In the name of God amen. I, James Hamilton of Botetourt County and state of Virginia being sick and weak in body, but of sound mind, memory and understanding, praise be God for it, and considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and to the end I may be the better prepared to leave this world whenever it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and declare this my last will and testament in manner following. That is to say, first and principally I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God my creator, hoping for free pardon and remission of all my sins and to enjoy everlasting happiness in his heavenly kingdom through Jesus Christ my saviour. My body I commit to the earth at the discretion of my Executors herein after named, and as touching them worldly things wherein it hath pleased God to bless me in this life, I give devise and disposition of the same in manner following.

I impress to my use and bequest unto my beloved wife, Jane Hamilton one bed and furniture, two chairs, and all the household and kitchen furniture that may not be hereafter mentioned and that it is my will that my Executors shall see to her comfortable support and maintenance. I give unto my son James my surveying instruments, one sorrel colt and one bey colt and the hemp that is now fattening by him paying my funeral charges and just debts, I give unto my daughter, Isabella one bed and furniture and one bey mare and one cow.
I give unto my daughter Jane one bed and furniture, one pewter plate and one cover, I give unto my son John my silver watch, besides what he has already got.

And out of my land which is more in dispute of return by law, it is my will that I shall be paid and the money things to be divided as followeth:

First to my wife Jane Three Hundred dollars.

To my son William one hundred and fifty dollars.

To my son John twenty-five dollars.

To my daughter Becca twenty-five dollars.

To my other two daughters Isabella and Jane one hundred dollars each.

Of the rest of the land which doth not amount to the above sum after paying all charges against the land, then there shall be a division of each one share excepting my wife Jane in proportion to each one share of said land. If the above land is lost by law each of my executors is to pay half the cost and each bear half the expenses of said suit. The land to be sold and divided by my sons William and James. Where I constitute make the said William and James my sole executors of this my last will and testament. And I do hereby utterly declare and disavow all other former testaments, wills, regimentments and executors by me in any wise named, ratifying this and the only to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set to my hand.

And sealed this 16th day of January 1812.

[Seal]

James Hamilton

Thos. B. Haye