

with the exception of such property as I may hereafter dispose of legittim with some house
and which I may make here - Now I give to my dear wife Sarah Ben. household stuff
for her own use and benefit, together with every thing which is laid in for the comfort of
my family, at this time for their support. I am. It is my will and desire that neither
my wife, nor at any time, that the plantation should be sold, and an other one purchased for
her and the children. That it may be done at her discretion, together with the direction of my
children hereafter appointed, on leaving in mind the interest of the plantation and the support of my
children, mine more particularly in this case. I shall all of my children as before they
arrive to the age of twenty one year. It is my will with some desire, that my estate hereafter
should be given my wife Sarah, my mother Mary, and my brother Benjamin Middleton,
and their survivors and heirs, to them and to their heirs forever. Now It is my express
will and I do hereby so order it, that my mother Mary Middleton is to have one vote
more than that she may select, in the house that I now live in, or that which may hereafter
be purchased for my family to live in with a request that she will live with my family
and to have the entire use of a good bed and furniture, together with such other furniture &
concessions which she may require, I also leave her the use and service of my negro man Henry
and Heman who provides the wife live with my family but not otherwise. It is my
desire that a farm may be kept up for a support and home of my family I also request
that my brother Ben. will live with them clear of expenses and assist in the struggles of his
life and guard them against a relapse towards. It is also my particular request that my
children may be sent to some good school at the discretion of my wife and executed as long
as it may be necessary, and there is a dollar to pay for it.

Lastly: I appoint my wife Sarah executrix, my brother Ben. my friends Samuel
Rockwell and George B. Cary my executors hoping that one of the executors will qualify
and so this last Will and Testament performed.

Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of July 1832. A. Middleton

Witness

A. Middleton

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 18th day of November 1832.
A Writing bearing date the 26th day of July 1832 purporting the last Will and Testament
of Asa Middleton dec^d. was produced in Court and then being read before the Court John P. Nelson & John H. Tuley were severally sworn who depose and say that they are
well acquainted with the hand writing of the said Asa Middleton and easily know the
body of the said Will as well as the signature thereof to be in the hand writing of the said
Asa Middleton, and the Court being satisfied, it is ordered that the said Writing be read
at and for the last Will and Testament of the said Asa Middleton dec^d. & Samuel
Rockwell one of the Executors being dead, Benjamin Middleton another Executor being out of
the County and Sarah Middleton the wife and George B. Cary an Executor being out of
upon themselves the husband of the said Asa Middleton. On motion of Nathaniel T. Willard who
made oath and together with Lewis Thorne & Samuel C. Rice his securities entered
into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of Twenty Thousand dollars and stood
as the law directs, Certificate is granted him for obtaining letters of administration
on the said Asa Middleton's Estate with his will annexed in due form.

Teste L. R. Edwards