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Wm. H. H. H.
Hester's Will

In the name of God Amen I Mordecai Hester of the County of Southampton & State of Virginia being in perfect mind and memory, and knowing it is altogether agreeable to the will of God to make this my Last Will & Testament, I give my soul to the Lord and my body to be buried there with my dear beloved Wife one Sarah Hester and the remainder of my property to be sold and the money after paying my just debts to be divided between Benjamin Hester son of Mordecai Hester Elizabeth Hester and William Hester son of William Hester I leave my Brother William Hester my best and dearest friend my land and real then worth day of September 1870

Witness my hand and seal this 20th day of September 1870
Mordecai Hester
Richard Hester
Hester's Will

James L. Hester
Mordecai Hester
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A Court held for the County of Southampton on the 20th March 1870
Then Charles was presented in court by William Hester the Court therein named prior to the death of Mordecai Hester and Richard Hester two of his Sons and before the Court and ordered to be recorded and on the 20th day of said day the said Charles made oath according to Law certificate is granted therefor obtaining a probate thereof in due form whereupon he
Hester Jas. Hester

Richard Hester's Will

I Richard Hester son of Southampton County and State of Virginia being in perfect mind and memory and of a disposing mind do make and ordain this present writing to be my last Will and Testament this twenty fourth day of June one thousand eight hundred and twenty in the following manner and form to wit: I give and bequeath unto my eldest son on tract of Land lying on the south side and contiguous to sea coast Swamp a being most of that tract I bought of Coram Ellipton Markle as follows Beginning at a well Washington Rails a corner of the Land I bought of Anthony Andrews and running thence due north to the main run of sea coast Swamp thence down to swamp and bounded as specified in the deed from said Ellipton to me on ground to the first station to said Washington Rails containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less to have the said Charles Hester and Henry Hester

Hester

Hester

I give and bequeath unto Thomas James Hester my second son a tract of Land lying on the south side of sea coast Swamp aforesaid beginning in the following manner beginning at the aforesaid corner at a well Washington Rails and opening due north on the same line mentioned above to the main run of sea coast Swamp a corner of said sea coast Swamp and bounded with said divided land including the balance of all the tract of Land I own on the south side of sea coast Swamp aforesaid as my second wife specify on the corner of said Washington Rails to the first station containing one hundred acres in the same more or less as she specifies and ordains that he my son cultivate the said land and bequeath the same to his heirs and assigns forever