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Arthur Fort
Wife

In the name of god amen I Arthur Fort of the county of
Southampton being sick and very weak in body but in perfect
sense and memory thanks be to the almighty, first & principally
I give my soul to almighty god my creator and jesus christ
my redeemer fully trusting in their merits for all my sins and for
what estate it hath pleased god to bless me with in this life
I give as is hereafter expressed secondly I give the use of all
my negroes Arney, Jacob and Patience to my mother Rebekah Fort
during her life and after the death of my mother to my sister
Betty Fort and if she has any issue then to her and her heirs
forever but in case she has no issue after her death I give
Arney to my brother Joshua Forts daughter Persilla of Jacob
to his son Joshua and their heirs forever and I give in
case my sister dies without issue at her death Patience
to my brother Thomas Forts daughter Rebekah Fort of her
heirs forever Thirdly I give to my sister Betty Fort my
plantation whereon I now live and if no issue at her
death my desire is that it shall be sold and the money
to be equally divided between my two brothers Joshua
Fort and Henry Fort and all their children let there be

many or few to them and their heirs forever. Sixthly I give
my other plantation on the Upper creek bearing the name Joshua
Took son Joshua Took but if he dies without heirs the
land to be sold and the money to go to my sister Betty if
if she shall die without heirs then the money to go to
my brother Joshua Took daughter Rebecca. But if my brother
Joshua Took son Joshua leaves issue then to him and his
heirs forever. Eighthly I give my bed and furniture, dresser
and all my other household furniture my horse & cattle
and sheep to my sister Betty in case she leaves issue to her
and her heirs forever but if not for it to be sold and the money
to be divided between my brother Joshua and Henry Took
and their heirs forever. Ninthly I leave my corn meal & hogs
to be sold to pay my debts with and when my debts is paid
if any money is left I give it to my sister Betty in manner
above mentioned if she leaves issue if none then to my two brothers
Joshua and Henry Took and their heirs forever. Tenthly
I do appoint my brother Joshua Took and Benjamin Kemmer
my executors to see my last will and testament executing
all other wills and which I hereunto set my hand.

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and sent this 19th day of February 1765

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Signed Sealed

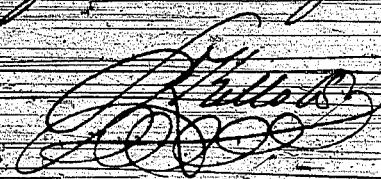
in presence of

Benⁿ SimmonsWilliam^{sr} HuttonArney^{sr} FosterArthur^{sr} Fork

1779

At a Court held for the county of Southampton the 19th day of April 1765

His will was presented in court by Joshua Fork one of the executors thereof sworn by the oath of Benjamin Simmons and William Hutton two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded And on the Motion of the said executor who made oath according to law certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in due form giving security &c



In Witness

In the name of god amen this twenty fifth day of February 1765
 I John Gilliam of the County of Southampton