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In the Name of God Amme

I John Morton of Charlotte Countlyng in perfect mind
 and memory do make and ordyn this my last Will and Testament
 in manner and form following, in the first place I do send unto
 my dear ^{wife} Agnes during her Natural life the Plantation wheran
 I now live and that part of my tract of Land adjoining the
 said Plantation which is above Little Floneoke, also had to my
 said wife the following Slaves to wit, Annick, and her four youngest
 Children, Gloucester, Harry, Cooper - , Gell, Chloe and the three
 Children Phillis, James, Nancy and Dorcas during their Natural
 life and after the Death of my said Wife Agnes then the said slave
 and her Children - Phillis, James, Nancy and Dorcas, to Return to the
 land after mentioned also I bind unto my said wife all my Stocks of
 wryt hinde and all my household furniture be it of what nature
 so ever after my just debts and legacies are paid the Negroes Annick
 and her four youngest Children Gloucester, Harry, Cooper and Gell
 Gloucester & Gell I bind to my wife to bear to her side during
 at her death to any of my children as she may think proper to give them
 being to my wife to my child or children and no others which said

at her death to my children as she may think proper to give them
being for land to myself or children and others, which said
Gift I make, witness and Confirm to her or them hereby Requiring
and Directing my Executors hereafter named to Confirm the Gift
to said Slaves ~~as~~ mentioned as also my Stock of every kind and
Plantation it self to be given among so many of my children, at my
wifes distribution, to be confirmed by my said Executors in the same
manner as before mentioned. I give the said Estate unto above Estate
to my wife Dyrnes to be disposed of as she may think proper Item I give and
bequeath to my Daughter Judith the Slaves she has now in Possession
to wit, Frank and his children of a boy whom named Matt and a girl
named Bell to her and her heirs forever, I also give to the said Judith
at the death of my wife two Negroes to wit, Dorcas and Phille both
her several Increase to her and her heirs forever; Item I give and bequeath
unto my Daughter Mary Price the Negroes she has now in Possession, to wit
Dorcas and her children that she has with her, also I give to the said Mary
Price a Negro Girl Named Joen and a boy named Charles and their natural
Increase to her and to her heirs and Offspring forever, Item I give and bequeath
unto my Son Josiah Horton two Negroes he has now in Possession with this
increase, as also at the death of my wife Agnes a Negro Woman Named Alice
with her two Children and their increase to him the said Josiah and his heirs
and Offspring forever, Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William Hovey

Plantation It is left to be given among to any of my children, if my wife dies before me, to be so divided by my said Executors in the same proportion as before mentioned. I give the ~~two~~ ^{two} bushells arising from the above Estate to my wife Drusilla to be disposed of as she may think fit; Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Judith the slaves she has now in possession four, ^{four} ~~four~~ and the children of a slave whom named Matt and a girl named Bell to her and her heirs forever. I also give to the said Judith at the death of my Wife two Negroes to wit, ^{two} ~~one~~ ~~two~~ a man and a woman with their several increase to her and her heirs forever; Item I give and bequeath unto my ^{daughter} Mary Price the Negroes she has now in possession, four or five and her children with her, also I give to the said Mary Price a Negro Girl named Joan and a boy named Charles and the same increase to her and to her heirs and assigns forever; I will give and bequeath unto my Son Josiah Holliston two Negroes she has now in possession with their increase as also at the death of my Wife Agnes a Negro Woman whom to be with her two children and their increase to him. His said Josiah and his heirs and Agnes forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Son William Holliston my Plantation Slanton River with a certain tract of land which I intended as follows, bearing at the mouth of Slator's Creek three miles from the mouth of a branch about 100 feet long and 100 feet wide.

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which I said I am about two hundred years too old now hence I did cause
to his own life also give to my said son William the six following Negroes
Item, One Negroe Jack Little wife and Child Will and their increase to him the
said William Colleton, and to his heirs and assigns forever, Item I give to my
Daughter Agnes, the three Negroes she has now in possession Namely, Nancy, Rose
and Sarah and their increase, together with a Negro Woman Named Pigg and a
boy named Bampton, and their increase to her and her heirs and assigns forever.
Item in the life time of John Carter I gave to my Daughter ^{langu} Jean a negro
Named Pigg and her Children also a Negro Named Bobb, which said Negroes
the said John Carter at his death did devise and give amongst his wife and
Children, together with their increase, Item My Will and devise is and do give
and confirm the same to the several Persons to whom the said Negroes were
given and devised by the said John Carter, Item I likewise bind unto
my said Daughter Jean two Negroes to wit, Peter and Harry a boy, during
her Natural life, and at her death to be given by the same to such of her Children
as she may think proper which said Gift so given I do Order to be confirmed
and by my Executors to the said Legatee and to him or his other heirs and
Assigns forever, Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth the
Negroes now in her possession, Namely, Amy and her Children and Lydia
together with a Negro man named James and a Girl Named Nancy and Little
Dicks and their increase to her the said Elizabeth and to her Assigns

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~~Assigns forever, Item, I give and bequeath To my son Little Joe Morton a
certain tract or parcel of Land lying on the Lower Side of Wallace Creek
and Containing the Lines of the Said Little Joe Morton, William Morton,
John Watsons, Factors and Branches, to him the Said Little Joe Morton
and his heirs and Assigns forever, together with the Negroes he has now
in possession Namely Tobin, Doctor, Old Hannah and Little Doctor
Jim and Unis, together with Lucy and her child Lucy, and their increase
to him the Said Little Joe Morton and to his heirs and Assigns forever Item~~

~~Giving and bequeath to my son Jacob Morton the Plantation wher on I now live
after the Death of my wife Agnes with all the Land I have adjoining to him
his heirs and Assigns forever also I give unto the Said Jacob Morton the Negroes
Acheson in possession to wit, Old Adam, Jane, Deb, Melley, Tolly, Condy, and Little
Amy, together with Little Adam Dick and Jack with their increase to him
his heirs and Assigns forever, Item, I give and bequeath to Ann Morton
a feather bed and Furniture, I also give unto the Said Ann two Cows and Calves
to her, her heirs and Assigns forever, I also desire that my brother Stephen may
be maintained by all my children during his Life, my desire is that no division~~

~~shall be made in the slaves till next November and Lastly I do hereby~~

to all chattels, lands, and Branches, to him. He said Little Joe Morton
and his heirs and Assigns forever, together with the Negroes he has now
in possession Namely Robbin Doctor, Old Hannah and Little Doctor
Jim and Unis, together with Lucy and her child Lucy, and their increase
to him. He said Little Joe Morton and to his heirs and Assigns forever I here
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be maintained by all my children during his Life, my desire is that nodivision
shall be made in the Slave till about November and lastly I do hereby
constitute and appoint my sons Jacob Morton, William Morton, Little
Joe Morton and Jacob Morton Executors to this my last Will and Testament
having Read my former Wills by me made before me declaring them
all null and void and taking this instrument above written

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Let my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of November one thousand
seven hundred and eighty one.

Joseph Morton,

Signed and Acknowledged in presence of us John Smith,
Ann A. Morton, George Smith,

The above Will after being interlined and altered in the date as it now stands was

Acknowledged by Joseph Morton as his Last Will and Testament in presence
of us John B. Smith, Ann ^{her} Morton.

The above Will after being interlined and altered in the date as it now
stands was Acknowledged by the Testator as his last Will and Testament

in presence of us B. Laybrook, Peter Laybrook, Joseph S. Laybrook

At a Court held for Charlotte County the fifth day of August 1782

The written Last Will and Testament of Joseph Morton dec'd.

was exhibited in court by William Morton, Little Joe Morton, and

Joseph Morton, three of the Executors therein Named, and the same was

proved by the Paths & Gladiah Laybrook, Peter Laybrook and Josiah

Laybrook three of the witnesses thereto subscribed, and ordered to be recorded

In the record of the said Executors whom made Bath according to law

and also granted him for obtaining a probate of the said Will

in due form they giving security whereupon they with Paul Farrington

and others their securities entered into and acknowledged their

in presence of us & ~~John~~^{his} Blaybrook, Peter Blaybrook, Joseph Blaybrook
At a court held for Charlotte County the fifth day of August 1782
the within Witten Last Will and Testament of Joseph Morton dec^d.
was probated in court by William Morton, Little Joe Morton, and
Robert Morton three of the Executors therein Named, and the same was
signed by the Testis of Bladiah Blaybrook, Peter Blaybrook and Josiah
Blaybrook three of the Witnesses thereto subscribed, and ordered to be Recorded
in the Office of the said Executors whom made Bath according to Law
and sealed and affixed to the within will for obtaining a probate of the said will
in due form they giving security whereupon they with Paul Farnington
and Thomas Read their securities entered into and acknowledged their
duty to the purpose, Desirous in equity to Josiah Morton the other Executo
to do in the probate thereof as he shall think fit.

Teste Thomas Read C.R.

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W^m Hawley in the Name of said Owners