

Wm. Cobb
Wills

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Cobb of the County of Southampton being of perfect age and memory do make this writing my last Will and Testament viz

1st It is my will and desire that immediately after my death or so soon as it may be practicable that my executor hereafter to be named sell or a credit of money due or for cash as the emergency of the case may require the following negroes to wit Blackman Henry Stephen and Abner and such other of my personal or perishable estate as will be sufficient to pay off and discharge my accounts as Treasurer of the school. Consequences for the County & after a sufficient sum is raised out of my estate as aforesaid and that debt discharge to proceed to sell on a credit of two months the balance of my perishable estate for the payment of all my just debts and funeral expenses including a burial piece at my house and after all my debts are paid off as aforesaid I give and otherwise dispose of the balance of my estate in the following manner

2nd I bequeath to my wife Susanna Cobb for and during her natural life all my land lying on the South side of the main road leading through my plantation which includes the main house where we now live also the following negroes Will Miles Abram Toney Charles Helen and Child Sonny Tenny Peggy Amy & Sarah and after her death as aforesaid I give the aforesaid land and negroes to my nephew Benjamin E. Cobb son of Jeremiah Cobb to him and his heirs forever

3rd I give and bequeath to my brother Jeremiah Cobb all my land lying on the north side of Main road leading through my plantation and my gold watch her watch to him and to his heirs forever

4th I give to Mary Cobb daughter of my dear brother George W. Cobb my negro Sue Amy and one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever

5th I give to James J. Cobb son of dear brother George my negro boy Sam and Sarah Jr. and the sum of one hundred dollars to be kept in the hands of my exec to be appropriated towards his Education to him & his heirs forever

6th I give to Elizabeth Cobb daughter of my dear brother George my negro girl Eliza one feather bed & furniture to her and her heirs forever

7th I give to Benjamin R. Cobb daughter of my dear brother George my negro girl Peggy a one feather bed furniture and one chest of drawers to be brought by my exec to her and her heirs forever

And lastly I do nominate and appoint my brother Jeremiah Cobb my whole and sole executor of this my last Will and Testament hereby making void all other former Wills by me heretofore made (with a request that if there is any estate left by me undispensed of that he will apply such estate

to the Education of James J. Cobb to whom I give it for that purpose. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 10th day of February 1823

Benjamin Cobb

Benjamin Cobb Seal

understand before me

I Benjamin Cobb of the County of Southampton this 10th day of

The said, before me

October 1825 made and published this Codicil to and for a part of my

last will and testament

that is to say I give to my nephew Benjamin E.

Cobb son of Jeremiah Cobb my negro man Tom the negro with all his tools and implements belonging to the land

and I do give to my niece Benjamin R. Cobb daughter of my dear brother George my negro man Sam

Sarah the elder which I bought at bid date and which said woman is lent to my wife in my will

and that particular part of my said will as respects this woman I revoke and give as above to

her and her heirs forever and it is my desire that this present Codicil be annexed to and made a part

of my said last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

this day and date as above

done with my own hand and seal as above

at a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 20th day of November 1826 This will and Codicil was

presented in Court by Jeremiah Cobb the executor then named and it appearing to the satisfaction of the

Court that as well the body of the said writing as the signatures thereto are in the proper hand writing of

the said Benjamin Cobb Therefore it is ordered that the same be established as and in his last

will and testament of said Benjamin Cobb and orders to be recorded And on the one day of

this said 20th day of November 1826 the said Benjamin Cobb being in his full mind and memory

thereof in due form on his giving bond of security whereupon the said Jeremiah Cobb with Henry Briggs

and William Briggs his securities entered into a bond in the penalty of Fifty thousand dollars

Conditioned as the Court directs

Wm. James Pichette Secy