

In the Name of God Amen I John Arthur
of the County of Bedford being of perfect mind and memory for
settling my Temporal Affairs and preventing disputes about such
Part as I shall leave at my Death and knowing that it is appointed
for all men once to die & make & ordain this my Last Will and
Testament in manner and form following first Recommending
my soul to god who gave it then the Mediation of my dear
Redeemer hoping thereby to Receive Permission of all my sins and my
body the earth to be Decently buried at the discretion of my Executors
hereafter mentioned. I Give to my son Thomas Arthur fifty Acres
of Land lying on the north side of Goose Creek beginning at a white Oak
on the said creek at the lower end of his plantation from thence run in a
straight line to a pine against the bold spring & upwards to a hick tree on
forever I Give to my Daughter Mary Dixon fifty acres of Land on the south
side of Goose Creek it being the Land John Dixon now lives upon to her and
her heirs forever. I Give to my Son John Arthur

Do hereby revoking hereby to receive the portion of all my sons and my
body the earth to be Decently buried at the discretion of my Executors
hereafter mentioned. I Give to my son Thomas Arthur fifty Acres
of Land lying on the north side of Goose Creek beginning at a white Oak
on the said creek at the lower end of his plantation from thence running
straight line to a pine against the Cold Spring & upwards to him & his heirs
forever I Give to my Daughter Mary Dixon fifty acres of Land on the south
side of Goose Creek it being the Land John Dixon now lives upon to her and
her heirs forever. I Give to my Daughter Isabella & Mitcham the
Plantation whereon I now live to her & her heirs forever. I Give
to my son Barnabas Arthur the sum of five shillings and the rest &
Residue of my Estate to be equally Divided between my three
Daughters Sarah Newman Betty Green & Isaac Mitcham, and
do hereby terminate constitute & appoint my son Thomas Arthur and
Nimrod Newman Executors of this my Last Will, hereby revoking all
other Will or Wills by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have
hereunto

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hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this Ninth day of
January in the ninth our Lord Christs one Thousand seven
hundred & Seventy eight.

Signed sealed and
published in the presence of }

Justinian Mills.

Thomas Leftwich,

Marmaduke ^{W.} Dells.

Thomas Mitchell.

this
John E. Arthur
made

At a Court held for Bedford County the 28th day of
January 1793, this Last Will & Testament of John Arthur
Deceased was proved by the oath of Thomas Leftwich &
Thomas Mitchell Witnesses whose names are thereunto
subscribed & ordered to be recorded on the motion of Thomas
Arthur & Nimrod Newman the Executors therein named
whom made oath thereto Certificate is granted them for
obtaining probate thereof in due form on giving security
whereupon they together with Thomas Leftwich their
Security entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of

made
Thomas Milcham,

A Court held for Bedford County the 28th day of
January 1793. This Last Will & Testament of John Arthur
Deceased was proved by the oath of Thomas Seftwick &
Thomas Milcham Witnesses whose names are thereunto
subscribed & ordered to be recorded on the motion of Thomas
Arthur & Nimrod Newman the Executors therein named
whom made oath thereto Certificate is granted them for
obtaining probate thereof in due form on giving security
whereupon they together with Thomas Seftwick their
security entered into & acknowledged their bond in the penalty of
one hundred pounds conditioned for the said Executors due
& faithful administration of said Decedents Estate & performance
of his Will,

Telle

Ja. Seftwick

In the Name of God Amen Bartholomew