Balance brought forward due the Estate $468 62½
with Interest to be computed thereon from the 22 day of August 1823 the period
appointed by the Judge of the County Court of Southampton directed to me as Master
Commissioner to state and settle an account of Allen Everett
Executor & Guardian on the Estate of William Nicholas Jr. respectfully to the
court and heirs at law before and for full Balance due the Estate as above stated

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Charged Spurlock Cir.

Respectfully Submitted to the Court.
Jos. Cobb Com.

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 27 day of October 1823.
The account & Commissioners Report of the Estate of William Nicholas Jr. together with the writer
Commissioner's Report thereon endorsed was returned to Court and ordered to be recorded.
Teste Ernest Rochelle Clerk

Witness Bates
Nicholas

In the name of God Amen I Burwell Bates of Southampton County and
State of Virginia being in perfect remembrance and disposing memory but calling
to mind that it is appointed for all men once to die I do make and ordain this my last
Will and Testament in manner and form following viz.
First I lend to my beloved wife Cherry Bates one third part of the tract of land on
which I live All my negroes viz Phillis Ann of Parker Jim of Valentine Anthony and
Cornelius three feather beds and furniture one Cow and a Calf and all my personal
estate All of which I lend to her natural life or widowhood.
Secondly I lend the balance of my home tract of land to my son Edwin Bates and
after the death of my wife I lend the part of land before bequeathed to her to Cornelius at
being all the land I now possess excepting the Mill tract of land purchased from William
J. Everett during his life and if he die without a lawful heir of his body I then
give it to be equally divided among my four daughters viz. Lydia Polly Fanny and
Rebecca and my Grandson John E. Bates of the last a lawful heir of his body if not
to my before mentioned daughters & their heirs forever. I give to my dear
Edwin Bates one bed and furniture and one chest to him and his heirs forever.
Thirdly I give immediately after my death all my Grist and Saw Mill which I
purchased of William J. Everett and the priviledge and appurtenances thereunto belong
ing to my daughter Lydia Murfee to her and her heirs forever. Fourthly I give to my
daughter Rebecca Bates one tract of land lying and being on the County of South
ampton containing 153½ acres and bounded as follows viz. beginning at a pen
point standing in the branch dam branch a corner of Fanny Hargaden thence along a line
of marked trees up a small branch S 5 E 44 W 32 poles thence S 63½ W 24 poles
thence S 7 W 38 poles to a pine thence S 3 W 22 p to a small pine in the dis
ciples drain the path thence S 80 W 17 p to a small branch a corner of the land
Rebecca Bates and Fanny Hargaden in John D. Hart's line thence along the said
Hart's line S 6¾ E 60 p to a poplar standing on a small branch a corner of the said
Rebecca Bates and Polly Murfee in the said Hart's line thence down the said branch
along a line of marked trees N 63½ E 43 p thence N 24 E 44 p thence N 40 E thence 7 p 612
p thence N 44 E 8 p to a black gum standing in the spring branch thence down the
said branch the various courses thereof to the mouth of Cypress Swamp a corner of the
said Rebecca Bates and Polly Murfee thence down the line of the said Cypress
Swamp to the mouth of the Beaver dam branch below the Mill thence up the
said branch the various courses thereof to the mouth of the first Saturn to Genesis
Run Cane forever.
Fifthly I give to my daughter Polly Murfee one tract of land lying and being in the
County of Southampton containing 152 acres and bounded as follows viz. beginning
at a corner of the land of the said Hart's in the Cypress Swamp thence along
the said Hart's line of marked trees N 5 W 189 p to a poplar a corner of
the said Rebecca Bates line S 62½ E 43 p thence N 44 E 58 p to a black gum