

In the Name of God amen I William Hurt of Walloway County &c being of sound mind and memory but looking to mind the certainty of death & the uncertainty of life do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner & form as followeth, first I recommend my soul to almighty God that gave it, and my body to be buried in decent & christian burial - I wis. I desire all my Just Debts & funeral expences to be paid & then I dispose of my estate as followeth, Item I lend unto loving wife Charity Hurt in law of any right of Lower two Negroes (viz) from a Negro man and Sarah a Negro girl during her life, or as long as she may remain a widow and at her death or marriage I give the said Negroes & their increase if any, to be equally divided amongst my five children now living (to wit) Benjamin Hurt, William Hurt, Obadiah Hurt, John Hurt & my daughter Elizabeth Robertson them my children & their heirs & assigns forever (Item) I have unto my said wife the use of my land and plantation I now live on during her life or as long as she may remain a widow - Item - I give unto my son Benjamin Hurt the tract of land he now lives on, and the three Negroes he had in his possession which I before lent unto him (named, Sawney, Winney, & Peter - also one Copper Kettle is now my son and his heirs and assigns forever - also I give to my said son all the money that he is due to me by bond or other way to him & his heirs for ever - (Item) I give unto my son William Hurt all the Tobacco which I paid for the land he now lives on, also the two Negroes he has in possession which I before lent unto him (named, Ned & Spence - also all the money he is due to me by bond or any other way to him my said son and his heirs and assigns forever - (Item) I give unto my son Obadiah Hurt the two Negroes I had before lent to him (named, Hull and Mill, & all the Tobacco that I have paid and am to pay for the land he now lives on, and the Smiths tools he has in his profession, also all the money he is due to be raised out of my estate - to him my said son & his heirs forever -

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a certain portion of sh to be raised out of my estate, to him my said Son & his heirs forever -
(Mem) I Give unto my son John Hart two Negroes to wit, Jack and Jordan, also I
give to my son John Hart my Tract of Land I now live on after the death or Marriage of
my wife, with the three cows called his, and one bed and furniture. But if my said Son
John should depart this life before he comes to lawfull age and not leave any heir lawfully
begotten of his body that then I give to that part of my estate as I mentioned to him to be
equally Divided amongst my other Children now living also in the rest of my estate that may
I settle to him in case I should depart this life before he arrives to the above age but if no
such thing should happen that then I Give all the estate mentioned to him and his heirs and
assigns forever. (Mem) I Give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Robertson the three Negroes she
has in her possession, named Janner, Williboy & Dick & the increase of any to her and her heirs
forever. (Mem) I Give unto my two Grand sons to wit John Beesley & Edwin Beesley the
negro man now in the possession of William Beesley their Father as soon as they may come to lawfull
age to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever. (Mem) My will is that
my son named William Beesley shall not have any part of my estate except what I had given to
him in the life time of my Daughter and his late wife &c (Mem) I Give unto my Grand
daughter Sarah Beesley that now lives with me two Negroes vizt Venus & Silman, and one
bed and furniture, to her my said Grand Daughter & heirs forever. But my will is
that if my said Grand Daughter Sarah Beesley should depart this life not leaving any heir law-
fully begotten of her body that then in that case I Give the negro Girl Venus to my Grand
Daughter John Beesley & her heirs forever, and the Boy named Silman to be Divided between my

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be left to him or mine I should depart this life before he arrives to the above age but if no
such thing should happen that I give all the estate mentioned to him and his heirs and
assigns forever. (Item) I Give unto my Daughter Elizabeth Robertson the three Negroes she
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forever. (Item) I Give unto my two Grand sons to wit John Beesley & Edwin Beesley the
negro man now in the possession of William Beesley their Father as soon as they may come to lawfull
age to be equally divided between them to them and their heirs forever. (Item) My will is that
my son in law William Beesley shall not have any part of my estate except what I had given to
him in the life time of my Daughter and his late wife &c. (Item) I Give unto my Grand
daughter Sarah Beesley that now lives with me two Negroes (Boys) Venus & Silman, and one
half her dress and furniture, to her my said Grand Daughter & heirs forever. But my will is
that if my said Grand Daughter Sarah Beesley should depart this life not leaving any heir law-
fully begotten of her body that then on that case I Give the negro Girl Venus to my Grand
Daughter John Beesley & her heirs forever and the Boy named Silman to be Divided between my
two Grand sons John Beesley and Edwin Beesley to them forever. (Item) I Give one third part of
all my Stocks of Horses, Cattle, Hogs and Sheep not before given away to be equally Divided
between my wife and my son John Beesley to them forever. (Item) I Give the remaining two

Thirds to be equally divided between the other four of my children (to wit) Benjamin, William, Obadiah Hurt and Elizabeth Robertson to them for ever (Item) I Give all the rest of my Negroes not before given away to be equally divided between my five children now living to wit, Benjamin Hurt, William Hurt, Obadiah Hurt John Hurt and Elizabeth Robertson, to them and their heirs forever - (Item) I Give one third part of all my household goods of every sort to be divided between my wife & my son John Hurt to them forever (Item) I Give the other two thirds of my household goods of every kind to be equally divided between my four other children (to wit) Bengea Hurt, William Hurt, Obadiah Hurt & Elizabeth Robertson to them and their heirs forever (Item) I Give my wife what cash I have in my house to her forever - And Lastly I do Appoint my sons Benjamin Hurt, Obadiah Hurt, William Hurt, Matthew Robertson & John Hurt Executors to this my last will & Testament, In Witness I hereto set my hand & seal this 31st

Day of August 1789 -

Signed Seal, and
acknowledged before us

W^m Cross Craaddock

John Hill Craaddock

William Cross Craaddock jun^r

John Rice

Sam^l Craaddock

William Hurt

A Court held for Yellowway County at the Townhouse, on Thursday the 1st of December 1796

This last will and Testament of William Hurt deceased was offered for proof by Matthew Robertson and

Day of August 1789

Signed Seal, and
acknowledged before us

Wm. Cross Craddock

John Hill Craddock

William Cross Craddock Jr.

John Rice

Saml Craddock

William Hoot

A Court held for Yellowbay County at the Courthouse, on Thursday the 1st of December 1796
This last will and Testament of William Hoot deceased was offered for proof by Matthew Robertson an
executor therein named and was proved by the oath of Samuel Craddock a witness thereto, And at a
Court held for the said County at the Courthouse on Thursday the 5th of January 1797 This Will
was further proved by the oath of John Hill and John Rice Craddock testifies thereto and is
ordered to be recorded, and on the Motion of the said Matthew Robertson and Obadiah Hoot
two of the executors named in this Will a Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probat
thereof they having taken the oath of executors and with Benjamin Overton, Edward Ward and
Matthew Ward their Securities entered into and acknowledged a bond according to Law

Test

Peter Ramolph C. J.

Truly Recorded

Test

Thomas Waring Todd