

But } In the Name of God Amen I John Hart being apprehensive of the
uncertainty of life and affected at this time by a Disease which may prove mortal
do in my sound mind and memory, constitute and ordain this to be my last Will
and Testament. I give to my son Josiah Hart and to his heirs a negro
boy named Ned and a girl named Jude. Item I do give to my son William
Hart and to his heirs two negro boys named London & James. Item I do give to
my son John Hart and to his heirs two negro boys. Shadrack & Harry. Item I do give
to my son Israel Hart and to his heirs two negroes a boy named Simon & a girl
named Kate. Item I do give to Leasly Hart and to his heirs two negroes named
Talley & Nandy. Item I do give to Thomas Hart & to his heirs a girl named Eve &
a boy named Emanuel and a negro boy named Sewer in Consideration of her
being a concubine for me several years. Item I do give to my Daughter Elizabeth the
wife of Gabriel Beasley a negro girl named Milly with all her Increase as well
those already born as those to be born and no more. Item I do Confirm unto the
Estate of William Beasley dec'd a negro girl named Ann and all her Children
as well those born as to be born, whom I gave to William Beasley in his
life time and desire that the said Slaves shall go to the legal Representatives
of the said William Beasley as if he had died leaving a full legal title to
her. Item I do give to my Grand Daughter Mary the Daughter of
Cornelius Hart dec'd a negro named Isaac and no more to her. It is

her, - Item I do give to my Grand Daughter Mary the Daughter of
Cornelius Kent ~~de~~ a negro named Isaac and no more to her or her
heirs - Item I do give to my wife during her natural life all the residue
of my Estate Real and personal and of every nature and kind what so ever
subject to the payments of my Debts, and after the Death of my Dear wife
I do authorize and desire my executors or the survivors of them to sell the whole
of my land and all my Slaves not before specifically given with their increase
at public sale to the highest bidder for the best price that can be obtained
at Twelve months credit taking of the purchaser or purchasers bond with
good security for the payment of the Consideration money, and when such
bond or bonds shall be taken, I do authorize my executors or the survivors
of them to make to the purchaser or purchasers a Lawful Title in fee simple
to the Land by Deed ^{and} a title to the Slaves, it is my desire and Request to my
executors to sell my land & Slaves to any of my Children rather than to
any other person, provided they or any of them will give as much for the
property as the Executor shall think the property is worth, and will
give sufficient security for the payment of the Consideration money, otherwise
they are desired to sell the land and Slaves to any other persons - Item
It is my Desire that if all the Debts are not paid at the Death of my
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before the Residual is divided among my Children.

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they are desired to sell the land and Slaves to any other persons. Item
It is my Desire that if all the Debts are not paid at the Death of my
wife my executors shall first pay the Debts which may then be due
by part of the proceeds of the ~~or~~ sales of the aforesaid Land and Slaves.
Item After the Death of my wife I do desire that the Value of the whole
^{of the} Estate both Real and personal above given to her for life shall be equally
divided with the Increase amongst my following Children Siblings

William, John, Samuel & Henry, Thomas and my Daughter & Mary Beasley
and their heirs share and share alike, - I do appoint Robert Bedford &
John Spencer & William Hart executors of this my last Will and Testament
In Testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and affix my seal this
second day of June 1793.

Signed sealed and Acknowledged in the presence of John Hart (L.S.)
Paul Corington & Robert Bedford. John Hart

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 2^d day of September 1793

This last Will and Testament of John Hart dec^d was exhibited in Court
by John Spencer, Robert Bedford and William Hart ^{the executors herein named} and the same was
proved by the oath of Robert Bedford and John Hart and ordered to be
recorded. On the motion of William Hart who made oath according to
Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said
Will in due form he giving Security whereupon he together with Philip
King and Obadiah Broomfield his Securities entered into &
acknowledged their bond according to Law for that purpose assuming
Liberty to the other executors ^{as afores^d} to join in the probate thereof when they
shall think fit

Teste Thomas Read Esq

Truly Recorded