

**LAST WILL OF ISAAC STANLEY, 1794  
BERKELEY COUNTY, [WEST] VIRGINIA  
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*In the name of God, Amen, I, Isaac Stanley of Berkeley County, Virginia, though weak and infirm in body, yet blessed by god of sound mind and memory and Calling to mind my Mortality do Constitute this my last Will and Testament and in manner following (viz). I give my soul to god who gave it & my body to the earth to be buried in a Christian & decent manner but without pomp or extravagance, and as for what worldly estate it hath pleased god to bestow upon me, I bequeath in manner following, viz. First I give unto my well beloved wife Mary one third of all my personal estate to be at her own disposal & one third of my real estate, the dwelling house where I now live included, during her natural life & moreover I allow her to keep possession of the whole personal estate untill my daughter Mary comes to twenty years of age & then to pay her fifteen pounds out of s<sup>d</sup> [said?] personal estate & also unto my daughter Ann fifteen pounds out of my personal estate when she survives to the age of twenty years and the remainder of the two thirds of my estate not willed to my wife I allow to be equally divided between my three daughters Elizabeth, Mary, and Ann at the time Ann comes of age. My wife Mary is also to have the priviledge & possession of the whole of the plantation I now live on untill Mary comes to twenty years of Age. Item: I give unto my Son Joseph that plantation he now liveth on, lying on the west side of Back Creek, he never the lefs paying to his brother Isaac & to his sisters Mary and Ann eighty two pounds ten shillings as well as he afterward particularly mentioned in their several Legacies. Also I give unto my son Isaac sixty seven pounds ten shillings to be paid unto him in the fall of the year Seventeen hundred and Ninety Six by his brother Joseph out of the eighty two pounds before mentioned. Also I give unto my son John the plantation whereon I now live only recovering as before mentioned to his mother and on condition moreover of paying to his Brother Archelaus sixty seven pounds ten shillings & fifteen pounds to his Sisters Mary and Ann when they, to wit the girls, come to the age of twenty years, but Archelaus' part is to be paid when required or if not to let Archelaus have one half of this home plantation including both old and new surveys. Also I give unto my Son Archelaus sixty seven pounds ten shillings to be paid by his Brother John or one half of all this plantation or which ever John Chooseth. Also I give unto my Son Archelaus seventeen pounds ten shillings to be made out of the Personal Estate on demand, though forgot [it] at the time the personal Estate was mentioned before but still resolved on to purchase him a horse and saddle to make him equal with the rest of my sons. Item: I give unto my daughter Elizabeth twenty five shillings to be paid out of the personal Estate as before mentioned. Item: I give unto my daughter Ann thirty pounds when she comes to twenty years of age, one half out of the personal & the other half out of the real Estate as before mentioned. Lastly, I appoint my son Joseph and my wife Mary Joint executors of this my last Will, in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and seal 26th July 1794.*

*Signed, sealed, published, and  
declared  
in presence of  
John Gray, W<sup>m</sup> Bailey  
Isaac Clangory[??]  
Peter Williamson  
Jorth[??] Alexander*

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*Isaac Stanley (L.S.)*

*At a Court held for Berkeley County the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1794, This last Will and Testament of Ifaac Stanley decd was proved by the oaths of John Gray and William Bailey, witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the executors Joseph Stanley and Mary Stanley, therein named, who made oath thereto according to law. Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form giving security, whereupon they with security entered into and acknowledged bond conditioned as the law directs.*

*Test Mo Hunter, C 13 C*