

as my first bequest here of this new land at my first first death I give the same which I now possess to be equally divided between my three daughters above named and to their heirs forever. But of my said new land I give more than any lawful bequest. Two of the same being at the demand of the said land and every part thereof to each have and of my said new land I give more than any lawful bequest by bequest of his body the said division to be equally divided amongst all such children and to be enjoyed by them and their heirs forever.

Lastly I do hereby appoint and appoint my son Benjamin Whitfield in a Jacob Barnes Executor of this my last will and bequest that 12th day of May in the year of our Lord 1823.

The foregoing is declared to be the last will and testament of John Whitfield of the same being signed sealed and acknowledged in the presence of us James Russell

Henry Harget Edmund K Whitfield

We Court held for the County of Southampton on the 17th April 1824. That Will was presented in Court by Jacob Barnes one of the executors therein named Benjamin Whitfield the other executor offering to submit upon himself any part of the further of the execution thereof proved by the oath of Henry Harget and Edmund K Whitfield two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be read and on the return of Jacob Barnes who made oath according to Law before the Court is granted him full power to collect and receive from and his growing and growing children and heirs said Jacob Barnes together with Henry Harget and Edmund K Whitfield his executors and heirs and assigns to be paid to the party of them Thomas dollars contained as the last receipt

Witness James Russell Clk

In the name of God Amen I Joel old Seniors of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia being weak in body but of sound mind and memory do make and ordain that my last will and testament in manner and form as follows and first it is my will and desire that my executor hereafter to be appointed shall sell as much of the first part of my Crop as can be spared and leave enough for the support of the family the ensuing year and then so much of my negroes as may be necessary to pay my just debts such as my Executor may select

Secondly I shew to my wife Elizabeth all the remainder part of my property for the purpose of raising and educating my children and for the support of my negroes until they are distributed to my children as I shall appoint hereafter to her during her natural life

Thirdly I give all my personal estate consisting of all the negroes not sold above mentioned to the payment of my debts with all my property of every description excepting my land to be equally divided between all my children named Henry Harget, Blainbow, Sally, Mary, Martha, Anna and Joel William to be divided as I appoint hereafter their slaves and their increase to them and their heirs forever

And I shew my will and desire that when my son Blainbow comes to the age of twenty one that Henry Harget & Blainbow have their equal shares part also to them and their heirs forever also it is my will and desire that the balance of my children Sally, Martha, Anna and Joel as they marry or arrive to the age of twenty one have their third part of my slaves to them and their heirs forever.

Then I give that tract of land where I live to my youngest children Joel and Martha (first) it is my will and desire that at my wife Elizabeth death the same land be sold on a credit of twelve months and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between my son Joel and Martha Anna

Fourthly It is my will and desire that that tract of land on the south end of the said Joel be sold on a credit of twelve months and the money arising therefrom be equally divided between all my children above named to them and their heirs legally begotten forever

Lastly It is my will and desire that at the death of my wife all the balance of my property should then be equally divided between all my children above named of every description to them and their heirs forever that is to all my surviving children or their heirs legally begotten of their body or heirs legally begotten and as to the balance my last will and testament I do appoint my wife Elizabeth to be my sole and full executor and to humbly request the Court that they not bind her to give a bond but to give a bond of her own hand and seal the 12th day of November 1823 in the presence of the witnesses

Joel old Seniors

Elizabeth Harget

Witness 12. 1823