

Benj B Knicker & Seth H Bishop, appraisers of the goods & chattels of
Mason Hill dec^d and made oath as the law directs.

Southampton County In the Clerk's Office the 21st day of December 1863.
This Inventory and appraisement and account of sales of the estate of Mason
Hill dec^d was this day returned and recorded.

Teste

JR. Edwards Clk

I John A Person of Southampton County Virginia do make and publish
this to be my last will and Testament, as follows.

First. I give and bequeath to my son James H Persons the land I bought at the sale
of Henry Harrison, containing about 130 acres, the land I bought of the sale of
Burwell Murfee containing acres, now known as "rptcastle" and the following
negroes, to wit, Isabel, Dempsey, old Cherry, old Nancy, Peter and Parthena and
their future increase to him and his heirs forever.

Second. I give and bequeath unto my son Junius R Persons all my lands formerly
owned by Doctor David Newson, also 15 or 20 acres to be cut off the Bee tract adjoin-
ing his other land and the following negroes to wit, Ben, George, Hal, young Cherry,
& her child Aletha and their future increase, to him and his heirs forever.

Third. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sarah J Person the following negroes
to wit: Gruso, Patience, Tempy, Ann, Abram, Tom and Chama and their increase to her
and her heirs forever.

Fourth. I give and bequeath to my son Peter my lands bought of Wm L. Everetts estate
and of David Turner, also that part of the Bee tract adjoining, beginning at the narrow
and running a straight line through the Pine Island to a sudden bend in the river in the
Bee old field thence up the river to Junius's line, and the following negroes, Allen, Peter J.
Boose, Julia, and Jane and their future increase, also 2 mules, and the horse called his, corn,
fodder, pork or bacon sufficient for his family for one year, all the out hogs at Everetts, 7 or 8
head of cattle, 1 yoke steers, 2 beds and furniture, 2 plows and gear, to him and his heirs forever.

Fifth. I give and bequeath to my sons James H and Junius R Persons jointly my Grist mill and
Ephraim the miller and the stock at the mill.

Sixth. My will and desire is that the remainder of my lands and slaves be kept together for
the period of four years for the maintenance and education of my three youngest children, and it
is my earnest desire that my son Junius will move to my residence and take charge of the farm for the
purposes above specified. At the end of four years my desire that the same be equally divided
among my three youngest children them and their heirs forever. I also give all the remainder of
my estate to my three youngest children except the sum of (\$2,000) two thousand dollars.
which amount (\$2,000) two thousand dollars I give to my son Peter to him and his heirs
forever.