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WILL BOOK 3-C, P. 20, Bedford County, Va.
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In the name of God Amen I John Nichols Senior of Bedford County in the State of Virginia being low in health and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks to the Almighty God, but knowing it is allotted for mortal men to die, I do make and ordain this to be my last will and Testament, first recommending my poor Soul into the hands of the Almighty God that gave it to me and my poor body to decently interred and after my lawful debts and final expence it discharged. I will and bequeath my Worldly Estate following viz Item, I bequeath unto my son Flayl Nichols my big family Bible. Ite, I bequeath to my son John Nichols, my young horse called ceilia after my beloved wife Martha Nichols, deceased. Item I bequeath unto my son Archibald Nichols a Tract or parcel of Land beginning at a Locus near the fence of premises now tending, thence a new marked line down to the moth of my land, thence along the old line to Gills and my corner tree to a Spanish Oak, thence along the old line direct to a Chesnut on Burnells line thence along Burnetts line to a new corner white Oak on Elisha Nichols line thence along Elishas new line to the first Station. Item I bequeath unto my son Elisha Nichols a tract or parcel of land, beginning at a Chesnut on Ayer's road thence along the road as the new marked line goes to a corner white Oak on Burnetts line including the twelve acres I purchased of Elisha Burnett, thence along the line to the beginning Station. Item I bequeath unto my son Jesse Nichols, the Tract or parcel of Land whereon I now dwell after my beloved Wife Martha Nichols (deceased). Beginning at Pointers next to John Hall a line thence along the lines nexts to a corner Chestnut on Ayers road thence along the road a new Markt. line to the corner pealed white Oak in the field, thence along off across the field and along Elishas new marked line to the new mark't corner Locus by the fence, thence along the new markt line to the mouth of the lane, thence along as the old line directs to Gills and my corner Spanish Oak. Item I bequeath to my beloved wife Martha Nichols the negro Wench named Delpha and negro boy named Frank during her Life or Widowhood after then to be equally divided between my two sons Elisha and Jedse Nichols. Item I bequeath unto my two sons Elisha and Jesse Nichols the wagon, three Horses, named Dick, Jack and Sawry, and all the utensils belonging to the Wagon. Item I bequeath unto my son Elisha one red and white spotted no horn heifer. Item I bequeath unto my son Jesse one Drak drindled Heifer. Item I bequeath unto my children Mary Cundiff, John Nichols, Katharine Pollard, my son Archibald Nichols and my daughter, Jane Hancock all the other movable property of my Estate after my beloved wife Martha Nichols deasec _____ Excepting what is before mentioned, and a small shot gun which I bequeath unto my grandson John Nichols, the son of my Son John Nichols.

Item I dow constitue and ordain my two beloved sons Elisha Nichols and Jesse Nichols my Sole Executors to this my last will and Testament revoking and disannulling any other former wills and Testaments- and constituting and allowing this to be my last will and Testament according to my desire Given under my hand and Seal this 5th day of April 1803 acknowledged Signed Sealed and delivered with the presence of us

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At the Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse 26th day of Dec. 1803