

In the name of God Amen I John Beal of Blackwell's Neck in the County of Hanover, do make and ordain this my last will and testament.

It is my wish that my land be sold (except a half acre, including the family burying ground) and that the purchase money be payable, one third, at the end of twelve months from the day of sale, and the other two thirds in two equal annual installments thereafter, for the last two payments to bear interest from the end of twelve months from the day of sale; and for the whole of the purchase money to be secured by bond with approved security and also by Deed of Trust on the land.

It is my will, that all my slaves and perishable property be appraised according to law, and that the perishable property be sold as is usual.

I am of opinion, that the negroes, to wit Warner, Agniss and Maria, and also three hundred dollars in cash which I have given and delivered over to my son, William, was worth at the time I gave and delivered them, the sum of twelve hundred and twenty five dollars-including the cash- and that the negroes & other property: to wit, Hardenia & her two children, Emeline and Nancy, and Minerva, a bed & two hundred and one dollars & eighty seven cents in money which I have given and delivered over to my daughter Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Miles H. Gardner was worth at the time I gave and delivered them the sum of nine hundred & seventy six dollars and 87 cents-including the cash- and that the negroes and other property, to wit: Malinda and Luvernia, a bed, corn the which I have given and delivered over to my daughter Louisa wife of John R. Whiting, and was worth at the time I gave and delivered them the sum of one thousand and thirty two dollars-and that the negroes, to wit, Garland, Paulina and Celiann which I have given and delivered them the sum of nine hundred and twenty five dollars-- After the payment of all my just debts which are small amts--It is my will that the whole of my nett estate be equally divided amongst my four children, William, Elizabeth, Louise and John. That is to say, that each of my said children as herein before named, take in part of their portions the advancements I have made to them respectively, as herein before expressed, at the precise amt, or estimate I have made, and that they are not to be charged with the increase of the female part of the slaves given and delivered over to them, nor are they to be charged with interest on the advancements made to them, till from and after my death-After my estate is thus divided between my four children, William, Elizabeth, Louisa & John, I do give each portion to them and their heirs forever--

It is my will-should I hereafter during my natural life make any further advancements to either of my aforesaid children, that such advancements according to the value or estimate I shall put upon it, shall go in part of their proportions of the whole of my estate when it shall be ultimately divided after my decease-

Lastly, I do appoint my son, William Beal, Executor of this my last will and testament; and I do direct that he shall be allowed to qualify as my executor without giving security- Witness my hand and seal this thirteenth day of Feby 1836-

John Beal seal

Signed, sealed published and declared by John Beal to be his last will and testament in the presence of: N/Rick C. G. 2dills Geo. W. Rabineau -----amestz?