

J. Morton
Will
I John Morton of Prince Edward County being in perfect health both in body and
mind make this my last Will and dispose of my worldly estate as follows.
And first it is my Will that all my just debts be paid.

I leave my son Charles Widow now Mary Ann the my negroe woman named Dink which
woman she has now in possession during her life and after her death I give and devise the
said Dink to be equally divided between my son Charles Nathaniel John and
William. I give and devise the increase of the said negroe Dink to be equally divided
between the above mentioned three Children of my son Charles Nathaniel John and William
to be delivered to them at any time my Executors see cause.

I give and devise to my son James one Negroe Woman named Betty which woman
he has in possession and her increase.

I give and devise unto my son Bezekiah one negroe boy named Sam which
boy he has in possession.

I give and devise unto my son Benjamin one negroe boy named Dick which
boy he has in possession.

I give and bequeath unto my son Amos one negroe Woman named Winny and
her increase which woman he has in possession.

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I leave my daughter Mary one negroe boy named Betty and one negroe Girl named Judith
daughters of Phoebe, a negroe woman which I lent to my said Daughter Mary and is
now dead, the said Judith she has now in possession, the said Betty and Judith
a leave mentioned I lent to my daughter Mary during her life and after her death
I give and devise the two negros to my daughter Mary's Children to be equally divided
between them.

I give and devise to my daughter Nancy one Negroe Girl named Abba and one

I give and devise unto my daughter Mary one negro girl named Sarah also one feather bed and furniture.

I give and devise unto my daughter Sally one negro Woman named Lucretia and her increase.

I give and devise unto my daughter Betty one negro girl named Betty also one feather bed and furniture.

I give and devise unto my son Richard one negro boy named Asham also three hundred pounds which my executor must have time to raise.

I give and devise unto my son Absalom my negro boy Lewis.

I tend to my Wife the Land and Plantation wherein I now live together with all the stock of all kinds likewise all my household furniture not already disposed of in this Will and my Mill likewise, all the negroes and House before mentioned to be by her fully possessed during her life, with the plantation utensils, and after her death I give and devise the whole of my Estate not before given except my Kentucky Lands and three Old negroes Pompey, Frank and Lucy to be equally divided amongst my eight children to wit, Elizabeth, James, Benjamin, Benjamin, Sarah, Sally and Betty.

I give and devise the Land and Plantation wherein I now live together with my three Old negroes Pompey, Frank and Lucy after the death of my wife to my son Absalom.

I give and devise one hundred pounds to my son Nathaniel.

I give and devise to my son Joseph five hundred pounds.

It is my Will that my executor sell my Kentucky Lands in order to pay of my debt and Cost of this Will.

It is my Will that if my Wife chooses to give up any of the young negroes last to be before her death to either of the eight Legatees named in the enumeration.

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of my Estate that the value thereof at the time of the said division shall be deducted out of their respective shares of the said negroes or other property or if she chooses to part with any other property the same deduction shall be made.

It is my Will that if there should be more stock at any time on the plantation than may be necessary for the use of the said negroes that she sell such and apply the money to her own use or use of her family. I give and devise to each of my children the gifts and legacies before mentioned to them and each of them as they are mentioned and agreeable to the true intent and meaning hereof and to their heirs forever.

It is my Will that my Estate be neither appraised nor sold and that my Executors may not be held to account.

I do hereby appoint my sons James and Benjamin Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 30th day of August 1796.

Signed sealed and acknowledged
in presence of

John Morton (seal)

Pruey Lacy

William A. Allen

John Lacy

At a Court held for Prince Edward County December 19th 1796.

This last Will and Testament of John Morton deceased was presented in court and proved by the Oaths of Pruey Lacy and William A. Allen two of the Witnesses thereto and that the same be recorded, on the motion of James Morton and Benjamin Morton who were heirs (also recently required to record their Will)

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Morton Executors therein named who gave bond (and security required by said Will)
and took the Oath required by Law. Certificate for Relating a probat thereof in due
form is granted them

Josh. Matthews Clk

Inventory of the Estate of John Dejarum rendered by Robert Flippin her Guardian
September 19th 1796