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In the name of God Amen the 26th day of July 1797

I Edward Britt being weak in body but of sound mind and memory calling to mind the Mortality of my body and knowing it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in manner and form following (to wit) Principally and first of all I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of almighty God that give it to be buried in a decent and christianly Manner at the discretion of my Executors and as to what worldly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose in manner and form following (to wit)

I give to my Sons Edward Britt and Johnson Britt and to their heirs forever all my land and plantation whereon I now live to Equally divided Between them

I give to my Daughter Patience Williams five Shillings

I give to my Son in law Arthur Holliman one Negro Boy Called Peter to him and his heirs forever provided he assent with my estate for twenty five pounds

I give to my Daughter Mary Allen one Negro Girl Called Amasa. to her and her heirs forever provided she assent with my estate for twenty five pounds

I give all the remainder of my Estate be it of what Nature or Kind Ever to be equally divided among my wife Sarah Britt and Children hereafter named. VIZ Sarah Sumnerell Edward Britt Junr Johnson Britt Catey Holliman Betsy Britt Mary Ellen and my grand son Wiley Britt to them and their heirs forever my will and desire is that if either of my aforesaid Children die in their nonc age or without lawfull Issue of their Body the Survivors of them should in heir their part so die.

I lastly Constitute and appoint my two Sons Edward Britt and Johnson Britt my whole and Sole Executors of this my last will and Testament revoking and making Void all and every other former will heretofore by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixed my Seal the day and Year first above Written

Signed Sealed published and declared to be the last will and testament of the above named Edward Britt in presence of

Edward Britt

John Holliman

John Williamson

John Clayton

At a Court Held for the County of Southampton the 3rd day of July 1798 This will was presented in Court by Edward Britt one of the Executors therein named Liberty being reserved for the others to qualify proved by the oaths of Cth Holliman & John Clayton two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded And on the motion of the S^r Executor who made oath according to Law Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat thereof in Due form giving Security whereupon he