate  
of any Belong each and every son of my children he is Boys and girls  
than an even share alike, after settling all my just debts and funeral expences  
that should happen to my children. he before me, the largest sum of such debts  
as to have the share that would have fallen to the deceased if they had been  
living or should die after me upon the distribution can take place the largest  
sum to inherit also as the the decease have taken place before me, Lastly I do  
recommend, constitute, make and ordain my two Sons Richard and William Carr to be  
executors of this my last will and Testament. Acknowledging this and now other  
writing all this will, or will heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty fourth day of July  
one thousand eight hundred and eleven

John Carr *(Signature)*

Samuel Denton  
Matthew Denton  
Mark  
Abelitha Denton

The foregoing will was proven in open court  
by the Oaths of Matthew Denton and Abelitha  
Denton, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto  
at July before 1818 and ordered to be recorded