

for Record Executors due and faithful administration
of Record Decedents Estate and Performance of
her will
of
John J. Appleton & Co.

Handwritten
Widow
In the name of God Amen, I Robert
Handwritten of Bedford County being in perfect health mind and
Sound Memory thank God to God for it But calling to mind
the Mortality of Mankind do constitute and appoint this my last
Will and Testament. Revoking and annulling all other of
what Nature or Kindsoever in Manner and form to wit
Impressed I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Betty
Melan one Negroe Boy Named Isaac to her and her
Heirs forever I give and Bequeath to my Daughters
Elizabeth one Negro Boy Named Stephen and one Lord
Feathers

461 Feather Bed & Furniture to her & her heirs forever I then Give &
Bequeath to my Daughter Sally one Negro Boy Named Charles
and one Good feather Bed & Furniture to her & her heirs forever
I then Give & Bequeath to my Daughter Franky one Negro
Boy Named Ned and one Good feather Bed & Furniture to
her & her heirs forever I then Give and Bequeath to my
Daughter Nancy Annold one Negro Boy Named Tom and
one Good feather Bed & Furniture to her & her heirs forever
I then Give & Bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth Hardwick during
her Natural Life or Widowhood all the Real Estate & Remainder
of my Estate both Real and Personal, Except half the Land
whereon I now Live when my son Richard shall arrive
to the age of Twenty-one Years, It is my desire that my loving
wife shall keep the Plantation whereon I now Live with all
the appurtenances thereunto But if she should marry then the
above Request to be Void She shall be entitled to Receive
in Lieu thereof an Equal share with my Children mentioned
Below Excepting the Land to her & her heirs forever
I then Give & Bequeath to my sons Richard & Pleasant the

Item I give & Bequeath to my sons Richard & Pleasant the
Tract of Land whereon I now live to be Equally divided
Between them when my son Richard shall arrive at the
Age of Twenty one Years, In case their Mother should survive
till then and not Marry to them and their Heirs forever
Pleasant Not to have his part till the Death or Marriage
of his Mother. Item and my further will is that if Either of
my said Sons Richard or Pleasant shall die before
they come of Age or Marry that then in that case his part
of the Land here Bequeathed shall descend & go to the other
& In case they shall both so die Before they come of Age or
Marry that then the whole of the Land here Bequeathed
shall be disposed of agreeable to the General devise
Below Item after the Death or Marriage of my loving
wife my will is that all the Rest residue and remainder
of my Estate Both real & Personal shall be Equally
Divided Between my sons Robert John Richard
Pleasant & Daughter Mary to them & their Heirs
forever

till then and not Marry to them and their Heirs forever
Pleasant Not to have his part till the Death Marriage
of his Mother Fern and my further will is that if either of
my said sons Richard or Pleasant shall die before
they come of Age or Marry that then in that case his part
of the Land here Bequeathed shall descend & go to the other
& In case they shall both so die before they come of Age or
Marry that then the whole of the Land here Bequeathed
shall be disposed of agreeable to the General devise
Below Fern after the Death Marriage of my loving
wife my will is that all the Real residue and remainder
of my Estates Both real & Personal shall be Equally
Divided Between my sons Robert John Richard
Pleasant & Daughters Nellie & Mary to them & their Heirs
forever.

I Do Constitute & appoint my Dear wife Elizabeth
My

my Son Robert my friends Joshua Early Col^d John Callaway
 & the Rev^d Charles Clay Executors of this my last Will &
 Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & seal this Twentieth Day of April 1783.

Signed Sealed & Published

In presence of

Robert J. Hardwick

Newton Naughton

John Robinson & John Forqueran

At a Court held for Bedford County June 28th 1784
 This Last Will and Testament of Robert Hardwick deceased
 was Proved by the Oath of John Robinson and John Forqueran
 Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded And on the
 Motion of Elizabeth Hardwick and Robert Hardwick
 Two of the Executors therein Named who made Oath
 thereto Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining probate
 in due form giving Security whereupon they Together
 with Thomas Logwood and Caleb Tate their Securities

— This Last Will and Testament of Robert Hardurch deceased
was Proved by the Oaths of John Robinson and John Tongue
Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be Recorded And on the
Motion of Elizabeth Hardurch and Robert Hardurch
Two of the Executors therein Named who made Oath
thereto Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining Probate
in due form giving Security whereupon they Together
with Thomas Logwood and Edlet Tate their Securities
Entered into and Acknowledged their Bond in the
Penalty of Two Thousand five Hundred Pounds for
the said Executors due and faithful Administration of
the said Decedent's Estate and Performance of his
Will Liberty being reserved the Other Executors therein
Mentioned to Join in the Probate thereof where they
shall think fit

Teste Jo: Neptae C. C.

And In the name of God Amen Richard