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I, Edmond Butler of the county of
Hancock and state aforesaid, being in
a tolerable state of health and of perfect
and sound mind and memory, do
make this my last will and testament
in manner and form following.
(to wit) Principally and in the first
place, I give and recommend my
soul into the hands of God who gave
it to me; my body I leave to be buried
in a decent, Christianlike manner,
at the discretion of my executors,
and as to the worldly goods where-
with it hath pleased God to bless me
in this life, I give and dispose of
them as is hereafter mentioned viz.

First I lend unto Mary, my dearly
beloved wife, the plantation whereon I
now live, with the maine house,
household furniture, and also all
my live stock of every kind whatsoever,
together with my plantation tools and
implements farming and also a negro
man named, and known by the
name of, Frank, a negro woman
named Fanny, a negro boy named
Arthur, a negro boy named, Jack,
and a negro girl named Martha
to hold to her and to her assigns for and
enduring her natural lifetime, and after
her death, the land, it being two hundred
and sixty two and a half acres, to be equally
divided between my well beloved sons (to
wit) John, William & Harry.

I then I give & bequeath unto Edmond,
my well beloved son, eighty seven and a half
acres of land including the plantation
whereon he now lives, & a negro girl named
Sarah to hold to him & his heirs forever.

I then I give unto my well beloved son
John, a negro girl named Susie to hold
to him & his heirs & assigns forever.

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Edmond Butler

I give and bequeath to my well
beloved son, William, a negro boy named
Kore to hold to him and to his heirs and
assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my
well beloved son, Harry, a negro boy named
Sam to hold to him and to his heirs
and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath unto my
well beloved son in law, Benjamin Gil-
bert, the sum of one dollar.

I give and bequeath unto Sam-
uel Gilbert, Edmond Gilbert, Poley Gilbert,
Patsy Gilbert, John Gilbert, my beloved
grand children, six hundred and twenty
five dollars to be equally divided amongst
them.

I give and bequeath unto Fanny
Gilbert, my well beloved grand daughter a
negro girl named Mary to hold to her and
her heirs & assigns forever, and the two last
mentioned legacies to be paid after their
grand mother's death.

I also hereby constitute and appoint
my well beloved sons, Edmond Butler & John
Butler, and Randolph Rutland, my well be-
loved friend, the sole executors of this, my
last will and testament, disannulling &
revoking all others & former wills, legacies
by me heretofore made, ratifying and
confirming this only to be my last will &
testament. In witness whereof I have here-
unto set my hand & seal the 27th April 1801.

Signed
Edmond & John Butler
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Signed, sealed, published, pronounced
& declared to be the last will & testament of the
Testator in the presence of us who in his presence
and in the presence of each other, have hereunto
set our names as witnesses.
Hem Graybill