

Ben Porter

Well

Ep^d

In the Name of God Amen I Benjamin Porter of
 Orange County being in Perfect health and of sound mind & memory
 Thanks be given to almighty God for the same But knowing the
 Uncertainty of this Life do make & ordain this to be my last will &
 Testament and first I forgive my Soul to God hoping for pardon
 And Remission of all my Sins through the Merits & sufferings of
 my blessed Saviour Jesus Christ my Body I give to the Earth
 to be Buried in such Christian Like Manner as to my Executors
 hereinafter named shall see meet and as to such worldly Estate
 as it hath pleased God to bestow on me I Give Devise & Bequeath
 the same in Manner & form following.

First I Give unto my Eldest Son Ambrose Porter one Shilling.

Current Money of Virginia

Item

I Give unto my Son Nicholas Porter one Shilling

and what lies on the East Side my Spring Branch down to

The River unto my Sons Nicholas, Thomas, Charles & Abner to them

and their Heirs forever

and their heirs forever to be equally divided among them my son

Nicholas having his choice either of the manor house & plantation or
where he now lives

I Give and devise to my sons Benjamin & Joseph all that Town Tract
of Land & purchase of Mr. Nicholas Battelle and the Land & purchase
of Mr. Pradland Thomas with a water mill on the River between them
here for ever to be equally divided between them including Benjells
my son Benjamins lot of Land

I empower & give my Executors to sell at publick Auction the upfer
Tract of Land & purchase of the aforesaid Battelle to the highest
Bidder & the money arising from such sale to be equally divided
between my Daughters Elizabeth & Frances & their heirs

I Give and Bequeath unto my following Children Viz^t Benjamin
Thomas, Charles, Joseph, Abner, Jane, Betty, Mary & Frances all
my Slaves & personal Estate to them & their heirs forever to be equally
divided among them except unto my son Nicholas which I Give
a great part of the personal Estate viz^t (excepted) be having

Item I desire that my grand Children by my Daughter Ann may be educated by my
Executors out of the profits of my Estate

Item It is my Desire and I do Order that if any of my Sons to whom I have given
Lands should die before they arrive to the age of Twenty one years or Marry
that their part of Land be equally Divided among the surviving Brothers
to whom I have given any Lands

And Lastly I do appoint my Two sons Nicholas & Benjamin my Executors
of this my Last will & Testament Revoking & making null & void all other
Wills by me heretofore made declaring this only to be my last will and
Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this
Twenty first of January In the Year of our Lord one Thousand Seven
hundred & sixty one

Signed Sealed & Published
In the presence and at the
Request of the Testator
Geo Taylor
James Taylor

Benj^a Barker Q.S.

James Taylor
George Taylor Jun^r
Jonathan Taylor

Memorandum that Since the making the above will I have executed
Deeds to my Sons Nicholas & Thomas for their parts of my Land in
The said will given to them Aug^t 25 1761

Test Geo Taylor

Benj^a Porter (S)

At a Court held for Orange County on Thursday the 26 day of November 1761
The last Will & Testament of Benjamin Porter dec^d was presented into Court by Benj^a
Porter one of the Ex^{rs} therein named & proved by the oaths of Geo Taylor James Taylor &
Jonathan Taylor three of the Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded & on the Motion of the
Benj^a who made oath according to Law Certificates granted him for obtaining
probate thereof in due form giving security on which he with solemn Sw^o his security
entered into & acknowledged their Bond for the same

Test

Geo Taylor C. C.