

Will, TN, Robertson, Elias Fort 1817

In the name of God, Amen.

I, **ELIAS FORT** of the county of Robertson and State of Tennessee, being of sound mind and memory do make and ordain this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all others by me made or cause to be made and as it has pleased God to bestow on me some worldly goods and chattles, it is my will and desire that the same should be disposed of in the manner and form following.

FIRST I give and bequeath unto my son **JOSIAH FORT** one negro man named MOSES Jr. and one negro boy named HEZEKIAH to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my son **ELIAS FORT** three Negroes (to wit), SAM, LETTICE and her child SABRY, my watch and four hundred dollars in cash I do will to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my **SUGG FORT** the tract or parcel of land I purchased of **WILLIAM CRABTREE** lying in said County nearly joining the land I live on with he land and plantation whereon I now live and the following Negroes (to wit) Old WILL and his wife MOLL, JENNY, LUCY, DENNIS, SOLOMON & LARRY with their increase. Also my buffet, desk, two large tables & one small one to him, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my three sons **JOSIAH, ELIAS & SUGG FORT** all my wearing apparel and three lots in the town of Port Royal known in the pan of said town by No.s 5, 7, & 9.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my daughter **ESTHER [FORT] JACKSON** one negro girl name JOAN.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my grand-son **MATTHEW WILLIAMS**, when he becomes at lawful age, one negro name ALFRED.

I LEND unto my daughter **CATHERINE [FORT] WILLIAMS**, during her widowhood or life, the following Negroes (to wit) POMPY, AMY, LOUISA and JESSE and also ALFRED until **MATTHEW** comes of age as before mentioned. After the marriage or death of my said daughter **CATHERINE WILLIAMS** I give and bequeath all the Negroes lent to her unto my said grand-son **MATTHEW WILLIAMS**, his heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my **ELIZABETH [FORT] LAWSON** one negro man name PETER (called little PETER), one cow and calf or yearling to her, her heirs & assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my **MILBREY [FORT] DELOUCH** the following Negroes (to wit) CLARISSA and her children DINAH, WILL, MOLL & LUCY with their increase, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto my **OBEDIENCE [FORT] SMITH** one negro man name REDDICK and one negro boy named NED, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

ITEM I give and bequeath unto the heirs of my son **WILLIAM FORT**, deceased, five hundred dollars to be divided between them agreeable to the last will and testament of said **WILLIAM FORT** deceased.

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My will and desire is that my executors hereafter named should keep all the Negroes and stock of every kind together, that I have here until the ensuing crop is made & housed furnishing the Negroes with such implements of husbandry & provisions as are necessarily wanting from the stock I may leave after the crop is house and taken care of.

Then my desire is that after my just debts are paid, the residue of my estate no heretofore mentioned in this, my last will and testament, of every description, be equally divided between my sons **JOSIAH, ELIAS** and **SUGG FORT** and my daughters **ESTHER JACKSON, MILBREY DELOUCH** and **OBEDIENCE SMITH**, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

Lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint my sons **JOSIAH, ELIAS** and **SUGG FORT** executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this nineteenth day of January 1817.

ELIAS FORT {seal} [wife **SARAH SUGG**]

Published & pronounced in presence of us

JESSE HERRING
GEORGE JAMES
JACK GRISARD

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