

Fort
Joshua
Willis

In the Name of God Amen, I Joshua Fort of Southampton
County and Parish of St. Luke, being sound and perfect mind and Memory do make
this my last Will and Testament in Manner following To wit

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son Joshua Fort one Hundred Acres of Land more or
less, the line to Run from a Dead oak a Corner two of Miss Telfer's land a straight
line to the Creek Bridge (the land on the South side of the Creek) which Land
I give to my Son Joshua Fort to him and Heirs for ever

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph Fort all my land in Brunswick
County lying on the South side of Meherrin, which Land I give to my Son
Joseph to him and his Heirs for ever

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son John Fort two Negroes between Ten and
Fifteen years of age, in his of Land, which Negroes I give to him and his
Heirs for ever

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son Edwin Fort (after the Death of Miss) my
Plantation whereon I now live with all the lands joining thereto that I have not ge-
ven to my Son Joshua, which Land I give to my Son Edwin to him and his
Heirs for ever

Item, I lent to my loving Wife during her Natural life five Negroes, namely
Will, Samson, Nan, Gull, and Betty, also one third part of my personal Estate.

Item, I give and bequeath to all my Children the Remainder of my Estate of

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what kind or nature ever or where ever found to be Equally divided
as they come of Age or Marriages, by my Executors or persons appointed by
them, to them of their Heirs forever.

My Will and desire is that my Wife shall have the use of my whole Estate to
Educate and maintain my Children upon until they come of Age as before mentioned.
I hereby constitute and appoint my loving wife, my Son Joshua, and my Brother
Law Joshua and Lewis Sharp my whole and sole Executors to this my last will
and Testament hereby Revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made and have
hereunto set my hand and fixed my seal this fifteenth day of March 1781.

Signed Sealed published & declared by the Testator } Joshua Post Equall
in the last will in presence of }
John Simmons Benj Lewis Spratley Simmons

At a Court held for the County of Southampton this 8th day of Sept 1781.
This will was presented in Court by Lewis Sharp the Executor therein named and
proved by the oaths of John Simmons and Benjamin Lewis two of the witnesses
therein and ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of the said Executor who moved
that according to Law Certificate be granted him for obtaining a Probate in due form
giving security whereupon for

Sam Kello &c