

November 20 1803

I Garper Mefford being sick & about to leave
this world but in my perfect senses do make
my last will & testament in the name of god
as followeth. As for Mary Mefford my
dear & loving wife it is my sole wish to
have the plantation whereon I now live
& every thing as long as she lives Benjamin
Mefford my son it is wish for him to live with
my wife as long as she lives & find her a
good maintenance & if he doth not she
shall have liberty to work him of & he shall
care & after her decease it is my wish
for my daughter Leaney Hannah to
have Rachel my black woman if she
lives at valuation & also my Daughters Caty
Kate to have my black girl Hannah at
valuation & if she shall have any children
the nor her children shall not be sold
but fall to her heirs forever & as for the
rest of my Estate my wife it is my wish
be sold and the Money gathered & my children
orphaned Equally divided with what they

good maintenance & if he come not she
shall have liberty to turn him of she sees
cause & after her decease it is my wish
for my daughter Leaney Hannah to
have Rachel my black woman if she
lives at Vaucluse & also my Daughters Caty
Kate to have my black girl Hannah at
Vaucluse. If she shall have any children
she nor her children shall not be sold
but fall to her heirs forever & as for the
rent of my Estate my wife it is my wish
be sold and the Money gathered & my children
gathered Equally divided with what they
have had before this as for my son John
Hifford it is my wish for his son George
Hifford to have his part that will be coming
to him & all the rest of my Children by
name Leany Hannah to have an
equal part except what the mother had
with the black woman as for Corpes
my son he shall have one Dozen
of the same & the rest shall have

As for Benjamin my son he shall have an equal part except what he hath made as for my Daughter she shall have an equal part with the black girl with what she hath had it is my wish to have Mr. George Hewston & Mr. Ishu for executors I do wish after my decease with is for them to make a sale as there is stock there wanting & raise money & pay of the debts whatever my wife wants must be sold and if there is more sold there will pay the debts for my wife to have the money she wants it

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Mr. John Hewston

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This last will and testament of George
was returned in Court by the Executors
therein named who declined to take upon them-
selves the Execution of the same, and for
by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereto and Orders
to be Recorded and on the motion of
Mary Mifford widow and executrix of the
said deceased is granted her to ~~take~~
~~execute the same~~ with the will annexed in me
Oath thereto and with security entered into
Acknowledged bond conditioned as the
Law directs

Teste

S. Mifford