

In the Name of God Amen I Joseph Butler of Halifax
County in the Province of North Carolina, being sick and weak
of body but of sound sense and memory thanks ~~be~~ to Almighty
God for the same, I make and Ordain this to be my last Will and
Testament. First I do bequeath my soul into the hands of my
Saviour Jesus Christ Hoping for a full Pardon for all my
sins at the Resurrection of the just and ^{my} body to be decently
buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, and
of my Estate which it hath pleased God to bless me with I
dispose as follows; My Will and Desire is that my Executors sell
that four hundred acres of Land lying in Cumberland
County in Virginia and the money arriving therefrom to be
Equally divided amongst my three sons Joseph Samuel and
Stephen Butler, and this tract of Land that I now live upon
to be Equally divided between Joseph Butler and Stephen
Butler at the discretion of Samuel Butler and John Bass
the Plantation on the short swamp I Give to my son Joseph
and home Plantation I Give unto my son Stephen and to his
Mother's Heirs, Item I Give & bequeath unto my daughter
Sarah Butler one Negro woman named Esty with
her Increase to her and her heirs for ever, Item I Send to my
daughter Jane ~~one~~ her life time one Negro Girl named
Easter and her Increase which she hath now in her possession
and after her decease to be Equally divided between
the said Jane Philben with her and her Increase
Item I Give and bequeath ^(Item) unto my daughter Annia
Butler one Negro Girl named Abby with her and
her Increase to her and her heirs for ever; Item I Give and
bequeath unto my daughter Mary one Negro
Girl named Jeany with her Increase to her and her heirs for ever
Item I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza Butler
one Negro Girl named Melly with her and her Increase to her and
her heirs for ever, Item I Give and bequeath unto my

Dispute as follows; My Will and Desire is that my Executors Sell
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Sarah Butler one Negro woman named Esty with
her Increase when and her heirs for ever, I Give and bequeath unto my
daughter Jude ~~with~~ her life time one Negro Girl named
Easter and her Increase which she hath now in her possession
and after her decease to be Equally divided between
the said Jude children with their and her Increase
I Give and bequeath ^(I Give) unto my daughter Ann
Butler one Negro Girl named Mary with her and
her Increase when and her heirs for ever, I Give and bequeath
unto my daughter Margaret Butler one Negro
Girl named Jenny with her Increase when and her heirs for ever
I Give and bequeath unto my daughter Eliza Butler
one Negro Girl named Mary with her and her
Increase when and her heirs for ever, I Give and bequeath unto my
daughter Anne Butler two Negro boys named Daniel & James
to her and her heirs for ever; I Give and bequeath to my
son Samuel Butler one Negro man named Harry to him and his
heirs for ever; I Give and bequeath unto my son Joseph Butler one
Negro man named Jack to him and his heirs for ever
I Give and bequeath unto my son Stephen Butler one
Negro boy named Sam to him and his heirs for ever
I Give and bequeath unto my loving wife Eliza Butler during
her life for the better supporting of my young children all

my Negroes to which is not already given and all my stock
upall Bonds and house hold Goods, and after her death to be
Equally divided amongst all my Children then living
to them & theirs for ever; Lastly I do appoint my Loving Wife
Elizabeth Butler and my two sons Samuel Butler and
Joseph Butler Executors and Executors of this my last Will
and Testament Revoking all other Wills
and Testaments by me heretofore made In Witness
whereof I have unto this day my hand and seal this 30 day of
October 1760? Joseph Butler (Seal) Signed sealed & Delivered
in Presence of us William Miller Prob. ^{his} _{mult} Brantley Betts
Spence

Hallifax 30 April Superior Court 1763 That this Will was
exhibited in open Court on oath by the Ex^{rs} and duly
proved by the oaths of William Miller & Robert Brantley
of the Subscribing Witnesses who on their oaths did say
they saw Brantley Spence sign the said Will as a Witness
where upon Elizabeth Butler Samuel Butler & J^r Butler
Executors in the said Will were called into Court and
was duly Sworn by taking the oath by Subscribed
on Motion Ordered to be Recorded

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J^r S. Burdett C^l