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Item To my wife beloved son Thomas I give & bequeath 75 acres of land (Part of
lot 100 in my own name) to be held & enjoyed in and branch during the life of
Thomas & his wife, after the death of John Bates to him the like use the sum of ten
pounds in cash to be paid to him as afore said

Item To my loving daughter Mary Elliott I give & bequeath the sum of ten pounds of my
negro woman named Dora to be considered as her
& property only, to be paid the sum of ten pounds in cash to her to be
paid as afore said - Item To my beloved daughter Martha I bequeath
my next youngest negro woman named Rhoda to be considered as her
property the sum of ten pounds in cash to be paid her as afore said

Item To my beloved daughter Anne I give & bequeath my youngest negro
woman named Sam to be considered as her property & the sum
of ten pounds in cash to her, to be paid by my executor out of my estate
in convenient time after my decease - Item To my wife beloved
son William & my youngest son James I give & bequeath all the
of my lands & tenements in Wakeham County viz my Mill
containing 200 acres, my old tract forming the same survey & the
part in my name now containing 300 acres together with my
new entry joining & between the same & the other line & upon
each side of the great road leading to the town which I do
will that it be equally & fairly valued & divided between
these my two youngest sons as afore said that when on my death
the mill is I give unto my son William half of either of the
do not him to enjoy the same. It is my desire the inheritance be preserved
by the survivor & an equal distribution of the sale or value thereof
among the younger children of my family that remain, also
my negro boy named London I give & bequeath the same to remain in
possession for the assistance support & benefit of my widow & family
and upon her passing the same to be equally divided among all the
children of my family then remaining & between my children the
& large looking glass to remain in my house for the same purpose
to my youngest daughter Elizabeth & Margaret I give & bequeath
an equal share of the same to be divided out

My son William named Deane & Mary to be considered as my
property only, like mine the sum of Ten pounds in Cash to her to her
share as aforesaid. Item To my beloved daughter Martha & Benjamin
my real youngest negro woman named Rhoda her rightfull to be
likewise the sum of Ten pounds in Cash to be paid her as aforesaid.
Item To my beloved daughter Anne & Henry & Benjamin my youngest negro
woman named Sam to be considered as her rightfull property & likewise
the sum of Ten pounds Cash to her, to be paid by my Executors out of my Estate
in convenient time after my decease. Item To my well beloved
son William & my youngest son James I give & bequeath all part
of my lands & tenements in Mecklenburg County viz my Meadow
containing 200 acres, my old tract joining the larger survey that
part in my name now containing 800 acres together with my
new entry joining & between the larger & smaller portions line & upon
each side of the great road leading to the town which I do
sell that it be equally & fairly valued & divided between
these my two youngest sons. And that where on my deces-
sion the mill is I give unto my son William half of either of the
do not him to enjoy the same. It is my desire the inheritance be parted
by the survivor & an equal distribution of the sale or value thereof
among the younger children of my family that remain, also
my negro boy named London I give & bequeath the same to remain in
possession for the assistance support & benefit of my widow & family
and upon her passing & death or from other evident necessity of
selling him the sum of 100 lbs to be equally divided among all
children of my family that remain. Likewise my Chamber
& large looking glass to remain in my house for the same purpose
as my youngest daughter Elizabeth & I agreed I give & bequeath
an equal share with the rest of my estate to be divided out of
my personal estate, and if there is found to be any bequest or
bequest to be equally distributed among all the younger children
of my family without some exceptionality. Please to my appointed
my Deed. And I give & bequeath to be given him a good new suit of
clothes to be made of best cloth & to be given to him.

It is also my Will & Dying Desire that all my Young Children (that need the same) Receive a Liberal Education suitable to their
 Stations & Fortunes; & that it be at the expense of their said parts of
 my estate here bequeathed unto them. Especially my Youngest son
 James, but this education I leave to his Mother's discretion -
 Finally I bequeath unto them all to the care & Protection of that
 merciful God to be good to them & to take care that all their debts
 & other due to any manner of Person be paid whatsoever shall be
 due & truly paid or be paid to be paid within convenient time
 after my decease by my Executors hereafter named -
 I also constitute make & confirm Robert McNight Junr & my son
 Charles in and with the sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament
 all & singular my lands & tenements, Debts & moveable effects, hereby
 giving them full Power & Authority to dispose of the same according
 to the & special manner & forms and thereby utterly disallow
 revoke & discontinue all & every other Testament & Testaments
 made in this Kingdom of Virginia by me heretofore made with
 hands or by writing either in word or writing. And by these
 my said Will & Testament I confirm this & no other as my last Will &
 Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and seal this 20th day of March in the Year of our Lord 1798
 Signed, Sealed, Published & Subscribed by said William Barnwell
 as his last Will & Testament in the presence of us, who in
 his presence & in the presence of each other have hereunto
 subscribed our names -

Robert McNight
 Robert Johnston
 Robert Hunter

William Barnwell

In the name of God Amen. I William Barnwell of the
 County of Mecklenburg & State of Virginia Esquire, being
 very sick & weak in body but of sound mind & memory
 do hereby bequeath unto the said Robert McNight, Robert Johnston &
 Robert Hunter the moiety of my said property & estate bequeathed unto
 them by the last Will & Testament of the said William Barnwell