

~~BENJAMIN DURANT~~

3rd Jany 1810

In the name of God Amen. I Benjamin Durant being of sound understanding but calling to mind the mortal state and condition of human nature and the necessity of preparing for that event, both as to my temporal and spiritual Estate.

I do dispose of my temporal Estate as follows-----

1st To my beloved wife Mary I bequeath the two traqts of Land where on I now live during her widowhood but ~~in~~ she marries from that she shall only be entitled to one third of the land during life and at her death it is to return back to the children I also leave her the negre boy Peter.

2nd I bequeath unto my son John one half of my land to be given to him when he comes to the age of twenty one years.

3rd I bequeath unto my Daughters Hannah Fleming and Martha Mary the other half of my land to be given up to them when they come of age.

4th I give and bequeath unto my son John and Daughters Hannah Fleming and Martha Mary the Negroes Doll and Derry & their future issue to be equally divided amongst them when ever they come of age and if either of them dies under age or without issue the property is to return to the living heirs.

5th It is my will and peasure that the residue of my property after my lawful debts are paid to remain on the plantation for the support of my wife and family untill she marries or my son John arrives to the age of twenty one years then for it to be equally divided amongst them. Lastly I nominate and

~~appoint my wife Executrix and George Chandler my Executor of~~
this my last will and Testament

(Witnesses) Robert Frierson Sen^r
Margarte Hamelton
David Benson

Benjamin Durant (SEA^d)