

I lend the use of my plantations with all my Lands, except such as may be hereafter mentioned unto my beloved wife Betsey Edmunds also I lend the use of my water grist mill with said lands unto my beloved wife during her natural life after her Death I give the said lands and water grist mill to be equally divided between my Nephews and Nieces hereafter named (to wit) Ethelard Edmunds Benjamin Edmunds David Myrick and John Nicholson and my Nieces Betsey Edmunds and Sally Edmunds to them and their heirs forever -

Item I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Betsey Edmunds to be at her disposal the following Negroes (to wit) Amy and her children Winney Amos Phill Ziba and Jonas to her and her heirs forever -

Item I also lend unto my beloved wife all the remaining part of my Negroes of all kinds young and old during her natural life and after her Death my express desire is that if the laws of the land will admit of it that they be liberated as they arrive to the age of Twenty five years and that the young Negroes do serve my Nephews Ethelard Edmunds David Myrick and John Nicholson until they to the ^{above} age of Twenty five years and then be liberated, but in case the laws are not attend and the said Negroes cannot be liberated without being subject to be taken up by the Owners of the poor and sold then my desire is that they be ^{divided} equally among my relations hereafter named (to wit) Ethelard Edmunds Benj^d Edmunds Charles Edmunds David Myrick James Myrick John Nicholson Howell Nicholson Polly Briggs Nancy Roberts and Mary Ann Wall also Betsey Edmunds and Sally Edmunds to them and their heirs forever - I also give my said wife Betsey Edmunds all my Stock of Horses Cattle Sheep & Hogs with such as I may hereafter mention with all my plantation utensils house hold & Kitchen furniture of every description but in case she fail to make distribution of this legacy then my desire is it be equally divided between my Nieces Betsey and Sally Edmunds Daughters of of my Bro. William Edmunds to them and their heirs forever - and in case my said wife Betsey should fail to make distribution of the negroes above mentioned to be at her disposal. My desire is if the laws of the land will admit of it without subjecting them to be taken and sold that they be liberated and set free as they arrive to the age of Twenty five years but in case it cannot be done then if she fails to make distribution of said Negroes my desire is that they be added to the rest and divided among my above mentioned Relations (to wit) Ethelard Edmunds Benj^d Edmunds, Charles Edmunds, David Myrick, James Myrick, John Nicholson Howell Nicholson, Polly Briggs Nancy Roberts Mary Ann Wall Betsey Edmunds & Sally Edmunds to them and their heirs forever. My desire is that the said Negroes as much as possible be divided in families -