

THE WILL OF WILLIAM COLLINGS

"In the name of God, Amen, I, William Collings, of Nelson County, and state of Virginia, being of sound and perfect understanding, though weak and low in body, do make this my last will and Testament:

"Imprimis: I give and bequeath my soul to Cod my maker, humbly praying he will in mercy receive it.

"Imprimis: I give my body to the earth to be turned into corruption, in sure and certain hope of its resurrection at the last day.

"And for my worldly goods:

"Item: I will and require that all my debts be justly paid by the direction of my true and loving friend, John McGee, whom I have chosen by his own consent to be my whole and sole executor to see this my last will and testament performed.

"Item: I give and bequeath unto my loving wife, Anne, the lot of land I now live on, with all its buildings and improvements (An entire line is missing here at the fold of the paper) by my youngest son, Thomas, She giving him half the production of said farm, to who I Will and Bequeath one horse and all my farming utensils at the death of my wife

"Item: I give to my grandson, Isaac Collings, son of Zebulon Collings, fifteen Pounds Virginia Currency on Condition that he lives with and is obedient to his grandmother during her life.

"Item: I will and desire that after the Demise of my loving wife, Anne, the lot of land I now live on with all the rest of my worldly goods be equally divided between my children, viz: Zebulon Collings, Spencer, Elizabeth, William Elston and Thomas Collings.

"Signed and sealed in presence of us

/s/ William Collings

David Ruby, John Peak, William Goff

"(On the reverse of the document)

"At a Court held for Nelson County on the 11th day of December, 1787, the last Will and Testament of William Collings, Dec'd, was produced by John McGee, the Executor therein mentioned and being proved by the oaths of David Ruby, John Peak and William Goff, the subscribing witnesses, was ordered yo record.

"Teste: /s/ Isaac Morrison, Clk

"William, Collings will Proved 11 Dec., 1787.

"Recorded in Book 1, page 31

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For their descendants see Part II.