

In the Name of God Amen I William

Porter of the County of Norfolk in Virginia being at this time
Disordered as to my Voluntary State of Health but in sound and
perfect Sense and Memory Praised be Almighty God for it and
knowing the Uncertainty of the time of my Abiding here have thought
it proper to order my Estate and Affairs of this Life in the following
Manner First I Give and bequeath my Precious and Immortal Soul
to God and the Lord Jesus Christ that gave it me and my Body
to be Decently Buried but my Executors shall think fitting and all my
Worldly goods I give and bequeath as followeth

Item

I Give and bequeath to my Eldest Son David Porter the Plantation known
as on with Houses and all things pertaining thereto except the Back Room
of my Dwelling House which I give to my Daughters till the Day of their
Marriage and he shall be obliged also to build a House where his Mother
shall please to Appoint on the said Plantation with two Decent Rooms
and one Brick Chimney thereto Also I give to my Son David one Feather
Bed and Furniture one Book Six Leather Chairs one Pocket and one Case of
Pocles one large Oak Table Also three Negroes Viz. Jeffrey Sam & Dinah

Item

I Give and bequeath to my Son Joseph Porter one Lot of Land with the
House thereon to him and his heirs forever the Lot Laying in the
Parish of Norfolk Also one Plantation Bounding on Paradise
Creek Also one Plantation over the North West River Bounding on
Doctor Hopper and Call. Cow Sig Also five Negroes Viz. Jack Robin
Warberry Moll & America with their Increase to him and his heirs
forever Also one feather Bed and Furniture and one Oak Table all
which I Give to my said son Joseph Porter to him and his heirs forever

Item

I Give and bequeath to my Son David Porter all that part of my Estate
with the Increase of the Negro Woman Dinah as is above mentioned
for his part to him and the Heirs of his Body Lawfully Begotten of
his Body forever

Item

I Give and bequeath to my Son William Porter one Plantation which
I bought of Edward Joice Lying about two miles from the local Bridge
Also one Plantation which I bought of Thomas Cogswell Lying on Augusty
Road Also Six Negroes Viz. Sharper George a Shoemaker Betty Madras
Nancy & Toney with their Increase forever also one Feather Bed
and Furniture All which I Give to him and his heirs forever

Item

I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Porter Three Negroes
Viz. Bristol Charles and Hannah with their Increase to her and her
heirs forever one Feather Bed and Furniture to her and her heirs forever

Item

I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Betty Porter Three Negroes Viz.
Cupid Will and Peterah with their Increase forever also one Feather
Bed and Furniture to her and her heirs forever

Item

I Give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Porter Three Negroes Viz.
George Jemmy and Amey with their Increase forever also one Feather
Bed and Furniture to her and her heirs forever

WILLIAM PORTER

Brought Over

Item

I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Abigail Godfrey one Negro man Nam'd Glasgow to her and her Heirs forever as Also the part or Portion that I have her at the time of her marriage which is now in her own possession I give it to her and her Heirs forever

Item

I Give and Bequeath to my Well Beloved Wife Patience Three Negroes Viz Barbadian Jack Harry and Kate During her Natural Life Also one Negro Girl Nam'd Lydia During her Natural Life as Also I Give unto my Said Wife Patience Within all the Rest of my Movable Estate that is not before Given both within Doors and without During her Natural Life Eight four Cows four Swine and two Breeding Sows which I Give and Bequeath to my Son David Porter to be Delivered unto him at the Age of Twenty one Years and after the Decease of my Wife my will is that the part or Dower or what may be found of the part Given to her be Equally Divided Amongst my Six Children Viz Joseph William Mary Pelly and Ann Porter and Abigail Godfrey to them and their Heirs forever Excepting the four Negroes which I Give to my above Mentioned four Daughters forever

Item

my Will also is that what Money shall be found Belonging to me at my Decease be Equally Divided amongst my above Said Wife Patience Porter and my Six Children Viz Joseph William Mary Pelly and Ann Porter and Abigail Godfrey and if either of my two Sons Joseph or William Porter should Decease without their Male or female Lawfully Begotten that then all his part of Estate shall fall and beund to the Surviving Brother of them two and to his Heirs forever

Item

I also Nominate Appoint and Ordain Matthew Godfrey and my Beloved Wife Patience Porter to be my Sole Executor and Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament Revoking and Disavowing all other former Wills and Ratifying and Confirming this in Witness whereof I have Hereunto Set my Hand and signed my Seal this Twelfth Day of January Anno Domini 1757

Witness

With us appointed

William Waller

Martha ^{her} Waller

Mark

Wm. Bayley