

ding to law certificate is granted her for obtaining probat of the will then last will
and testament of Miss Bennett deceased giving security whereupon she together
with Thomas Holland, Moni Hudgens, James Hollerway and breed Hester
her securities entered and acknowledged bond with condition according to law
and liberty is reserved to the execution to join in probat

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In the name of God I Benjamin Bedford of Cumberland county and fis
righ of Southham being very sick and weak in body but of good disposing
sense and memory do constitute and make this my last will and testa
ment as follows
I give to my beloved wife Susanna Bedford five negroes, to wit, Peter,
Lucy, Frank, Blue, and Fide, during her life and at the death of the said
Susanna Bedford my desire is that the negroes above mentioned be equally
divided among all my children then living also my white man and
my grey mare also two good feather beds two bottles and six leather
chairs, all the knives and forks and all the puter also ten head of

with after charging with as many legs as my execution hereafter men-
tioned thanks that my goods can maintain up all the poor poor and
and providing suitable gifts for some and all such bodies of mine as she
chooses and one third of my land during her life may be sold and
two corn and all the residue of my estate that I have not mentioned
except my land — — — — — and require I desire to be sold to the highest
bidder at eight or twelve months credit to pay money for to buy land for my
two sons James Bedford and William Bedford. Also all my just debts
are paid also all debts that are due to me to my two sons James Bedford and
William Bedford to be employed to the same use as the money before mentioned
also all the residue of my goods not mentioned to be equally divided between
my sons and daughters James Bedford, William Bedford Stephen Bedford,
Elizabeth Bedford and Sally Bedford that is living when my son Ste-
phen Bedford arrives to the age of twenty one years Also I give to my son
Stephen Bedford all the land whereon I now live after the decease of my
wife Susanna Bedford My desire is that my sons may have sufficient
education and James to be kept at school if his estate will afford it and
my desire is that my estate may not be appraised and I also appoint
my brother Thomas Bedford Stephen Bedford Robert Smith and my
wife Susanna Bedford executors and executors of this my last will
and testament revoking all other wills by me formerly made

and testament revoking all other wills by me formerly made
In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this
30th day of May 1772.

signed sealed published and
delivered in presence of }

Benj^d Beaford L. S.

Wm Smith

Jacob Mosby

Jos Mosby

Wm Targifon

The said son in the second

line intubled before aforesaid }

At a court held for Currituckland county 24th August 1772.

This last will and testament of Benjamin Beaford deceased was proved
by William Smith and Jacob Mosby two of the witnesses thereto and ordered
to be recorded and on the motion of Robert Smith one of the executors
and Susanna Beaford executrix therein named who made oath according
to law certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat thereof nor are from
giving security whereupon they together with William Smith Jacob
Mosby and John Mayo their securities entered into and acknowledged bond
with condition according to law and liberty is returned to the other executors
therein named to join in probat.

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