

In the name of God Amen I William Hudgens of Cumberland county do make my
last will and testament in manner following. I give to my son John
Hudgens the plantation where on I now live also an equal division of the negroes here
for mentioned to wit Peg Buck, Jude, Melley, and Sam. my will and desire is that
the increase of the negroes hereafter to be equally divided among my four children to wit
Joan, Polly and Sally Hudgens my wife and desire is that the John and Joan and Sally
Hudgens shall be under the care of my brother James Hudgens and my daughter Sally
Hudgens I leave to the care of Mary Meryman till she come of age or my wife as the negroes
above mentioned to be equally divided among my four children when they come of age
or marry and if any of them my children die before she come to the age of twenty one then
the legacies devised to them shall be equally divided among the survivors of them
and if any of them my children shall have any unlawful hour they shall be
excluded from any part of the above mentioned divisions allotted for them my children
my will and desire is that James Hudgens should come and live on the plantation
whereon I now live if he thinks proper with the wife of the above negroes and plant
ation to take charge of my three children above mentioned to farm, to rear, to
teaching and schooling them my will and desire is that James Hudgens should
take charge of all bonds, bills and also to dispose of such part of my stock as
shall pay all my debts due. Lastly, I do appoint my loving brother James
Hudgens my executor of this my last will and testament Witness my hand and
seal this twenty sixth day of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

in presence of
Wm. J. ...
William Hudgens

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excluded from any part of the above mentioned divisions allotted for them, my will
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whereon I now live if he thinks proper with the wife of the above negro and
to take charge of my three children above mentioned to have for their
nourishing and schooling there my will and desire is that James Hudgens
take charge of all bonds, bills and also to dispose of such part of my stock
shall pay all my debts due, lastly, I do appoint my loving brother James
Hudgens my executor of this my last will and testament witness my hand and
seal this twenty sixth day of August one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

Signe seals and delivers

in presence of
Edw. Robinson
Robert Skipper
Jm Skipper

William Hudgens J. S.

At a court held for Cumberland county 27th October 1781.

This last will and testament of William Hudgens deceased was exhibited in court by
James Hudgens executor therein named and the same was proved by Robert Skipper and Jm
Skipper two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the said
executor who made oath according to laws certificate is granted him for obtaining probate
thereof in due form giving security whereupon he with Enoch Haskins for security entered
into bond according to laws.

Test
G. Cunningham J. C.