

WILL OF JOSEPH COPELAND

In the name of God, amen. the 10th day of August One Thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, I, Joseph Copland, of Jefferson County and State of Tennessee, being weakly in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given to almighty God, therefor calling unto mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all my onset to die, I do make and ordain this my last will and testament. That is to say, principally and 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 decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors, nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty promise of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to help me with in this life. I desire first that all my lawfully debts should be paid, the rest I give, devise, and dispose in the following manner and form. Imprimis, I give and bequeath unto my dearly beloved wife, Sarah Copland, the third of three hundred acres of land, the lower end of my plantation, with all my moveable property estate as long as she continues my widow.

Item: I give unto my beloved son Stephen Copland, the sum of five shillings sterling. Item: I give unto my beloved son Zacheus Copland, five shillings sterling. Item: I give unto my beloved son Rickety Copland, three hundred and forty acres of land, the upper end of the above said plantation. Item: I give unto my beloved daughter, Isabel, the sum of five shillings sterling. Item: I give unto my beloved daughter Susannah, five shillings sterling. Item: I give unto my beloved daughter, Elizabeth, five shillings sterling. Item: I give unto my beloved son, Nicholas Copland, five shillings sterling. Item: I give unto my beloved daughter, Mary, the sum of five shillings sterling. Item: I give unto my beloved son, Solomon Copland, three hundred acres of land, the lower end of the above mentioned plantation, to be enjoyed by him and his heirs forever with all my moveable estate, after my wife decease or marriage. I likewise constitute, make, and ordain my dearly beloved wife and my beloved friend, John Seahorn, my joint executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby alterly disallow, revoke, and disannul all and every former testaments, wills, legacies, bequeaths, and executors by me and any way before named willed, and bequeathed, ratifying, and confirming by this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In witness, whereof, I have here unto set my hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed, sealed, published, pronounced, and declared by the said Joseph Copland as his last will and testament. Wit: George Graham, George Lewis, Reuben Dobkins

State of Tennessee

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Then was the last will and testament of Joseph Copland, deceased, duly proven in Open Court by the oaths of George Graham and Reuben Dobkins, two of the subscribing witnesses to the same and ordered to be recorded. Joseph Hamilton, Clerk by his dep., Joseph Hamilton, Jr.