

In the Name of God Amen the Twenty ninth day
of July one thousand seven hundred and fifty six I William Best son of Charles
bestly being of Good and perfect mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God
and taking to mind the mortality of my body and that all flesh must yield to
Death when it shall please God to call me knowing that it is appointed for all men
once to die, do make and ordain this my Last will & Testament in manner
following that is to say principally and first of all I give and Recommend
my Soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I Recommend
to the Earth to be Buried in a Decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my
Executors hereafter and have mentioned nothing Doubting but at the General
Resurrection I shall receive the same ^{again} by the mighty Power of God and as Touching
such Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me with after my
Just Debts, Funeral Expenses, & Legacies are paid I Give Dispose of ^{the same} Dispose of
the following manner. To wit I give and bequeath unto my Son William
Best all my Land whercon I now Live on the North side of John Coldwells mill

East all my land whereon I now live in the

back to him and his heirs; Imprimis I give and bequeath the Remain-
part of ^{by me} Land on the South side of John Caldwell's mill back unto my
son Josiah East and his heirs &c. Imprimis I give and bequeath some four
shadocks East then hundred and ninety acres at the lower end of my lot
in Halifax bounty to him and his heirs Imprimis I give and bequeath
the remaining part of my land in Halifax bounty unto my son William
East and his heirs; Imprimis I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Dickerson
one cow and half her choice of all my cattle. Imprimis I give my Negro boy
Charles with all the rest of my cattle horses & hogs and all my household furniture
with all the rest of my Estate to be equally divided among my six child-
ren in and hereafter named, viz: Josiah East, Sarah East, Josiah East, Peter
East, Shadrach East and Abner East, paid to them by my Executors
Required as soon as they come to years of Maturity; Imprimis It is my
will and Desire that my Estate may not be appraised; Imprimis
that my Estate may be truly divided by my Executors; Imprimis

William East and William Sims Executors of the last Will and Testament of John Adams whereby I have been paid my share one day and Year past above Written.

William East & Co.
Signed sealed and Delivered in the presence of John Hollenbeck, James John Caldwell, William Black.

At a Court held for Charlotte County the fifth day of January 17
The within Written Last will and Testament of William East was
in Court by David George and William East two of the Executors there
named, and the same was proved by the oath of two of the Witnesses therein
Subscribed and ordered to be Recorded, and on the motion of the said Executors
made oath according to law Certificate is Granted them for obtaining
of the said Will in due form they giving security whereupon they
with Robert Calowill of William Abbott their Security entered into
Acknowledged their bond for that purpose, Reserving Liberty to De
Sims and William Sims the other two Executors therein Named to Join

John Caldwell, William Black

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Execution thereof when they shall think fit.

Teste Samuel Colles Clk.

Truly Recorded

Thos. Beade. J.

November 14th 1766.