

**Last Will & Testament**  
**John Dean**  
**Dated 7 Aug 1790, Recorded Mar 1811<sup>1</sup>**

In the name of God Amen I John Dean of sound memory but sickly in body knowing the uncertainty of life and certainty of death have thought proper to make this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say first I surrender up my soul unto the hands of the almighty God who gave it and to be eternally at this disposal to do as he pleases with it hoping through *unintelligible* my savior Jesus Christ to obtain eternal redemption in the first place it is my will that after my decease my body shall obtain a decent Christian burial and after my just and lawful debts are paid the rest of my temporal estate shall be divided in form following Item I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Agnes *unintelligible* of all and every part of my estate both real and personal to be entirely at her disposal only at her decease it is my desire that any part of it which I shall so will to my son William *unintelligible* I give and bequeath unto my son William and the *unintelligible* of her body *unintelligible* my stock horses *unintelligible* my negro fellow Isaac and his wife *unintelligible* with their children which they have now or shall have hereafter. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth one negro either boy or girl to this value in gold or silver *unintelligible* current in Virginia of fifty pounds if my estate will afford it otherwise to be made by or out of that part will unto my son William. Item the rest of my estate of any kind whatsoever shall be equally divided amongst the rest of my children which shall be mention by name that is to say Elssa Sarah and Jane by agreement amongst themselves or otherwise Item I by this will confirm and ratify any former gift or dowry given to any of my daughters which is married now in their possession to wit to Margret Crawford the negro girl Naw and her children to Molly Borland anything she has received or in her possession to Nancy the negro girl and her child which is in possession I likewise constitute and appoint my son William Dean sole executor of this my last will and testament

John Dean, seal

Sign seal and deliver in presence of this 7<sup>th</sup> day of Aug 1790

William Taylor

Samuel Vance

A Waterman

Jeremiah Edwards

Bath County March Court 1811

This last will and testament of John Dean decd was presented *unintelligible* by the executor therein named and proved by the oaths of William Taylor and Jeremiah Edwards two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded

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<sup>1</sup> Bath County VA Will Book 1 Page 470.