

27 In the Name of God Amen

Wills

The fourteenth day January In the year of our Lord
1761 I Elias Fort of Edgecombe County in the Province
of North Carolina being Sick and Weak in Body
but of Perfect sound Sense and Memory Thanks
be given to the Almighty God for it and calling
to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing
that it is appointed for all men Once to Die do
Make and Ordain this to be my last Will & Testament
And first of all I Recommend my Soul into the Hands
of God that gave it me and secondly I Give my
Body to the Dust from whence it came to be
Buried in a Decent Christian manner at the
Discretion of my Executors Hereafter Named and
as touching my worldly Estate I Give as at last
I pleased the Almighty God to Dispose of in
manner and form following

My wife

I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving Wife
Catharine Fort on Feather Bed and Furniture

also

I Give to her all my whole & sole Estate of what so
ever kind soever it be my Lands & water with only my
During her Widowhood and after the End of her
Widowhood I Give & Dispose of in manner follow

them

I Give and Bequeath to my Loving Son Joseph
Fort my Negro Boy called Harry & my Negro
Girl called Anah

them

I Give and Bequeath to my Loving William Fort
son of mine the sum of 200 L. in Gold or Silver
in the County of Edgecombe on the River Ed. N.

At the Chappell Door to Black Runing from
thence to the Road near the Head of a Bottom.
thence a crop the mill Swamp to his Run Run
and from thence Down to the River Above the
Lain Place and my Negro Boy called Jobe and my
Negro Girl called Patience who were Hundred and
Twenty Acres of Land on the North side of the River
Apport to the Other

Item I give and Bequeath to my Loving Son Moses Fort the
Plantation whereon I now live and all my Lands then
adjoining that I have not before given and my
Negro Boy Peter and my Negro Girls Hannah Lucy
and my Cyder Mill

Item I give & Bequeath to my Loving Daughter Sarah
Twenty my Negro Girls Martha & Matt

Item I give & Bequeath to my Grandson Jacob Dickinson
one Cow & Calf

Item All the Rest of my Estate of real & personal kind as to be
Lieve to be Equally Divided between my Three Sons
Joseph Fort William Fort & Elias Fort at the End
of their Mother's Death or Widowhood

I Also appoint and Ordain my true Love William
Fort & Elias Fort my Whole & Sole Executors of the
my Last Will & Testament and I do hereby Revocably
Decree and make Void all other former Wills
& Testaments by me here before made. In Witness
Whereof I the said Elias Fort at this my Last
Will & Testament have set my Hand and Aff
my Seal the Day first above written

Edgecombe
County, N.C.

March Court 1761

The within Will was in Open Court Exhibited by the Exor^s and Proved by the Oath of Benjⁿ Hart Leg^y and Amos Cotton two of the subscribing Witnesses thereto and at the same time the Exor^s were Sworn according to Law which is on Motion Ordered to be Certified and the Will to be Recorded

Jus P.

James Hall Clerk

In the Name of God Amen the tenth day of January in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and fifty one Rob^t Colman of Edgecombe County being very Sick & Weak in Body but of perfect Mind and memory Thanks be given to God therefore calling unto mind the Mortality of my Body & Knowing that it is appointed for all men once to Die I do therefore make is to say Openly & freely of all I have and Give it and as for my Body I Recommend it to the Earth to be Buried in Christian Burial