

In the Name of God Amen

The twenty fourth Day of November in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Nines I Williams Fort of the State of North Carolina & Hanes County being in perfect health of Body Mind and Memory thanks be given to God for the same 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 my last Will and Testament that is to say Principally and First of all I Give and Recommend my Soul into the Hands of God Whom I trust saved it and my Body I Recommend to the Earth to be buried in a Christian and Decent manner at the Direction of my Executors and touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this life I Give Devise & Dispose of the same in Manner and Manner following that is to say in the first place I Give to Pleasant Sketo One Hundred Acres of Land during her Natural life it being the Land whereon she the said Pleasant Sketo now lives that is all the Lower side of Buck meadow Branch I Give the said Pleasant Sketo Three Cows and Calves & my Riding Greater and Feathered Bed and Furniture. Next I Give and Bequeath to my Grandson William V. Bernard all my Land adjoining the upper side of Buck meadow and all the Lower side after the death of Pleasant Sketo to him his Heirs and Assigns forever. Likewise the Remainder of that Stock of Cattle belonging to that plantation after deducting Three Cows and Calves for Pleasant as above Given. Then I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Sarah & her Heirs One Calf & Calf. I Give and Bequeath to my Son Benjamin Fort all the Remainder part of my Estate To him his Heirs and Assigns forever.

Whom with my Brother Elias Fort & Ezen Williams Fort of North Carolina ^{my} and Ordain Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby utterly Disallowing Revoking and Disannulling all & Every other former Testaments Wills and Legacies Bequeaths and Executors by me in any wise before this time made and Bequeathed Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Day and Year Above Written

I and Seal, published, pronounced
and believed by the said
William Fort as his last Will
and Testament in Presence of
us the Subscribers that is to say
William Bernard
William Branch
Benjamin Bernard

William Fort

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