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Benjamin
Will

In the name of God Amen I Benjamin Holmes with the County of Southampton and
State of Virginia being sick and weary but of sound mind and memory thanks be to God for
the same do make this my last Will and Testament as follows Viz-

Item 1st I give to my loving wife Sally Holmes one negro woman named Mary
one negro man named Abner one negro girl named Margaret one horse named Sal &
the Sleigh and harness that I own at this time two barrels of oil of the one she
two of each barrel and portions of the one she has one chest of drawers and two fowls she
has she has two spinning wheels of her own choice and two barrels of her own choice the one
her hand for ever

Item 2nd I give to my wife Sally Holmes during her natural life the tract of Land
I own now and at the death of my wife my Will and desire it that she should have
tract of Land be sold for an equal division between my children namely Rebecca
Simmons Holmes Abner Holmes Benjamin Holmes and Elizabeth M Woodard to them &
their heirs for ever -

Item 3rd I give to my son John Simmons Holmes one negro Woman named Beata
and her increase except Margaret and one negro man named Bengt one negro
girl named Blannah and her increase to him and his heirs for ever -

Item 4th I give to my daughter Lizias Simmons her Sleigh and harness to her
for ever

Item 5th I give to my son Benjamin Holmes my negro man named Matthew
to him and his heirs for ever

Item 6th My Will and desire that the remaining part of my property at my death
be sold to pay my just debts should there be any remaining after paying my just
debts my Will and desire that be equally divided between my children namely
Rebecca Simmons Holmes Abner Holmes Benjamin Holmes and Elizabeth M Woodard

Item 7th I give to my daughter Sally & Samuel their Sleigh to her and her heirs
for ever

Item 8th I give to my daughter Elizabeth M Woodard one Bed and furniture for
and her heirs for ever And Lastly I constitute and appoint my son Benjamin Holmes
and Sops Woodard my sole Executors in this my last Will and Testament hereby
revoking all Wills heretofore made by me In Witness whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my Seal this fifth day of September in the Year Eighteen hundred
and twenty three in the presence of

John C. Scott
Solomon Williams

Benjamin Holmes
In the presence of
witness

As a Just held for the County of Southampton the 19th day of October 1829 This last Will
and Testament of Benjamin Holmes aforesaid was proved by the oath of John C. Scott and
Solomon Williams the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded And on the Motion of Benjamin
Holmes one of the Executors therein named who made oath stands and appears with
Solomon Williams Samuel C. Scott and John C. Scott the Executors on oath and
acknowledged a bond in the sum of Five thousand dollars conditioned as the Law
directs Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate of said Will under the
time brought in and for the other Executors therein named to join in the probate of the
said Will

John Samuel Beckwith