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JOHN STOVALL.

Will.

Dated: 6 April 1778

My beloved wife Elesabeth Stovall my tract of land containing 190 acres lying in the County of Bedford by great Otter River together with all my negroes here and elsewhere with all my household furniture and all my plantation utensils, cattle, hogs, sheep with my black mare and colt with my young bay mare. All which I give and lend to my said beloved wife only as long as she continues my widow. Should my beloved wife unexpectedly marry again all to be sold, the money arising to be equally divided between all my children then living, Mary Robinson my daughter, also my son Bartholomew and Ralph and Barns Stovall with my daughters Elesabeth and Delilah and Ann Stoval with my sons Ezekiah and John Stoval. The plantation and "purtainance" I lately bought of Mr. James Young with my old bay mare and colt and my smooth bore gun with the remainder of my smith tools with all the remainder of my estate except that part left my wife be sold and the money arising together with all my outlying debts (after my just debts are paid) be equally divided between my eight youngest children aforesaid Bartholomew Stoval, Ralph Stoval, Barns Stoval, Elesabeth Stoval, Delilah Stoval, Ann Stoval, Ezekiah Stoval, John Stoval.

When the land I bought of Mr. James Young be sold as above I hereby fully impower my wife Elesabeth Stoval whom I appoint Executrix and John Sharp and Henery Jetter Executors to make to the purchaser a good title.

Witnesses: Robt. Ewing, James Roberson, Gideon Shelton, John Fuqua, William Bramlitt.

Proven: 22 June 1778 by oaths of James Roberson and John Fuqua. Executors: Elizabeth Stovall, John Sharp, Henry Jeter. Security: Thomas Fuqua, John Ewing, Joseph Fuqua and George Dooley.

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