

Zachariah Porter of the County of Nansemond and State of Virginia
Will. id being weak in body, but of sound mind and disposing memory, here
by revoking all other wills heretofore made by me do make this paper writ-
ting as and for ^{my} last will and Testament in the following manner to wit
First I desire that in case I should owe any debts at the time of my death
that they together with my burial expenses should be paid out of any
part of my estate thought best to dispose of. Second I give devise
and bequeath to my Daughter Louisa Porter now being of age to re-
ceive such portion that I am disposed to give her, one Cow & calf
bed & furniture & one chest. These making her equal with her sister
Mary Byrd up to the date of this piece of writing. Third the ballance
of my estate not herein before disposed of I loan to my wife Mary
C. Porter & my daughter Louisa Porter all the ballance of my estate
both personal and real during the life of my wife & at her death
after paying all just debts & burial expenses I give devise & bequeath
unto my two daughters Mary Byrd & Louisa Porter all of my estate
both personal & real to share equal to them and theirs heirs forever
Fourth I desire and direct that there shall be no appraisement
of my estate nor any sale thereof. Fifth and Lastly I nominate
constitute and appoint Joseph J. Hare & Wm. P. Hare my executors
to this my last will & Testament, and request the County Court
of Nansemond County not to require security of them in qualifying
as such. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix
my seal, this 1st. day of Fourth month 1863.

Signed sealed published & declared by Zachariah
Porter the Testator to be his last will & Testament
Zachariah Porter.

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of Hanscomand County not to require security of them in qualifying
as such. In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix
my seal, this 1st day of Fourth month 1863.

Signed sealed published & declared by, Zechariah Porter the Testator to be his last will & testament
in our presence, we signing our names as witnesses,
at his request. we believing him to be in his perfect senses and memory
Wm. H. Hare. B. F. Hare.

At a monthly Court held for Hanscomand County the 14th day of
May, 1866

This Last Will and Testament of Zechariah Porter, late of this County-
deceased was this day fully proved by the solemn affirmations of Wm. H. Hare
and B. F. Hare. subscribing witnesses hereto, and was thereupon ordered to be
recorded, and on the motion of Joseph J. Hare and Wm. P. Hare the Exec-
utors named in the said will, who made solemn affirmation as the
law directs, and entered into a bond in the penalty of Two thousand and
dollars conditioned according to law but without security the will directing that none
should be required of them and which said bond being acknowledged by the obligors therein is ordered
to be recorded. Certificate is granted the said Joseph J. Hare and Wm. P. Hare for obtaining a -

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probate of the said Will in due form.

Exhibit

Tests:

Peter B. Brinkley, Clerk

Dempsey Vann's
Will.

I Dempsey Vann of the County of Nansmond and state of Virginia do make and Publish this my last Will and testament revoking all former wills if any by me made at any ^{other} time heretofore made. 1st. thing I give to my son William H Vann the tract of land known as the Seymore Franklin tract of land containing seventy acres be the same more or less to him and his heirs forever. 2nd thing I give to my son Alfred Vann the tract of land whereon the said Alfred Vann now resides on known as the Brinkley tract of land containing fifty acres, be the same more or less to him and his heirs and assigns forever. 3rd thing. I leave all my lands not otherwise disposed of and all my slaves to be sold on a credit of six months from date of sale and the money arising from said land and slaves, to be divided between my following children and Grand Children namely Catharine the wife of Peter Franklin and Mary the wife of Daniel Wilkins and Alfred Vann, William H Vann Sarah E. the wife of Peter R. Brinkley and Elizabeth the wife of Jacob Brinkley to share and share equally. and my two grand daughters Susan Carry and Catharine Abram Vann, one half of one whole share to be divided between them and their heirs forever. 4th thing I give to my son Jno Vann five dollars to him and his heirs forever. 5th thing I give son Dempsey Vann fifty dollars to him and his heirs forever. 6th thing and last thing. I leave my burial ground on my marsh Plantation in Gates County N C. to my heirs and assigns forever. Lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my friend E. C. Reddeck and my son William Vann to Executors to this my last will and testament.