

Benjamin Blount of Johns of Southampton County do hereby make my last will and testament in manner
 and form following that is to say
 I desire that all my just debts should be paid
 I have given to my son John Blount his full portion of my land and slaves which he has
 his possession. I also give to my said son my old negro woman Jack and his servants
 Anthony to him and his heirs forever
 I have given to my son Benjamin Edwards, Blount his full portion of my land & slaves &
 on feather bed and furniture. Also give to my said son my old negro woman Sarah
 his choice of my Books and the last of my wearing apparel to him and his heirs forever
 I have given to my daughter Elizabeth Ridley her full portion of my slaves also on feather
 bed and furniture all of which she has in possession to her and her heirs forever
 My trusty and faithful old servant Anthony I give him his liberty as a free man also one hundred
 dollars in silver also the silver or surplus part of my wearing apparel and I do hereby appoint
 my son Benjamin E. Blount his trustee to receive the money from my Executors hereafter named
 and pay it to my said servant for his benefit and support
 The rest and residue of my slaves I give to be equally divided between my three daughters nam-
 ely Mary R. Blount Sally Blount and Lucy Edwards also on feather bed and furniture
 to each to them and their heirs forever
 I give to George W. Edwards my best riding saddle and bridle
 I give to my son John Blount my part of land containing two hundred and seventy two acres
 which has the Church attached to it called the flat Swamp Church to him and his heirs forever
 The rest and residue of my land except the tract whereon I now live I desire should be sold
 by my Executors hereafter named and to be divided in the following manner five hundred
 dollars I give to my daughter Lucy Edwards for her own benefit and to my daughter
 Elizabeth Ridley I give five hundred dollars for their benefit and the balance of
 the sales of my Estate after my just debts are paid together with my outstanding debts I give
 to be equally divided between my three daughters namely Mary R. Blount Sally Blount
 and Lucy Edwards to them and their heirs forever
 The tract of land whereon I now live containing seven hundred acres I send to my two
 daughters Mary R. Blount and Sally Blount as a home and place of residence and to be kept
 until their death or marriage then I give the said tract of land to my son Benjamin E.
 Blount to him and his heirs forever
 My servant Anthony is to remain on my plantation where he now lives during life and I
 leave him under the care of George W. Edwards instead of my son Benjamin E. Blount
 and Sally. I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend John Mason of George
 W. Edwards executor of this my last will & Testament hereby making all other former
 wills or testaments by me heretofore made and I request my Estate not to be appraised
 and the Court of Southampton is requested not to compel my executor to give security for
 the settlement of my Estate. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my
 seal this 25 day of December in the year of our Lord 1795
 signed sealed & made in presence of
 Benjamin Blount Test
 Henry Blount
 Charles R. Estlin
 James R. Estlin
 George W. Edwards one of the sons herein named being dead and John Mason the
 other Executor therein named appearing in open Court to take upon himself any part of the
 burden of his execution thereof and no person appearing to qualify as said Executor Therefore
 it is ordered that the said will be committed to the hands of James Peyton Esq
 Sheriff of this County
 James Peyton Esq
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