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In the Name of God Amen I John Arthur Planter in
Carteret County in the State of North Carolina Now
in Sound mind and memory do make certain and appo-
int this and this only my Last Will and Testament first
I Bequeath my Soul to God who have it and my
Body to the Dust to be Buried in Decent manner as
my after named Executors shall Direct and appoint
and as to what worldly Estate it hath Pleased God
to Bless me with I will and Dispose of as follows
that is to say Imprimis after all my just debts
and Funeral charges are paid and answered -
My will and Desire is that what ever cattle I
have here to fore given to any of my children be
there at the day of my Death ~

I give and Bequeath unto my beloved wife Sarah Arthur
all the Remainder of my Estate to me appertaining
or belonging Either in Lands Cattle Horses or goods
During Her Widowhood and after Her widowhood
or Death ~

Item I give and Bequeath unto my Son James
Arthur the North west part of my Plantation
and out Lands to it belonging Beginning at
Culd House landing at a marked pine Running
to a hummer post stump standing in my born
field thence North East to the Back Line to
him his Ears forever. -

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Seth Arthur
the East and South ward part of my Plantation
Beginning at the same marked pine and Running
to sd hummer post stump thence North East to
the Back Line of my Lands, that the said James
& Seth Arthur Paying to my two youngest Sons
Giddon and Richard Arthur the full and just
Sum of Twenty pounds Prock, or if the sd Giddon
or Richard Arthur should not Live to the Edge of
Twenty one years then I order that the one Living
to the Edge of Twenty one years Receive the whole
pounds

Item at the Death or marriage of my wife I
Desire that the Remainder of my Estate be
Equally Divided Between my seven other
children my Daughters Elizabeth Sarah Mathew
Rebecca Louisa and my two Sons Giddon and
Richard Arthurs ~

And Lastly Revoking all former wills
I appoint Thomas Killekin and Enock Ma
Executors to Execute this my Last will and
Testament according to the True Intent and
Meaning hereof In witness whereof I sd
John Arthur have here unto sett my Hand
and Seal this Twenty fifth day of March
in year of our Lord one thousand Seven
hundred and Seventy Seven - - -

Seal Signed and Delivered
in Presents of
Joshua Simpson John Arthur
Mallicha ^{his} Genters
mark

In the Name of God Amen John Adams Sent
of Barret County Being of sound and perfect
Mind and Memory doth Bless God for the same
do this 9 of Novemb^r In one thousand eight
hundred and Nine do make And publish
this my last will and testament in manner
as followeth - - - -

I first I give and Bequeath unto John
Hancock Junr My plantation in the fork
of Newport with all and Singelet Belong
there unto him and ^{also the same} his heirs for Ever all
so my fether Bead and furniture to him
the sd John Hancock and his heirs for
Ever - - - -

2^d I Give and Bequeeth unto my Grand Son
John Mann the Sum of five pounds Current
Money of the State Be paid to him at his
Coming at full age by my Exetor -

3^d I Give and Bequeeth unto my Grand son
John Jones the Sum of five pounds Current
Money to be paid by My Exetor at his
Coming of 21 years of age - - -

And I here by Make and ordain my friend John
Hancock Son the Executor to this my Last will and
testament In witness whereof I the said John
Adams have to this my Last will and testament
set my hand and Seal the day and year first above
written Signed Sealed and
delivered In the presents of us who John Adams
hath here Subscribed our Names

x John Weeks
hannah hancock

Barret County Court }
September Term 1811.

This written paper was then
exhibited into Court and by the oath of John Weeks
a Subscribing witness proved to contain the true
last Will of John Adams deceased, who deposed
that John Adams in time of health of sound mind
& memory published to him the same as such
& requested him to sign the same as a witness,
and John Hancock the Executor therein named
qualified as such and letters ordered to issue
to him

Attest Geo Read CLK.