

The Honorable of the Court, the Honorable  
 State of the town of Richmond with Council of Burgesses  
 and the Honorable of New York concerning the liberty of my  
 mortal life and being of sound mind and memory, do  
 make and declare this my last will and testament in  
 witness whereof I have following to wit, first I resign  
 my soul into the hands of almighty God hoping and  
 believing in the redemption of my sins through the mercy and  
 mediation of Jesus Christ and my body I commit to  
 the earth to be buried at the discretion of my ex-  
 ecuting herein after named and my worldly estate  
 I give and devise as follows 1<sup>st</sup> it is my desire that  
 the expenses of my last sickness be paid out of my personal  
 property and after the said expenses are defrayed I do  
 the 2<sup>d</sup> place will and bequeath unto my beloved wife  
 Olive all my house hold furniture whatever remain or  
 return the same may be and also that she have  
 one third part of all the remainder of my personal  
 property to have and to hold the same during her  
 natural life; and I also will and bequeath unto my  
 three sons, to wit William, Asahel and Elisha after a  
 division is made of my personal estate as above ex-  
 cepted the remainder of all my said personal estate  
 and it is my desire that the said personal property  
 be equally divided among my three sons above  
 named - My real estate I further give and be-  
 queath of as follows and 1<sup>st</sup> I would make known that  
 in the summer past of the year eighteen hundred  
 and six I sent John (if I mistake not) all the  
 real estate of my said son William was sold to one  
 him at a Sheriff sale at which sale I bid the price  
 off but have never received any deed, I now by this  
 my last will and testament also give grant and

make over all the real estate which I bid off at the above  
 sale to my said son John William to have and hold the  
 same unto the person of or his heirs and assigns - I do hereby also  
 give grant and bequeath to my beloved wife Olive  
 one third part of all my real estate to have and to hold the  
 same during her natural life and if after her death any  
 of the above property which I have hereby willed and be-  
 queathed unto my beloved wife Olive should be left after  
 defraying the expenses of her natural life I then will  
 that I do hereby give grant and order that same to  
 be equally divided among my three sons above named  
 William Asahel and Elisha if living and if not then  
 to their heirs to have and to hold the same to themselves  
 and their heirs forever I do hereby order and  
 bequeath unto my son Asahel two hundred dol-  
 lars in money that is to say after the said three have  
 been set off to my beloved wife Olive it is then my  
 desire and I do hereby order that two hundred  
 dollars worth of land should be set off to my son  
 Asahel if said lands are divided if sold then I  
 do hereby order that two hundred dollars which should  
 be needed for his lot shall be paid over to my son Asahel  
 and further after the division of the lands made of  
 above directed or the two hundred dollars given to my  
 said son Asahel I then do hereby order by this my  
 last will and testament that the remainder be  
 equally divided between my said three sons William  
 Asahel and Elisha all both real and personal estate  
 to have and to hold the same to themselves and their  
 heirs forever - it is my further desire as long as the  
 estate should remain together and undivided, that my son  
 Elisha should think proper to stay with my beloved wife  
 Olive that he should have his board and keep from all  
 expenses - I do further hereby order constitute and