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Benjamin
Turner's
Will.
In the name of God Amen, the 8th day of August 1783, I Benjamin
Turner (Blackhorn) being sick & weak in body but of sound mind and memory,
thanks be to God for it & knowing it is appointed for all men once to die, do
make & ordain this my last will and testament in manner following.
First, I give my Soul to almighty God that gave it to me, & my body I leave to be
buried at the discretion of my Executors hereafter named, & for as what worldly
goods I have I leave in manner & form following.

Item I give & bequeath to my Son Joel Turner my plantation whereon I now
live on Duckhorn Swamp containing two hundred & twenty acres more or less,
also I give my Son Joel two other tracts lying on the Flat Swamp, one that
I bought of Mary Persons, containing two hundred acres more or less, & one other
that that I bought of Richard Torrey, containing one hundred and thirty
five acres more or less, which said land I give to my Son Joel Turner to
him & his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to my Son Will Turner all the rest of my land lying
on the Flat Swamp that I have not given to my Son Joel containing by
Estimation Six hundred & eighty one acres more or less which said land
I give and bequeath to my Son Will Turner to him & his heirs for ever.

Item I give and bequeath to Daughter Rebecca Turner Five Negroes, namely
Okhillis, Tannee, Mingo, Nancy & Molly, which said Negroes with their
increase, I give to my daughter to her and her heirs for ever.

Item My Will and desire is that all the remainder of my Negroes I give to be
equally divided between my two Sons Will & Joel without their being sold
which said Negroes I give to them and their heirs for ever.

My Will and desire is that all the remainder of my Estate of what kind or
nature so ever or where so ever found be sold & the money arising from
the sale with what ready money I have now by me, be equally divided
between my two Sons & my Daughter, namely Rebecca, Joel & Will to
them & their heirs for ever.

My will and desire is that if either of my children dies under age or with-
out Issue that then their Estate to be divided between the other two.

And lastly I constitute & appoint my Brother and Brother in laws,
Thomas Turner, Nathan Harris & John Barron my whole & sole Exors
to this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all other wills heretofore
by me made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fix my
Seal the day & year first above written.

I Ben. Turner
Signed, Sealed, published & declared } At a court held for the county of St. John the
by the testator to be his last will, } 9th day of October 1783. This will was proven
& testament in presence of. } And a court by Thomas Turner, Nathan Harris
John Simmons } & John Barron the Exors therein named, and proved by the
Mark Nicholson } oath of John Simmons & Nathan Turner two of the witnesses
Arthur Turner } thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of the
said Exors. who made oath according to law a certificate is
granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form giving security thereupon
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