

In the Name of God Amen, I Joshua Fort of Southampton County and Parish of St. Andrew, being in sound and perfect senses and Memory do make this my last Will and Testament in Manner following To wit

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son Joshua Fort one Hundred Acres of land more or less, the land to Run from a Road oak a Corner two of Hope Forts land a straight line to the Great Bridge, the land on the South side of the S. (low) which S. Land, I give to my S. Son Joshua Fort to him and his Heirs for ever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son Joseph Fort all my land in Brum county lying on the South side of Meherrin, which S. Land I give to my Son Joseph to him and his Heirs for ever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son John Fort two Negroes between Ten and Fifteen years of age, in his S. Land, which S. Negroes I give to him and his Heirs for ever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Son Edwin Fort (after the Death of Wife) my Plantation whereon I now live with all the land joining thereto that I have or give to my Son Joshua, which S. Land I give to my Son Edwin to him and his Heirs for ever.

Item, I lend to my loving Wife during her Natural life five Negroes, namely Will, Samson, Nan, Gull and Betty, also one third part of my personal Estate.

Item, I give and bequeath to all my Children the Remainder of my Estate for what kind or nature or use or where so ever found to be Equally divided as they come of Age or Marry, by my Executors or persons appointed by them, to them their Heirs forever.

My Will and desire is that my Wife shall have the use of my whole Estate to Educate and maintain my Children upon until they come of Age as before mentioned. I hereby constitute and Appoint my loving wife, my Son Joshua, and my Brother in law Joshua, and Lewis Tharp my whole and sole Executors to this my last will and Testament hereby Revoking all other Wills by me heretofore made and have here unto set my hand and fixed my seal this fifteenth day of March 1791.

Signed Sealed published & declared by the Testator } Joshua Fort Exec<sup>r</sup>  
to be his last will in presence of

John Simmons Benj. Lewis Spratly Simmons

A Court held for the County of Southampton the 8<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1791.  
This will was presented in Court by Lewis Tharp the Executor therein named and proved by the oaths of John Simmons and Benjamin Lewis two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be Recorded. And on the motion of the S. Executor who made oath according to law Certificate is Granted him for obtaining a Probate due from giving Security whereupon it

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