

In the name of God Amen I John Cato being sick and weak
but of sound mind and memory knowing that it is appointed for all men
to die do make publish and declare this to be my last Will and
testament this Twenty seventh day of December One thousand seven
hundred and ninety six in manner and form following vizt Item I
give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth Cato four Negroes Will Joe Jeff
and Sigh and the Stock of whatsoever kind also all the household and
kitchen furniture also all my Lands and plantation whosoever during
her natural life or widowhood also all my Troop after paying my
just debts Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth
Shelton all my Lands after my wifes death or marriage to her and her
heirs forever Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Lucy Hart
one Negroe boy named Moses to her and her heirs forever Item I give
and bequeath unto my daughter Polly Cato one negroe girl named
Milley one feather Bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever
Item I give and bequeath unto William Smith Twenty five Pounds to
be raised out of the Estate left unto my beloved wife also one cow to
him and his heirs forever Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson

one Negroe boy named Moses to her and her heirs forever. Item, I give
and bequeath unto my daughter Polly Cato one negroe girl named
Milly; one feather Bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.
Item I give and bequeath unto William Smith Twenty five Pounds to
be raised out of the Estate lent unto my beloved wife also one cow to
him and his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson
Harris Arent Twenty five Pounds to be raised out of the Estate lent to
my beloved wife to him and his heirs forever provided he lives to the
Age of Twenty one Years. Item It is my will and desire that all my
estate not heretofore disposed of be divided in three equal parts and I
give and bequeath one third unto my daughter Lucy Hart, to her and
her heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly
Cato one third ~~of my~~ Estate not heretofore disposed of to her and her
heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath ^{unto William Smith} one half of the one third
not heretofore disposed of to him and his heirs forever. Item I give
and bequeath unto my Grandson Harris Arent the one half of the one
third not heretofore disposed of provided he lives to the Age of Twenty
one Years to him and his heirs forever. Item it is my will and desire
that

that my Estate be not Appraised. And I do appoint my friend Braxton Robinson my Executor to this my last Will and Testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day and Year within written

Signed sealed and Delivered
in presence of

John ^{his} Cato (L.S.)
mark

Charles Williams
Benjamin Hobbs. Patty + Williams

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Greensville County January Court 1797. This Will was proved according to Law by the Oaths of Charles Williams and Benjamin Hobbs Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Braxton Robinson the Executor therein named who made Oath thereto and with Littleberry Robinson his Security entered into and acknowledged Bond in the penalty of five thousand Dollars with Condition as the Law directs Certificate was granted him for obtaining a Probat thereof in due form. Test P. Pelham Clk. Cour.

In the name of God Amen I John Turner of Greensville County do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows I hereby give and bequeath to my son John Short Turner part of my land grounds I purchased of John Lewis Senr. dec. and part of the nigh