

children and hands sufficient to cultivate the same with a good manager for the purpose of  
securing and having of the negroes taken care of the balance of the lands to be sold out owing to my  
son Richard Smith die before the time specified to him or his widow disposing of the property  
as many as I consider a loss It is my wish that the whole of my estate of all kinds be  
disposed of in one and two years credit or longer if my Executor think to more advantageable sets  
and the money to be paid out as I have hitherto directed. I do hereby nominate and appoint  
John C. Mason and John M. Bentley my Executors and also to act as Trustees of my said  
Richard until he arrives to the age of twenty one but much rather until twenty five though  
the law does not sanction it Given under my hand and seal 16<sup>th</sup> July 1826.

Pitney & Mason Seal

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832  
at Paper Millings presenting the last Will and Testament of Lelebury Mason deceased  
date the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1826 was produced in Court for probate and it appearing to the Court that  
the lines A. L. S. 8. 9. 10. 11. 24. 25. 32 & 33. On the first page of the Said Will have been  
named Edward P. Curtis, Thomas J. Harper, and James Rockell were known there being  
no Subscribing witness to the Said Will and severally deposed that they are unacquainted  
with the hand writing of the Said Lelebury Mason and did believe that the body  
of the Said writing as well as the signature thereon is in the purfume hands writing of the said  
Lelebury Mason and the said being satisfied it is ordered that the said be worded as  
and for the last Will and Testament of the said Lelebury Mason deceased John E.  
Mason and John M. Bentley the Executors therein named appear in Court and required  
to take upon themselves the burden of the execution of the said Will. On the motion  
of Stephen A. Jackson and Nathaniel T. Williams who made oath and testified  
that Nathaniel Mason, William Parker, Sampson C. Reed, Samuel Collier, Edmund  
Turner, William L. Rockell, William D. Phillips and Thomas Kirby Jr. their  
securities entered into and acknowledged a Bond in the penalty of One hundred Thousand  
Dollars conditioned as the Law directs. Certificate is granted him for obtaining  
Letters of administration on the said Lelebury Mason's Estate which will be after  
said annexed in due form.

Fath James Rockell &c

John Fort's  
Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of John Fort deceased taken this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December  
1831.

Negro man Slave	160.00	1034.40 Other of cust.	2.12 p	21.76
1 Gray Horse	75.00	1 Walnut Table		5.00
13 Sheep	1.00	13.00 6 Chairs		4.00
Corn of 13 bushels	2.00	15.00 1 Double Bed &c		6.00
21 bushel short do fdo	1.00	2.00		301.76

Southampton County Court We have appraised the Estate of John Fort in accordance to the  
aforesaid Order all of which was fully submitted to the Court Given under my hand this  
17<sup>th</sup> April 1832.

Samuel E. Peters

E. Pitney

Joshua Grizzard

Joshua Grizzard this day appeared before me a Justice of the peace for said County  
and qualified as appraiser according to Law (13<sup>th</sup> Sept 1832)

Geo. A. C. Bartham Jr.