

Ruben
Whitfield's
Will

I Ruben Whitfield of the county of Southampton in the
state of Virginia do hereby make my last will and testament in the
manner and form following that is to say
First I desire my executors hereafter named to as soon as convenient
after my decease have my personal estate appraised as the law
directs I then lend to my wife Phela Whitfield two negro slaves
named as follows to wit Stephen and Sinney & said Sinney's future
increase if any and such other of my personal estate as she may
said wife may think proper to chase for and during the term of
her said wife remains a widow and all the time of her
marriage or death I give the same to her the following manner that
is to say I give the negro woman slave named Sinney and all her
future increase if any to my son Wilson Whitfield to him and his
one and his heirs forever I give the negro man slave named
Stephen to my son William Whitfield to him my said son and
his heirs forever — the remaining part of property lent to my
wife as aforesaid I give equally to be divided amongst my
five sons namely Benjamin Whitfield, Wilson Whitfield, George
Whitfield, and William Whitfield to be enjoyed
by my said sons and their heirs forever I also lend to my said
wife one third of all my lands for and during the term of her
widowhood & no longer I desire my executors have that part of
my personal estate which my wife does not think proper to
take as aforesaid immediately sold and out of the money raised
by such sale pay my just debts & personal expenses & if as aforesaid
remain after paying my debts to be as aforesaid I give the
same equally to be divided amongst my five sons before
named. I give to my son Wilson Whitfield the land and
plantation where on I now live & all my lands again
the same is subject to my wife's thirds in addition to what has
before been given him to him my said son and his heirs forever
I give to my son Benjamin Whitfield one tract of land
known by the name of the bucklow land supposed to contain
one hundred acres be the same more or less subject to my wife's
thirds to him my said son and his heirs forever
I give to my son George Whitfield one tract of land known
by the name of the Griffin land subject to my wife's thirds
to him my said son and his heirs forever
I give to my son William Whitfield all my lands
not before disposed of which lies in the state of
North Carolina subject to my wife's thirds to him my said
son & his heirs forever. Lastly I do hereby constitute and
appoint my son George Whitfield and my friend Saut
Warris executors of this my last will and testament in
witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal this 25th day of February in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven
Acknowledged and declared } Ruben Whitfield
witness