

In the Name of the Great God of Heaven, I Thomas Bradford
the elder of the County of Charlotte at this time sick and weak in body but of sound memory
and perfect disposing Judgment, knowing the uncertainty of time, and uncertain
at what hour the wise disposal of all events may call me from this Transitory life,
With unfeigned reliance on his Mercy, resign myself to his divine will & pleasure
and am ~~in readiness~~ to obey the awful Summons, and in order to establish peace,
Content and Tranquillity amongst my family, as to the worldly possessions I have
in a long course of years with the blessing of God honestly acquired, I give away
and dispose of in the following manner, and declare this writing to be my last
Will & Testament. ^{I and direct} ~~order that my debts~~ may be adjusted & speedily paid. I give &
bequeath to my dear faithful and beloved wife Drusilla my Mansion house and
small plantation with one third part of my lands on the west side of Twilley's
Creek in compact form. The Creek to the back lines of my lands to guard
little Roanoke so as to leave as near as may be one equal third part above and another
below, also the following Negro Slaves Towst, Denah, ~~Abraham~~ ~~Paul~~, ~~Calena~~,
Frank, Tom & Daisy which said lands and Slaves I give to my said wife during
her natural life and no longer also one half of the rent or toll from my water
Crest Mill on Twilley's Creek, I leave one half the profits so long as the said Mill

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I have the following Negro Slaves now in possession of Joseph Tugue Court,
Tany, Andrew, & Lead with their increase. I give and devise to my daughter
Mary, wife of James Hamlet and her heirs forever the following Negro Slaves now
in possession Court, Wall, Matt, Celia & Betty. I give and devise to my
daughter Martha, wife of Charles Bronshaw and to her heirs forever the
following Negro Slaves now in her possession formerly given her, to wit,
Lucy Kate, Lett & John. I give and devise to my son Thomas Bridges
the land wherein he now lives formerly purchased of John Suttwant, a long
tract of land adjoining Micoke, purchased of Francis Osborn also the following
Negro Slaves now in his possession Court, Mercury & Ellick, also one other
Slave named Harry to him & his heirs forever, I mean also that he shall in
possession and enjoy as aforesaid my water Crust Mill on Twittys creek with
one Acre of land on the West side same Abutment & for my said son Thomas
Yielding, accounting for and paying to my dear wife one half the profits
of the said Mill in Crust or otherwise as she may choose during her natural
life, and I wish him to keep up the said Mill for that term at least
(I mean the Mill profits). I give and devise to my daughter Susanna, wife of
Anthony Walke & to her heirs forever the following Negro Slaves Court, Veldt,

Given the 10th of March 1794. I give and devise to my daughter Susan na, wife of
Anthony Walker & to her heirs forever the following Negro Slaves to wit, Velt,
and Betty now in his possession or formerly given her. I give and bequeath
to my son Benjamin Bedford, and to his heirs forever one moiety or part
of two tracts of my land of the Tison and Aris each on the waters of Licking
creek in the County of Fayette, the tracts to be divided as equally as may be
as to quantity and quality, also the following Negro Slaves to wit: Daniel
Sumner and Sall, also a bed & furniture. I give and bequeath to my son
John Bedford and to his heirs forever, the other moiety or half part of each
of my two tracts on Licking or the tranches thereof as described in the deed
to my son Benjamin - also the following Negro Slaves to wit: Lewis, Ned & Peggy
also a feather bed & furniture. I give and devise to my daughter Anne
and to her heirs forever the following Slaves, Shelly, Beck, Wancher &
Little Ned, also a feather bed & furniture and a riding horse saddle & bridle.
I give & bequeath to my son Little Jerry Bedford and to his heirs forever one
third of my lands on the west side of Toddy's Creek, adjoining the land before
devised to my wife for life, meaning that and thereof including the plantation
purchased of George Arvin, also the following Slaves, Little Peter, Isaac &
Tuckers, also a feather bed and furniture & a riding horse saddle & bridle.

in the County of Fayette, the lands to be divided as may be
into quantity and quality, also the following Negro Slaves, to wit: Daniel
Sumner and Sall, also a bed & furniture. I give and bequeath to my son
John Bedford and to his heirs forever, the other moiety or half part of each
of my two tracts on Licking in the branches thereof as divided in the division
to my son Benjamin - also the following Slaves to wit: Lucie, and Peggy
also a feather bed & furniture. I give and devise to my daughter Anne
and to her heirs forever the following Slaves, Melly, Beck, Wancher &
Little Old, also a feather bed & furniture and a riding horse saddle & bridle.
I give & bequeath to my son Littleberry Bedford and to his heirs forever one
third of my lands on the west side of Turtles Creek, adjoining the land before
devoted to my wife for life, meaning that and thereof including the plantation
purchased of George Armon, also the following Slaves, Little Peter, Jane &
Julian, also a feather bed, and furniture & a riding horse & a saddle & bridle.
I give & bequeath to my son Archibald Bedford & to his heirs forever, the remaining
third part of my lands on the west side of Turtles, all the uper unoccupied lands
above that of my wife, also the following Slaves, Bob, Hiss & their children
James & Phillis, also a feather bed & furniture, & a riding horse & a saddle & bridle.

I give and devise to my daughter Fanny, Flossie Bospers and to her heirs
 forever, the following Slaves, Balsa, Lucy Anthony & Anne, also a feather
 bed & furniture, a riding horse Saddle & Bridle. I give and devise to my
 daughter Peggy Bospers and to her heirs forever the following Slaves, Louisa,
 Linda, Milton, Betty & Lida, also a feather bed & furniture, and a horse saddle
 and bridle. I give and bequeath to my son Charles Westly Bospers (after
 my wife's death, and not before that period which must first happen) and
 to his heirs forever, my dwelling house and Murrens Plantation with all the
 lands before devised to my wife for life - I also give to my said son Charles
 and to his heirs forever, subject to no incumbrance the following Slaves, Louisa,
 Charles, Tony, Fanny & Peter son of Denah, also a feather bed & furniture, and
 a riding horse, Saddle, Bridle. I give and devise to my sons Benjamin
 and John such other lands as are or may be located in the district of
 Kentucky, or else where in my name under certain land warrants heretofore
 procured, I mean that all lands and the benefit of all land warrants either
 located or which may hereafter be located wherein I am interested shall be
 equally divided between my said sons Benjamin & John to each of them & their
 respective heirs forever. I give and devise to my six daughters and ^{to} the children
 of my daughter Elizabeth as the said Westly and to their respective heirs forever

especially devised between my said sons & my
respective heirs forever. I give and devise to my ^{to} said daughters and the heirs
of my daughter Elizabeth as the twentieth part, and to their respective heirs forever
the following negro slaves, to wit: Cudjoe, George, Nan, Wenny, Jane, Sally
Christian, Fender, Bobby, Janny, Isaac son of Lee, & Phillis daughter of Henry,
to be equally divided between as just as may be with the future increase of the
said slaves. I give and devise to my son Thomas and his heirs forever, my
slave call'd Great Peter, now employed as kitchen. I give and devise to my
dear wife one third of all my outstanding debts, Cash on hand, stocks and other
personal chattles, remaining undisposed, and the remaining two thirds to be
divided amongst all my children unmarried at present. My family of
slaves as well as myself now languishing under the same disorder, & one of whom
may probably be lost, I order and direct that in case of loss by the present disorder
of any of the slaves this day devised and not yet delivered to my children,
that the child or children sustaining such loss, shall have the loss restored out
of the slaves devised to my wife to be replaced after her death. And at that
period all the slaves remaining of those given her for life with the increase
to be equally divided between all my children to each their respective proportions
and their respective heirs forever. And whereas some of the slaves devised to

to be equally divided between as just as may be with the future increase of the
said slaves. I give and devise to my son Thomas and his heirs forever, my
Slave call'd Great Peter, now employed as Miller. I give and devise to my
dear wife one third of all my outlanding debts, Cash on hand, Stocks and other
personal chattles, remaining undischarged, and the remaining two thirds to be
divided amongst all my Children now married at present. My family of
Slaves as well as myself now languishing under the same disorder, some of whom
may probably be lost, I order and direct that in case of loss by the present disorder
if any of the Slaves this day devised and not yet delivered to my Children,
that the Child or Children sustaining such loss, shall have the loss restored out
of the Slaves devised to my wife to be so replaced after her death. And at that
period all the Slaves remaining of those given her for life with the increase
to be equally divided between all my Children to each their respective portions
and their respective heirs forever. And whereas some of the Slaves devised to
my wife, are now likely to die. I do direct that in case of them or any of the
said Slaves dying with the disorder now raging in my family - that in the
deficiency be supplied out of the other Slaves before devised to her and
my Children, and at my wife's death to be divided among my Children.

as above directed. The lands given to my son Thomas being of Superior title
to the previous mode for some of my other sons; I do direct that my said son
Thomas do pay to each of my sons Benjamin & John the sum of ten shillings
I do direct money as an assistance to them in moving to settling in
the back country; and the legacies to my said son Thomas are charged
with the payment of those debts which order may be completed with.

I do constitute, nominate and appoint my dear wife Priscilla executrix &
my sons Thomas & Stephen and my son in law James Hamblet, Executors
of this will; revoking all others declaring this to be my last. I direct that
my estate may not be appraised: In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my seal February 3^d 1785.

signed, sealed, published and delivered
by the Testator in last will & Testament
in presence of
Parwell & Brown, Esq. Attorneys, Charleston

Thos. Bedford, L.S.

At a Court held for Charlotte County the 7th day of March 1785.

This last will & Testament of Thomas Bedford, Gentlemen deceased,
was presented in Court by Priscilla Bedford the widow & executrix, and Thomas
Bedford, Stephen Bedford & James Hamblet

by the Testator's last will & Testament
in presence of

Barrett, Brown, & William, & Barrington

at a Court held for Charlotte County the 7th day of March 1785.

His last Will & Testament of Thomas Bedford, Gentleman deceased,
was presented in Court by Priscilla Bedford the widow & Executrix, and Thomas
Bedford, Stephen Bedford & James Hamlett the Executors therein named,
and the same was proved by the oaths of Joseph Hamlett & the Hon. Paul
Barrington Esquire, and ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of these
Executrix & Executors who made oath according to Law, Certificate is
granted them for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form,
they giving security, whereupon they with James Hamlett, James
Baldwin, Joseph Tugue, Senr. Edward Almond and Robert Bedford in
their respective oaths and acknowledge their bond according to
Law for that purpose.

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Thomas Read, Clk

Truly Recorded

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