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Sterling
Edmunds (1811)

In the name of God amen I the undersigned, Edmunds of Brunswick
County Saint Andrews Parish do make known that my last Will & Testamentary
wishes have following to wit, Notwithstanding the devise hereafter made my
Will is that all my Negroes shall remain in the plantations where they now
are without any division thereof until Christmas next. I leave to my beloved wife
Emilia during her natural life & then to be disposed of to such of my children &
grand children as she may think proper and to their heirs forever the following
slaves to wit: Ephraim, Amy, Sally, Henry, Sam, Esther, Anne, Lewis & young
and their children with Lendrick. And I leave to her during her natural
life the use & the following to wit: Judy Daughter of Cole in Halifax County
and her children & Lendrick, Frank, & young his wife and their children
I also leave to her during life or widowhood the use of all that part
of the tract of Land I now live on which lies south of the Great Creek
& below the Great Branch, at the upper end of the plantation except
the houses where my father lived with the Orchard, the old mill and
the wood land & Orchard on the tract which I purchased of
Samuel Musgrave. I also give to my said wife one half of my household & kitchen
furniture except my Bed & Bed room. Such of my Books as my son Benjamin
shall see fit. Forty head of Cattle, thirty head of Sheep all my Dogs on
the south side of the Great Creek all the plantation utensils, my chariot &
harness horses on the plantation whereon I live except two bay horses called
Centaur & Panther a Grey Mare called the Halifax Mare & a young black
Chanciller Mare. I leave all the money I may die possessed of & the debt owing
to me with the Crops of Tobacco on hand & the wheat. Randy Bacon & the
the Crops of Tobacco which may be made on the plantations whereon I live &
at my Halifax plantation and all other articles which may be made to & are
the present year to be divided between my said wife & my son Benjamin & my
son in law William Love equally after paying what debts I may owe the plantation
expences. I give & bequeath to my Daughter Mary Love and her heirs forever
the following slaves addition to those which she is already possessed of to wit:
Fanny & all her children Milly & her children Pammon, Fanny, & all my
wife Anne's my Negro man Lendrick. I leave all the negroes whom I purchased
at the different sales of the estate of Samuel Barlowe as & who now are in
possession of my daughter Elizabeth Barlowe to wit: Rachel, Charity, Sally
Marion, & all the other negroes, & all the other negroes & all the other