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Robert  
Butts

# In the name of God. Amen,

August 18<sup>th</sup> 1864 I Robert Butts of Stamps County  
 Virginia being sick of body but perfect in my mind  
 my own understanding and calling to mind the frailty of this  
 mortal life, and knowing that all flesh must submit to death  
 have thought proper to make and constitute my last will and  
 testament first, giving and committing my soul to God that  
 gave it, and my body to the dust to be buried in a Christian  
 like manner and the settling of my temporal affairs. I shall  
 direct in manner following--  
 I'mprimis - I stand to my loving  
 wife Ann, & Butts all my lands and plantations till such time  
 as the heir or heirs she is now pregnant with shall come of the  
 age or many and then one half of the said Lands, and down my  
 name, Sam, Hannah, Abraham, Lotter, Maney, Alice, Wagon, with  
 one half of my personal estate after the payment of my debts do  
 to her and her heirs forever - Item My wife and I wish is that the  
 heir or heirs that my wife is pregnant shall have when he or she  
 shall come of age or many the one half of my Lands, and I wish  
 namely, Nancy Mason, Esther, Charlotte, Edmund, and Willis with  
 all their increase also all the personal estate not disposed of  
 to the said heir when and his or her heirs forever - Item My wife  
 and I wish is that provided the child shall shall not live to come  
 of age or many that then my wife Ann, & Butts shall have  
 all my lands, negroes and personal estate to her and her heirs forever  
 And Lastly I do hereby appoint my wife Ann, &  
 Butts with my friends Williams my sick Executors and devise  
 to them my last will and testament working all things I do hereby give  
 my hand and affix my dear my dear this day and year even  
 Written

Signs Seals and Testaments  
 In presence of -  
 William Ferguson  
 Lucy Clements  
 David Myricks

Robert Butts  
 Not a Cent here for the County of Stamps  
 the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1864

This will was presented in Court by William Myricks the executor  
 therein named named by the oath of William Ferguson and David  
 Myricks two of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be read, and  
 in the notice of the said executor the same was read according to law  
 and after it was read there was no objection made thereunto and  
 from giving a Jury thereupon 10

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