

John Burgess
Will

In the name of God amen I Henry John Burgess of Southhampton
County do hereby declare the following writing to be my last will and Testament
First I desire that my just debts may be paid and for this purpose I direct that my debts
hereafter named sell such part of my personal estate as they (after consulting
my wife) think can best be spared as also the following negroes, Caley and her child
as also, Nancy and her children to which may be added if necessary Sarah, Patten
& Josetta — I desire that the sale may take place as early as possible after my
decease

2^d I leave unto my beloved wife Sarah Burgess all my estate and hereby directed to be
sold both real and personal untill my daughter Elizabeth Matilda Burgess arrives
to the age of eighteen years if my wife should remain my widow so long for her own
use and that of the children whom it thus pleases God to give me by her.

3^d I give to my daughter Elizabeth Matilda Burgess when she arrives to the age of
Eighteen years or at the expiration of my wifes widowhood which ever happens first
my negro woman Anna and her children & her future increase.

4th I give to my son Albrighton Samuel Harvey Burgess when he arrives to the age of
Twenty one years as many male negroes as will be equal in value to the negroes
given my daughter the estimate to be made by my executors or a majority of them when
my son arrives to twenty one years

5th At the death of my wife I hereby direct & empower my executors to sell all my estate both
real and personal except my negroes on such credit as they may think proper and convey
the fee simple of the real estate to the purchaser (my grove, farm on the mill pond
inches, & with a mile, specified) and the money arising from the sale to be equally divid-
ed and between my two children Elizabeth Matilda & Albrighton — Should any
of my negroes misbehave or prove refractory I hereby direct my executors with the
approbation of my wife to sell such negro or negroes & place the money out to
interest for the benefit of my wife & children to be considered as part of the income
of my estate — Should my wife marry before my son arrives to the age of twenty
one years it is my will and desire that she shall have one third of my estate to
be laid off and divided by my executors but in case this event does not take place it is
my will and desire that she shall have the use of all my estate real particularly
avowed for her life — after the death of my wife I give the residue of my estate and
her own share to my son Albrighton and my daughter Elizabeth Matilda to be
equally divided between them by my executors or the survivors of them and if this cannot
take place before my son arrives to the age of Twenty one, I desire & hereby direct
the equivalent of male negroes be made out of those remaining as before mentioned
& the residue to be divided so as to make their shares equal —

I hereby appoint my respected & affectionate friend Capt. Jas. Gray, Col. Stings
ten Jones, Gen. Samue Baker & Dr. S. Simmons of Baker executors of this
my last will and Testament — And I also appoint Gen. Baker guardian
to my daughter should her mother die before she is settled and my friend
Doct. S. Baker guardian to my son & I request Gen. Baker & Doct. Baker to accept
his appointment.