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William
Butte

Will

In the name of god amen I William Butte of the County of Durham
in the Parish of St Lukes, being weak in body, but sound in mind
and memory, doth make this my Last will and Testament in manner and
form following to wit -
I send to my loving wife Nancy Butte my home plantation where
on I live, during her life; also I send to my wife the tract of land
I bought of Thomas Vauxhall; unto my son John Butte arises to the
age of eighteen; also I send to my wife Nancy Butte during her natural
life the whole of my furniture which is in my manor houses; also
I give to my wife fifty barrels Corn, two Sows, old barrel mares and
the young bay mare, three Sows and Pigs, of her choice; three cows
and Calves, of her choice, Eighteen fat hogs of her choice; also one
third part of my negroes during her natural life the balance of
my negroes to be hired out unto my son John Butte arises to
the age of eighteen and then an equal division of my negroes
amongst my three Children, Charlotte Butte Mary Ann Butte
and John Butte, to them and their heirs forever - then at that time
my son John Butte shall be put in Possession of his estate
I give and bequeath unto my son John Butte the whole of
my lands to him and his heirs forever, to be possessed with at the
time he arrives to the age of Eighteen years, all except the
manor Plantation which I have sent to my wife during her
life, and at her death to my son John Butte and his heirs forever
The balance of my estate to be sold and the money arising
from the sale, to be equally divided amongst my three Children
Charlotte Butte, Mary Ann Butte and John Butte to them and
their heirs forever - Lastly I constitute and appoint my
wife Nancy Butte, and my friend Nathaniel Harris Executor
and executor to this my Last will and Testament in Testimony
whereof I have hereunto set hand and Seal this 31st day of
December 1814 -

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of

William Butte

Nathaniel Harris

At a Court held for the County of Durham the 20th day of July 1815 this will was presented in Court
by the executor therein named, proved by the oath of Nathaniel Harris one of the
Justices thereof, and as a Court held for the County of Durham the 20th day of
March 1815 Nathaniel Harris depose to the hand writing of Sam^l Francis
the other Justice thereof, and ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Nathaniel
Harris for administration with the Will annexed, who made oath according to Law
the same is granted him who gave bond and security whereupon so