

John Petersons

Will

In the Name of God Amen I John Peterson of Brunswick
County considering the uncertain state of this Transitory life and that all flesh must
yield unto Death when it shall please God to call do make & ordain this my last
Will and Testament hereby Revoking all other Wills & Testaments by me
heretofore made Imprimis my Soul I resign to God that gave it hoping
for Pardon & Remission of all my Sins through the Merits & Meditations of
Jesus Christ my Saviour Item my Body I commit to the Earth from whence
it was taken to be decently Buried by my Executors hereafter named And for the
disposing of my Estate I give devise & dispose of the same in the Manner following
first I desire that all my debts be duly paid & discharged Item I give and
Bequeath unto my son Bath Peterson my Plantation whereon I now live
containing ~~one hundred & eighty eight~~ eighty eight Acres of land Also five Negroes which he
now in possession Viz: Old Joan, Essy, Lys, Lewis, Nelson they & their Increase
which said land & Negroes I give to him his heirs & assigns for ever Item I give
to my son William Peterson all the lands I Bought of George Wyche containing
two hundred Acres more or less and likewise all the land I hold on the North side
of ^{the} contains back below a line of marked Trees up a Branch that crosses the
old road made for that purpose containing with that I Bought of George Wyche
five hundred Acres more or less also five Negroes Viz: Cook, Doll, Shipper
the said Stan they & their Increase which said land & Negroes I give to him his heirs

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first I desire that all my debts be duly paid & discharged ~~MEM~~ I give and
Bequeath to my son Batt Peterson my Plantation whereon I now live
three hundred & eighty eight Acres of Land Also five Negroes which he
has now in Possession Viz: Old Joan, Esop, Siff, Lewis, Nelson they & their Increase
which said Land & Negroes I give to him his Heirs & Assigns for ever ~~MEM~~ I give
to my son William Peterson all the Land I Bought of George Wyche containing
two hundred Acres more or less and likewise all the Land I hold on the North side
of Mountain Creek below a line of marked Trees up a Branch that crosses the
old road made for that purpose containing with that I Bought of George Wyche
five hundred Acres more or less also five Negroes Viz: Cook, Doll, Shipper
the said Man they & their Increase which said Land & Negroes I give to him his Heirs
and Assigns for ever ~~MEM~~ I give to my son John Peterson all the Land I hold on
the South side of Mountain Creek & likewise the plantation on the North side
Four Acres of Land whereon my son Batt Peterson now liveth with all the Land
above said line of marked Trees before mentioned Also four Negroes Brown, Ben,
Aggy & Rachel they & their Increase which said Land & Negroes I give

him his Heirs & assigns forever I ~~MEM~~ I give to my son Kinchen ^{Richardson} ¹⁷⁶⁵⁻¹⁷⁶⁹
the lands I hold on the North side of Richmon River which is all the lands Inance
Powell hath her Right Dower in also the lands I bought of William Newman

containing four hundred & twenty Acres be the same more or less Also four

Negros Viz: Captain, Matt, Cooper & Wall they & their Increase which said lands
and Negros I give to him his Heirs & assigns for ever I ~~MEM~~ I give to my

Daughter Temperance Taylor two Negros that she hath now in possession Viz:
Jack & Hager they & their Increase to her her Heirs & assigns for ever I ~~MEM~~

I give my Daughter Mary Peterson four Negros Viz: Joe, Annakey, George Lucy &
their Increase to her her Heirs & assigns for ever I ~~MEM~~ I give to my Daughter

Martha Peterson, four Negros Viz: Nero, Joan, Sam, & Wines they and their Increase
to her her Heirs & assigns for ever I ~~MEM~~ I give to my Daughter Patience Peterson,

four Negros Viz: Lemmy, Judy, Pleasant & Lydde they & their Increase to her her
Heirs & assigns for ever I ~~MEM~~ I give to my Daughter Rebecca Peterson four Negros

Viz: Roger, Fidd, Young Judy, Charles they & their Increase to her her Heirs and
assigns for ever I ~~MEM~~ I give to my Daughter Betty Peterson four Negros Viz: Luke,

Jimmy, Tom & Betty they & their Increase to her her Heirs & assigns for ever I ~~MEM~~
I give to my Daughter Lucy Peterson four Negros Viz: Little Ben, Ned, Frank &

Army they & their Increase to her her Heirs & assigns for ever I ~~MEM~~ I Will that if
either of my sons William, John & Kinchen should die under ^{the} Age of twenty one

years without Heir Lawfull heir then of l. p. a. the s. l. l. to be equally

either of my sons William, John & Kinchen should die under ^{the} Age of twenty one years without their lawfully begotten of his Body then for his last Will & Testament divided Between the other two to them their Heirs & assigns for ever If two of the said Children should die in like Manner the other one to have both parts of lands to him his Heirs & assigns for ever I also Will that all the rest of my Estate both Real & Personal to be equally divided between all my Children also all the Negroes that Frances Powell holds in her Right of Dower they & their Increase to be equally divided amongst the above said Children I also Will that my Estate may not be Inventoried nor appraised I constitute my Executors both

Peterson & John Peterson my Executors of this my last Will & Testament In

Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and a seal this sixteenth day one thousand seven hundred & sixty three

Signed Sealed & Published by the said John Peterson } John Peterson (L.S.)
the Testator in presence of the Subscribers

John Parham
Nathl. Hicks
Thomas Meggs
James Roper
Robert Nichols
James Brown

At a Court held for Brunswick County the 23. day of January 1769
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to lose the estate is granted them for obtaining a probate
of the said Will in due form of law