

The Last will & Testament of Richard Curo

In the name of God Amen.

I, Richard Curo of
Henry County, being of disposing mind &
~~memory do make & ordain this my last~~
Will & Testament — In the first place I
desire that all my last debts shall be paid
& for that purpose I desire that my executor
shall sell the least valuable of my estate
as may be sufficient, Secondly I give to my
beloved wife Nancy Curo Three negro
towns Judy Charlotte & Rachel, to dispose
of as she pleases, I give my daughter Martha
Curo now Cowley, five negroes. Them and
further increase forever, to wit, Mary Anne
Lucy, & Caroline and some other property
not necessary to name, which I value at
Eight Hundred dollars, to be accounted for as
shall be hereafter mentioned — I have in
Virginia given to my son Edward Curo such
property & two negroes Lewis & Panglar and
now give in addition property not necessa-
ry to be mentioned all of which to him
the said Edward Curo forever all of what
property I value at one thousand dollars
to be accounted for as shall be hereafter men-
tioned — I give to Francis A Curo now McLean
four negroes — Servit, Cook Lucy Washington
& Lewis Them & their future increase to the
said Francis A Curo forever and other prop-
erty not necessary to mention all of which
I value at one thousand dollars

to be accounted for as shall be hereafter
mentioned I give to my son John Cud
five negro (Slaves) Amey Peter Chany
Isaac & Junstone them & their future
Increase to said John Cud forever
all of which I value at one thousand
dollars to be accounted for as shall be
hereafter mentioned I bequeath to my wife
Nancy Cud all of my Estate of Every
nature. Negro Land Stock of Every Kind
&c. That I did possess or may hereafter be
entitled to during her widowhood of life,
and at her marriage or death, it is my wish
& desire, that all such Estate do bequeath to
to my wife & not disposed of to my Children
above mentioned of Every nature, shall be
valued the amount of which added to
the the amount of each sum as above
valued to each of my Children, and the
whole amount of to be equally divided
between my Children so that each of their
portions may be the same in amount, & of
Negro & their future Increase I give to each of
my Children as above mentioned, to them & their
Heirs forever. I desire that my Estate may not
be appraised. Lastly I constitute & appoint my
Nancy Cud, Executrix of this my last will
& Testament, desiring that no security shall
be demanded of her for her Executorship —
I testify whereof I have hereunto put my
hand & affixed my seal this Twenty fourth
day of February one thousand Eight Hundred
& Twenty four — Signed sealed published

and declared in presence of

Joseph Haue
John Barnwell
Robert Haue

Richard Burd

You, Joseph Haue John Barnwell & Robert Haue do swear that You saw Richard Burd sign seal publish & deliver this writing to be and contain his last will and testament that at the time thereof he was of sound disposing mind & memory & that he did it freely without compulsion to the best of our knowledge so help us God,

Joseph Haue

John Barnwell

Robert Haue

Sworn to in open
Court 3^d Sept- 1827

Sam^l Johnson C.C.O

I do Solemnly swear this writing containing the said Last will of the within Richard Burd does so far as I know or believe and that I will well & truly Execute the same by paying first the debt and then the legacy contained in said will as far as his goods & Chattels will thereunto extend and the law charge me and that I will make a true and perfect Inventory of all such goods & Chattels so help me God

Sworn to in open Court

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Nancy Burd