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Clifton
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Will

In the name of God amen July 30. 1770 I Benjamin
Clifton of Southampton County & Luke's parish being in Perfect health
and memory thank God for divers good Causes & Considerations do make it
ordain this to be my last will and Testament in manner & form following
that is to say

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First and principally I commend my soul to God that gave it my
Body to the Earth from whence it was taken to be decently buried in the
Depression of my Execution hereafter appointed and for what Worldly good
I hath pleased God to Bestow on me I give in manner as followeth

Item

I give and bequeath to my three eldest sons vizt John Thomas & Benjamin
Clifton each of them five hundred Current money
I give and bequeath to my son Samuel Clifton and his heirs forever 200 Acres of Land
with more or less being part of the same tract sold James Martin divided by John
of market trees

Item

I give the yoice of the Land & Plantation whereon my son John Clifton now Live
on to him during his Natural life & after his Death I give the said Land & Plantation
to my Grandson John Clifton & his heirs & assigns forever

Item

I give and bequeath the remaining part of my Estate after my Death of all the
unassured to be sold for money to buy 1000 lbs Credit given the same is given
and approved & security for the same and the money arising from the sale to be

on to the remainder of his natural life & after his death
to my Grandson John Clifton & his heirs & assigns forever
I give and bequeath the remaining part of my Estate after my Death full power
whosoever I should for many Months Credit given the said heirs & assigns
bond and approved security for the same and the money arising from the sale to
be equally divided between any of my sons that shall be living at the time of my death
Clifton my desire that if my son Will Clifton should not be of Sound Mind
at my Death that my Slaves should be sold at Publick Sale the money
equally divided among my three children above mentioned

Item I do appoint in and to my son Richd Clifton Executor of this my Last Will and
Testament in which my Will I did all other wills primarily made by me Witness
my hand & seal this 10th day of November 1782

in presence of
William Cland
John Cland
Benjamin Clifton
Attest
I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same is now in my possession

Benjamin Clifton
The Court of the County of Southampton for the 8 day
of December 1782
The Court was present and heard of Richd
Clifton that he was the son named & proved by the oath of Wm Cland for
Cland Clifton the witnesses that he did not know Richard Clifton the son of
the said deceased & made oath according to the oath granted him for bearing
a probat thereof in his going & returning upon