

Last Will and Testament of John Corder

I, John Corder Sr. of the County of Fauquier and the state of Virginia, do have by make this my last will and testament in the manner and from the following: that is to say"

I give and bequest to each of my children, herein after named in the first clause of my will Viz:

Sarah Hundsucker, Vincent Corder, Elizabeth Cowgill, the children of my son **Elisha Corder**, deceased, collectively; **Martin Corder, Nathan Corder, John Corder, Jr., Polly Jackson**; and **Elias Corder** all of the property of every description, which I have heretofore given to each of them, I now give and bequest the same to them and to their heirs forever.

It is my further will and desire that no account shall be hereafter brought against the above named children for any of the property, they and each of them have theretofore had, either for interest, or any of the property, they and each of them have heretofore had, either for interest, or anything also, with the exception of the accounts herein mentioned, for each one of the above named children, to have and to account for to my estate.

2ndly:

It is my will and desire that my daughter ② **Sarah Hundsucker**, pay to my estate the sum of one hundred and forty eight dollars, without any interest on the same, after which I give and bequeath to her and to her heirs, forever on equal share with the rest of my children, of the remaining part of my estate, both real and personal, after the payments of all my just debts, share and share alike.

3rdly:

I give and bequeath to my daughter, ⑤ **Elizabeth Cowgill** and to her heirs forever, an equal share of all of the reminding part of my estate, both real and personal, with the rest of my children, after the rest of my children, after the payment of all my just debts, share and share alike.

4thly:

It is my will and desire that my son, ④ **Vincent Corder** shall pay to my estate the sum of one hundred and twelve dollars without any interest on the same, after which I give and bequeath to him and his heirs, forever and equal share of all of the remaining part of my estate, both real and personal with the rest of my children, after the payment of all of my just debts, share and share alike.

5thly:

It is my will and desire that the children of my son ③ **Elisha Corder**, deceased, collectively shall pay to my estate the sum of four hundred and forty seven dollars, without interest; after which I give and bequeath to them collectively forever an equal share of all the remaining part of the estate, both real and personal, with the rest of the children, after the payments of all my just debts, share and share alike.

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6thly:

It is my will and desire that my son ⑥ **Martin Corder**, shall pay to my estate the sum of three hundred and twenty dollars, without interest, after which I give and bequeath to him and his heirs, forever an equal share in all the remaining part of my estate, both real and personal, with the rest of my children, after the payments of all my just debts, share and share alike.

7thly:

It is my will and desire that my son ⑦ **Nathan Corder** shall pay to my estate the sum of six hundred and for dollars without interest, on the same after which I give and bequeath to him and his heirs forever on equal share of all the remaining part of my estate, both real and personal, with the rest of my children after the payment of my just debts, share and share alike.

8thly:

It is my will and desire that my son ⑧ **John Corder Jr.** shall pay to my estate, the sum of four hundred and fifty three dollars, without interest, after which I give and bequeath to him and his heirs forever on equal share of all the remaining part of my estate both real and personal, with the rest of my children, after the payment of my just debts, share and share alike.

9thly:

I give and bequeath to my daughter ⑩ **Polly Jackson** and to her heirs forever and equal share of all the remaining part of my estate, both real and personal, with the rest of my children, after the payment of all of my just debts, share and share alike.

10thly:

I give and bequeath to my son ⁽¹¹⁾ **Elias Corder**, an equal share of the remaining part of my estate, both real and personal with the rest of my children, after the payment of all my just debts share and share alike.

11thly:

I give and bequeath to the following named children of my son ⑪ **Alexander Corder**, deceased, viz: **Mary Corder** and **John Corder** two years of schooling and one hundred dollars to be paid to each of them, as soon as they arrive at the age of twenty one, but should Mary Corder and John Corder, children of my said son Alexander Corder, deceased, die before they arrive at the age of twenty one years, they and in that event, it is still will and desire that the legacies above bequeathed to them in the eleventh clause of this my will, shall be equally divided amongst the rest of my children.

12thly:

This was retyped 1st by Estelle Corder and 2nd by Shawn Corder

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I give and bequeath to my wife **Hannah Corder**, one black man named Frank, and one black woman named Beck. Her choice of all my cattle, one cow, her choice of my beds one, and furniture thereto belonging to have and to hold, the property named in this the 12th clause of my will during her natural life and at her death.

13thly:

It is my will and desire that all of my slaves (with the exception of such as I have heretofore bequeathed to my wife Hannah Corder) shall be equally divided amongst my children, according to lot and valuation.

14th:

I give and bequeathed to the children of my son Elijah Corder, one negro boy, Phillip, one bay horse called Dobin, three head of cattle, one feather bed and furniture and then an equal share of all the remaining part of my estate, both real and personal with the rest of my children, after the payment of all my just debts.

It is my further desire and will that my son **®Elijah Corder** shall have a support only out of the herein bequeathed to his children, and should his wife **Frances Corder** survive him, the said Frances Corder, then shall have a support only out of the property herein named in this the fourteenth clause of my will and desire that the property herein bequeathed to the children of my said son Elijah Corder, shall be subject to the control and management of my son John Corder, Jr. for the benefit of said children of Elijah Corder, and the right of title of said property shall be so far vested in him, my said son John Corder, Jr. as will give him the right and power to take possession of the same for the benefit of the children of my said son Elijah Corder, whenever in the opinion of him the said John Corder, Jr. shall deem it necessary or whenever the said Elijah Corder shall manage the property herein bequeathed to his children in a wasteful and profligate manner.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this seventeenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five.

John Corder (seal)

In Presence of Addison Turner
Ben Chappelle & James Goodwin



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LATER; March 1838

I, John Corder Sr. of the County of Rappahannock, State of Virginia do hereby do make this instrument of writing an annex to the same to this my last will and testament as a codicil at the same is that is to say it is my will and desire that all my landed estate instead of being divided among my children as directed in the several clauses of my will above – shall be sold by my executors herein after named and the money arising wherefrom to be equally divided among all my children, Elijah Corder, my son excepted. Hereby declaring and making this the 14th and last clause of my will null and void.

It is my further will and desire that Elijah Corder, shall not receive or enjoy any more of my estate, real or personal, nor shall he after my death be considered as a distributor or legatee of any part or parcel of my estate either real or personal, because I have this day given him my said son Elijah Corder, a full share of my estate.

Lastly, I hereby constitute and appoint my son *Vincent Corder, executor of this my last will and testament.* In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the first day of March 1838.