

A Court held for the County of Southampton on Thursday
the 11th Day of January 1753

This Inventory was returned & ordered to be Recorded
Test J. Hells & C.

John Fort
Wife

In the Name of God Amen the 10th Day of January one
thousand seven hundred & fifty three I John Fort of Southampton
County and Parish of Nottoway being sick & weak in body but
of Perfect mind and memory thanks be given to God for the
same therefore calling to mind the mortality of my Body and
knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye do make
ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say Principally
& first of all I Recommend my Soul into the hands of Almighty
God that gave it and my Body I recommend to the Earth to be buried
in a Decent Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executor
nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive
the same again by the mighty power of God and as Touching such
worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me within
this life I give Demise and Dispose of the same in the following
Manner & form

Imprimis I give and bequeath to my Son Elias Fort the
Plantation whereon he now lives with two hundred and twenty
acres of Land adjoyning it being a Moiate of the first survey on
the West Side of Buckhorn Swamp I Likewise give to my Son Elias
Fort three Negroes one Boy Named Tom one Named Mingo one Girl
Named Jane to him and his Heirs forever

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son John Fort a Moiaty of four hundred
& Sixty acres of Land Lying on the East side of Buckhorn Swamp
beginning at the fork I Likewise give to my Son John Fort three Negroes
one Boy Named James one Named Peter one Girl Named Hannah
to him and his Heirs forever I Likewise give to my Son John one
Feather bed & furniture six pewter dishes six plates three cows
& calves three sows & pigs one horse & saddle one Iron pot to him
& his Heirs forever

Item I give and Bequeath to my Son Henry Fort the other part of the