

North Carolina
Bladen County
July Court 1759

Be it remembered that, at a Court held at the Court House in and for the County of Bladen on the fourth Tuesday in July Anno Dom 1759, the within will was proved in open Court by the oath of Mary (one of the evidences thereto) to be and contain the last Will and Testament of the Testator James Moorhead at whose request and in his presence the said Mary subscribed her Mark as a witness thereto And that Peter Eatie & Lawrence Byrne signed at same time as Concurring Evidences.

J Burgin
Recorded in the Minutes of said Court.

Will of Samuel Porter

In the Name of God, Amen —

I Samuel Porter of Bladen County & Province of North Carolina Being weak in body but of perfect mind & memory knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die I therefore Commit my Soul to God who give it in hope &c & my body to be buried in a decent Christian manner at the Discretion of my Executors — And for what worldly goods God has blessed me with I do leave & bequeath in way & manner as follows (viz)

First I do order that all my just debts shall be paid & what remains I do order to be just & equally divided amongst my four Children viz: James, John, Hugh & Samuel Porter & that the plantation I now live on to be sold & be divided as above among my said Children & I do constitute & appoint Mr Peter Road & William McKee my Executors to this my Last Will & Testament & I do also make Void all former Wills or Testaments that have been by me made Ordaining & appointing this my Last Will. In Witness Whereof I set my Hand & Seal this thirtieth day of September Anno Dom. 1757.

Samuel Porter Seal

In Presence of —
Matthew Byrne
Nathl Platt
John Lock

Proved by the oath of Matthew Byrne
October Court 1757.

J Burgin