

John Counts
Will

In the name of God Amen I John Counts
Senr of Russell County and Commonwealth of Virginia being old
and Frail in body, but perfect in mind and memory blessed be God
but calling to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing it is
appointed once for all men to die I do make and Constitute this my
Last will and Testament in manner and form following

And first I give my body to the Earth from whence it was
taken desiring it may be buried in a Christian manner without
Pomp &c. and my soul I give to God who gave it hoping it
may find peace in the Arms of his mercy, and as touching what
worldly Goods or estate which I possess I give demise and bequeath
in manner following to wit,

Eve Maticks my eldest daughter I give one Shilling Mary Par-
snake I give one Shilling John Counts Junr also I give one shilling
Lissey Willard I give one shilling.

Item I give to Harry Willards eldest son Martin Willard
Catherine my daughter one shilling Christian my Daughter one
Shilling, my son Phillip one shilling.

Item I give and bequeath to my son George with whom I live
the plantation on which we live with all appurtenances thereunto
belonging out of which I am to be maintained in a good common
manner while I live for Victuals and cloathing and at my death
every thing possessed by me shall belong to George Counts and
to his heirs forever and I do hereby revoke and disannul all former
wills by me made and ratifying and confirming this to be my Last Will
and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands
and seal this third day of April one thousand eight hundred & two,

Signed Sealed and delivered published
and Declared to be my last will in
presence of those Witnesses,

Test
John Hargis
per
Sydney X Hargis
marks
Dwight X Counts

John ^{his} X Counts Senr Seal
marks

At a Court of Quarterly session continued & held for Russell County April
the 27th. 1803.

This Instrument of writing was exhibited in
Court as and for the Last will and Testament of John Counts
decd. and proven by the Oath of John Margis a witness thereto
and continued for further proof

And, at a Court held for said County the 26th. day of July 1803.

This Instrument of writing was ^{again} exhibited in Court as and for the
Last will and testament of the said John Counts decd. and proven
by the Oath of Divitee Counts a witness thereto and Ordered
to be recorded

Teste

Nathan Ettington A.C.