

In the name of God Amen I John Ford of the Parish of Lucretia in the County of
Richmond being sick and weak in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make
this my last will and Testament in manner following

First I recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty God hoping and stedfastly believing that
I shall receive full and perfect pardon and Remission of my Sinns through the Merits of Jesus Christ
my Saviour and Redeemer

My will is that all my People be kept together as they now are upon my plantation for the next
year and that the Crop when finished be applyed towards the Payment of my Debts but if the Crop
should not be sufficient that then so much of my Personal Estate be sold as will be sufficient and the
Rest of my Estate after my Just Debts are satisfied and Paid I give Devise and bequeath in the
following manner That is to say

I give to my loving wife Jane Ford for and during her Natural life all my plantation and Land
whereon I now live from Chestnut Swamp except Forty acres of wood land on the Soverline
I likewise give the use of one third part of my Negroes that I am now possessed of to my loving

likewise give the use of one third part of my Negroes that I am now possessed of to my loving wife Jane Ford for and during her Natural life and from and after her Death I give the said Negroes to be Equally Divided among my two Sons John and Thomas and my five young Children I have by her

I further give to my Dear wife a Child's part of all my moveable Estate my will is that all the Rest of my Negroes goods and Chattels that I now am possessed of be Equally Divided amongst my aforesaid two Sons John and Thomas and my said five young Children but that my son John have that Negro ^{man} named Lucy allotted him in his last my will and Desire it that the moveable Estate given to my five younger Children may not be sold but that it be kept in specie for the use and support of them and that my wife have the care and Management of them and their Estates during their Minority without being obliged to give bond or Security

My will is that my son John be and remain under the care and Direction of my Son William Ford till he arrive to the age of Twenty one years

in full and I do hereby declare that the movable estate given to my five youngest children may not be sold but that it be kept in specie for the use and support of them and that my wife have the care and Management of them and their Estates during their Minority without being obliged to give Bond or Security

My will is that my Son John be and remain under the care and Direction of my Son William Ford till he arrive to the age of Twenty one years

I constitute and appoint my Son William Ford and Mr John Belfield Executors of this my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Right day of March in the year one Thousand Seven hundred and Fifty Six

Signed sealed published and declared

by the said John Ford and for his last

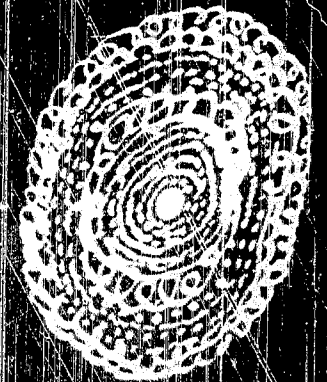
will and Testament in presence of

John Jenkins

Thomas X Bruce

Peter Evans

John Ford



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