

In the name of God amen

I Chisleu Curtis of Brunswick County being in good health and of sound and perfect sense and memory
praise be to almighty God for it, and calling to mind that it is appointed of God for
man once to die do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament And first of all
I give my soul to God who gave it me hoping for the resurrection to eternal life
and my body to the dust from whence it came and as to my worldly estate that God
of his mercy and goodness has bestowed on me I give and bequeath as in manner
and form following: Vizt my Just debts well and truly paid Item I lend unto my
well beloved wife Kezia Curtis one negro wench named Suky and all her future
increase also one negro man named York, One negro boy named Major one Negro
boy named Ted, One negro Boy named Billy, One negro boy named Lud, these
six negroes to remain to my wife during her natural life, and at her death they and
the increase if any, to be Equally divided between my two brothers and sisters namely
Churchwell Curtis, Claiborne Curtis and Lucy Malone, Item I give and devise
unto my wife all my whole stock of Horses, cattle, Sheep, and Hogs, and all the rest
of my whole estate only one Mullatto Girl that goes by the name of Betsey, Worthington
which Girl I desire to be free at the Marriage or death of my wife Kezia Curtis
And lastly I do appoint George Hicks Executor and Kezia Curtis Executrix of this my
last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this twenty Seventh day of August One thousand seven hundred and ninety four
Acknowledged in presents of us.

Robert Lanier

Elizabeth Lanier

Nancy Shurdwant

Chisleu Curtis

Brunswick County Court September 26th 1796

This last Will and Testament of Chisleu Curtis ad^d was proved by
the oaths of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded. and on the Motion of
Kezia Curtis the Executrix therein named she having made oath thereto according to
law and together with Robert Lanier and Thomas Washington her securities entered
into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Two thousand pounds
with condition as the law directs Certificate is granted her for obtaining a probate
thereof in and from Liberty being reserved the other Executors to join in the
said Probate when he thinks fit

Teste

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