

WILL OF JAMES MOORE SR.

Source: **Botetourt County Wills and Administrations** (1770-1800)
Will Book A, 1770-1801 – Reel 20, pp 120-121. **Will probated August 1780**

In the name of God, Amen the thirteenth day of September one thousand seven hundred and seventy six. I **James Moore Sr** of Botetourt County in Virginia being old and Infirm in Body but of sound mind and memory and calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner following that is to say first of all I commend my Soul to God who gave it and my Body to the Earth be buried in a Christian decent manner at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named and as to what worldly Estate *God, crossed out* it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give Bequeath & dispose of the same in the following manner and first give and devise unto **James my Eldest Son** that part of my land on which he lives and has improved on from the lower end of the Survey Including his House and extending up Looneys Creek to a line consistably made between **my Son James and his brother John** the Remainder of my land (the whole of which contains three hundred and fifty acres) except sixteen acres I give and devise to **John Moore my youngest Son** with all its Improvements. The sixteen Acres above excepted (and has also been laid off in separate Parcel I devise to **Samuel McClenechan my son in Law** also my will is that my Just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of my Personal estate and that the remainder of the same be sold at public action and equally divided between **my four children John and James Moore Martha Ralston and Jean McClenchan** also eleven Pounds Justley due me by James Rattleff and six pound by Robert Sanders both of Botetourt County when recovered to be divided in the same manners I appointed **James and John my Sons** Sole and only Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby revoke and Disannull all other former Wills or Testaments by me made and do ratify and confirm my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have here unto set my hand and Seal the Day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed published pronounced and declare by the said **James Moore** as his last Will and Testament in the presence of

Andrew Woods
Robert Woods
Martha Woods

his
James Moore
mark

August Botetourt Court 1780 – Examined.

This instrument of writing was presented in Court and for the last Will and Testament of **James Moore** deceased and proved by the oaths of **Martha and Andrew Woods** two of the witnesses and ordered to be recorded.

Test: David May, Clerk

*See James Moore family sheet at <http://www.ajlambert.com>